

GP Swimming Pool Association

2011 Member Guide

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Important Dates

Spring Membership Meeting	May 5, 7:30 pm Garrett Park Town Hall
Dues Payment Deadline	May 14
Pool Opens	May 28, 10:00 am
Memorial Day Picnic	May 28, 5:00 pm
Grosvenor Market Day	July 10, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
July 4 th , Activities	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Adult Party	July 9, 7:00 pm
Summer Membership Meeting	July 14, 7:30 pm (loc. TBA)
Family Crab Feast	August 20, 4:00 pm
Pool Closes	September 5
Annual Membership Meeting	October 13, 7:30 pm Garrett Park Town Hall

Annual Season Dues

Payment is due by **May 14, 2011**.
A \$35 late fee needs to be paid if mailed after May 14, 2011.

Season dues are:
Adult active member \$200
Dependent child \$75
Inactive adult \$40
See enclosed 2011 Season Dues Worksheet for more details.

A dependent child is 3 – 26 years of age and is living at home. Children who are under the age of 3 prior to May 14, 2011 are free.

Adults of a household must pay dues as active members in order for dependent children to be members, even if the adults do not intend to swim.

Memberships are not transferable.

Pool Schedule

(hours of operation are subject to change)

Saturday and Sunday

10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Monday – Friday

12:00 pm – 8:00 pm (May 31 – June 3)
10:00 am – 9:00 pm (June 6 – August 26)
Limited hours (August 29 – September 2)

Memorial Day Weekend

10:00 am – 9:00 pm (Sat/Sun), 10:00 am – 8:00 pm (Mon)

Labor Day Weekend

10:00 am – 9:00 pm (Sat/Sun), 10:00 am – 7:00 pm (Mon)

Additional Information

Beginning June 14th, moonlight swim for adults only every Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 – 10:30 pm

June 6 – August 12 masters swim program 6:00 – 7:30 am.
See Tollefson Swimming Flyer for more details.

The lap pool is closed during swim team practices and meets.

Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult after 6:00 pm.

The pool will be closed in the event of thunder and/or lightning and will remain closed for a minimum of 30 minutes after each occurrence.

Pool managers have the authority to close any of the pools in the event of a health or safety concern.

If the temperature exceeds 90 degrees, the pool may stay open until 10:00 pm.

All private parties held on pool grounds must receive prior approval from a pool manager.

Soda, juice and snack machines are located behind the front desk.

The pool grounds are intended for the use of all members and may not be used by any individual or group for their own profit.

Pool Rules

Pool rules and regulations exist to ensure that the pool is operated in a healthy and safe manner, and to provide an enjoyable environment for our members. Members are responsible for knowing and obeying these rules. Any person violating these rules and regulations may have his/her GPSPA privileges suspended by the manager on duty pending a report to the Board of Directors and subsequent action by the Board of Directors. Any issue not specifically addressed by the rules in this document is left to the discretion of the manager on duty.

Children

Parents or guardians of children using the baby pool MUST be inside the fenced enclosure with their children.

For safety, all children under eight must be accompanied by an adult on the pool grounds.

Children under eight who pass the beginner's swim test may swim without an adult. The beginner's test consists of swimming one length of the lap pool (25 meters) followed by one minute of treading water. The beginner's test must be administered by a life guard. See the manager on duty to schedule a test.

A child who has not passed the beginner's test must be under direct supervision of an adult while in the water. The adult must have ready access to the child at all times and remain alert. A pool filled with active youngsters can "hide" a young child in trouble; trouble which can occur in seconds.

Health

Taking a soap shower before entering a pool is a MANDATORY county health department requirement.

Always wash feet and legs after playing on the volleyball court before entering a pool.

No member or guest shall enter pool grounds with a contagious disease or with an open wound or sore. This includes athlete's foot, ringworm, colds, etc. The staff may bar questionable cases.

NON-TOILET TRAINED CHILDREN MUST BE CLOTHED IN DIAPERS AND TIGHT-FITTING RUBBER PANTS. This is extremely important and a county health department regulation.

Safety Regulations

Running, pushing, rough play or playing of hazardous games on pool grounds is strictly prohibited.

Floats and beach balls are permitted only in the large pool except when the pool is crowded.

All squirt guns and super soakers are prohibited on pool grounds.

Underwater swimming for extended periods of time is strictly prohibited.

Small toys are ONLY allowed in the baby pool.

Children wearing "water wings" must be closely supervised by an adult who should stay within an arm's reach of the child.

The manager on duty may close diving boards when diving area would serve greater need for swimmers.

NO DIVING OFF THE SHALLOW END OF THE LARGE POOL. The diving area is marked by a floating marker rope.

All injuries occurring on pool grounds must be reported to the manager on duty.

Dressing rooms are restricted to members of the same sex as indicated by the signs. Children under the age of six may be taken into either dressing room with an adult.

Food or drink can only be consumed in designated areas and are not allowed on cement pool decks.

GLASS CONTAINERS OR GLASSWARE OF ANY KIND IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON POOL GROUNDS.

Do not bring alcoholic beverages to the pool. Please note that the pool may sponsor or approve social events from time to time where alcohol is present. Illegal drugs are not allowed on pool grounds. Minors may not consume alcohol on pool grounds.

Subject to state and local laws, smoking is restricted to the upper part of the pool grounds adjacent to the tennis court. Montgomery County Swim League rules prohibit smoking anywhere on the pool grounds while a swim meet is in progress.

Street shoes are not allowed on pool decks.

Do not hang on the pool marker ropes.

Cut-offs are not acceptable swim attire and are prohibited in the pools to prevent damage to the pumps.

Do not bring valuables to the pool. GPSPA is not responsible for loss. While theft is not common, it has occurred.

All members and children entitled to use the pool without adult supervision must sign the daily register upon entry. Guests must sign the guest register.

Guest Fees

The pool facility is available for daily or weekly guests of active pool members. Guests must be accompanied by a pool member who is responsible for the fees and the conduct of the guests. Daily guest pass cards may be purchased at the front desk for \$10.00 Please pay with a check payable to GPSPA. Each "x" or punch on a guest pass card is equivalent to \$1.00. Daily guest pass cards are valid from year to year.
Daily guest fees:

	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Sat/Sun/Hol</u>	<u>After 6 pm</u>
Child (age 3 – 17)	\$3	\$4	\$2
Adult (age 18+)	\$4	\$5	\$2

Weekly passes for houseguests may be purchased from the pool manager on duty.

Weekly guest fees:

Child (age 3 – 17)	\$15
Adult (age 18+)	\$25

New Memberships

Membership is open to residents of Garrett Park and Garrett Park Estates/White Flint Park. Occasionally, there are a limited number of memberships available for people living outside of these areas. Anyone residing outside these areas interested in pool membership should email: gpspmembership@gmail.com and their names will be placed on our waiting list.

There is a required one-time initiation fee of \$500/adult. The initiation fee may be paid in full or divided over two years (2-year option). If divided over two years please note there is a deferred payment charge of \$25/adult added in the second year. For the 2-year option, the 1st payment is \$250/adult and is paid this year when joining the pool. The 2nd payment is \$275/adult (includes deferred payment charge) and is not due until May 2012.

See the enclosed 2011 Season Dues Worksheet for details.

Senior Limited-Use Passes

Senior Limited-Use Passes are available to adult inactive members, over the age of 65, who are interested in using the pool on a limited basis. They are available only by mail and in twenty-dollar increments. To purchase a pass please send payment to GPSPA, Box 244, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Swim Lessons

A full range of group swimming lessons are offered for children of all ages.

See Tollefson Swimming Flyer for more details.

Private lessons for adults and children can also be arranged through the pool staff.

Contact the pool office at 301-946-0175 for more details.

Swim Team

The swim team provides an opportunity for swimmers ages 5 to 18 to participate in organized competition with other local pools. It is great family fun, a summer social life, and a good way to build healthy habits and physical endurance regardless of your swimming ability. New, younger swimmers often prefer the Pre-Team practices --smaller groups and more individual attention, but one must be able to get across the full 25 meters of the pool. An experienced coaching staff selects the fastest swimmers to represent the team in the Montgomery County Swim League sanctioned meets on Saturday mornings. The Summer Stroker competition on Wednesdays is open to all levels of swimmers. Events such as movies, pep rallies and pizza parties enhance fun and social growth across the age groups. The first Saturday swim meet will be held on June 11 at home for time trials.

The season begins with after school practice on May 31 and lasts until end of July. The lap pool will be closed to general members weekdays from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Also, four lanes of the lap pool will be closed weekdays between 3:30 – 4:00 pm and 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

Support the team by coming to home meets and rooting for the Garrett Park Ladybugs! Tom Sweet is the returning GP Ladybug Head Coach. The Pre-Team Program is a wonderful bridge between lessons and swim team. Call Jen Heaton 301-896-0082, Angie Melton 301-949-1883 or Tom Sweet 301-340-8481 for further information.

Social Committee

The Memorial Day Picnic will be held Saturday, May 28 at 5:00 pm. Remember to bring your own picnic food. Drinks and popsicles will be provided. Other planned social activities include: the July 4th all-day activities, Grosvenor Market Day, the Annual Adult Party and the Annual Family Crab Feast.

Lost and Found

The lost and found basket is located behind the front desk near the vending machines.

Unclaimed articles will be donated to charity or disposed of at the end of each month.

Employment

The Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association hires staff members to serve as managers, lifeguards, swim team staff and desk attendants. Individuals interested in positions at the pool should send a letter to: Hiring Committee, GPSPA, Box 244, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Letters of interest for the 2012 season should be sent no later than February 1, 2012 to receive adequate consideration. Applicants must be 14 years of age and lifeguards are expected to hold the appropriate certifications.

Pool Board Directors

The pool's Board of Directors wants to provide a safe and fun swim facility for the members as well as an enjoyable working environment for our staff. The board members want to hear what is being done right and what can be improved. Board members are available during regular meetings of the Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association, as well as during pool social events. Come let us know how we are doing!

We are always looking for interested civic-minded members of our pool to help guide the direction of the GPSPA. Please feel free at any time to contact a board member for information about how to get involved.

Pool board meetings are held from time to time during the year and members are always welcome. Contact Jim Joseph for the time and location of the meetings.

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