

Roycefield Swim Club

"Celebrating Fifty Years of Family Swimming and Recreation!"



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From the President's Desk

Hello Roycefield Owners and Members,

On Saturday, May 24, we will begin the 2014 summer season at Roycefield. While battling one of the harshest winters on record, the Board of Trustees has met monthly to plan for another season of sun, cool water and family fun. Our goal has always been to make Roycefield feel like an extension of your own backyard.

As always, the Board is open to suggestions and questions about the Club. With that in mind, please read the section in the newsletter titled "A Guide to the Roycefield Pool Board" on page 2 of this newsletter. I hope that this will introduce or re-familiarize our membership with how the Club Board operates. We continue to invite members to attend Board meetings and owners are strongly encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting in January to cast their vote for the new budget and elect the club's Board of Trustees.

Beginning in 2009, the membership wait list has become shorter and shorter. This year, we've completely exhausted it, which means that for the first time since probably the 1980s, a family can become members immediately. That may sound great to most people interested in membership, but it does impact our budget since without a wait list, there will be no income from August members. Those of us on the Board know that this is a measure of our difficult economic times and a call to action. We will not be undertaking any improvement projects, but we will be making all repairs to ensure full operation. The club has always maintained a cash reserve to address repairs under the most difficult of circumstances. You should know that Roycefield has endured hard economic times before. In the 1970s, membership dropped considerably but the Board acted by introducing the

singles and couples memberships. We've done that this year by introducing a late summer membership that begins on August 1 and is separate from the August memberships offered to those on the wait list. We've also started an advertising campaign and are offering a limited number of free passes so people can try the pool for a day in hopes that they will fall in love with it as we have. But our best form of advertising is **YOU**. Tell your friends and acquaintances that Roycefield is conveniently located near the town center but yet a quiet oasis in a natural setting. Tell them the lifeguards are well trained and certified and are the children of members and that they get to know most kids by name; we've never had any serious incident at the pool in the 50 years it's been in operation. Tell them how clean the pool water is and that that they can spend the day enjoying the water and then have a great meal hot off the grill. Tell them that their kids will find friends and classmates to play with for hours, and leave them alone to enjoy a good book or work on your laptop using the Wi-Fi. And, if all of that doesn't attract them, tell them that we have a great swim team that their kids can join and have fun with and meet new friends, even if they are not great swimmers. **YOU** are our best chance to let people know that Roycefield is there best option this summer.

In closing, I want to remind you that it is always the goal of the Board to make Roycefield an enjoyable, family-friendly place for you and your family to spend memorable, lazy summer days. I hope we achieved that goal and I look forward to seeing you poolside. And remember that we are counting on **YOU** to get the word out about how great a place Roycefield is.

John Beggiato
Board President, president@roycefield.org

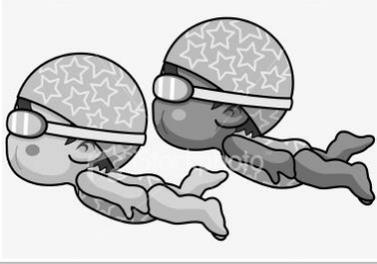
2014 Season Schedule

Pre-Season Schedule (May 24 – June 18)

- Weekday (must be at least 75° by 2 pm)
Monday-Thursday: 4:00 - 7:30 pm
Friday: 4:00 - 9:00 pm
- Weekend Saturday: 12:30 - 9:00 pm
Sunday: 12:30 - 7:30 pm
- Memorial Day (May 27): 11:00 am - 7:30 pm

Regular Season Schedule (June 19 – Sept 1)

- Weekdays & Weekends 12:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Fourth of July / Labor Day 11:00 am - 9:00 pm



Managers and Swim Lessons

The lifeguards and swim instructors are gearing up for an amazing summer of fun and sun! For this summer your Pool Manager will be Greg Scillitani; Brendan Lynch will be Assistant Manager.

This year's swim lessons will be offered one week at a time and six times throughout the summer. Each lesson will be 45 minutes, with two sessions available each day. Sessions will run Monday through Friday. Each lesson will still have three levels of competency available and focus on basic swim skills. So get your goggles and swim towels together for an awesome summer. Our swim lesson coordinators will be Jess Karan and Stephanie Petrosino. Registration forms are available on the Roycefield Swim Club website. http://roycefield.org/Swim_Lessons.html

Ellen Kenny
Vice President, Administration, vpadmin@roycefield.org

Pool and Grounds

On Saturday, April 5, 2014 we had a GREAT Opening Work Day!! There were 29 owners who worked the morning shift and 10 owners in the afternoon shift. With all that help we were able to get all the furniture out, cleaned, and mostly set up. The grounds were policed and every tiny morsel of paper and schmutz was picked up and discarded into the nearest trash bin.

We even had a couple of energetic owners who started tackling the undergrowth that borders the volleyball court. Hopefully this year we won't lose the balls in there (or any of our kids either!)

The Pool Cover we purchased last year did a great job of keeping out the leaves, sticks and the occasional goose from our body of water. I'm sure it will make the opening of the pool itself, easier as well.

We are purchasing two additional umbrellas for the back picnic area to provide some much needed shade there. This is a temporary solution as we still try and find an economical cover for that area. The Shade Sails we had the owners vote upon in the past have not been easy to price and/or find a reputable installer.

For those of you who were not able to perform your work bonds on our first work day, keep your eyes peeled on the website for future projects.

As this is my first year as VP of Pool & Grounds, I welcome any and all ideas on improvements we can make to the club. Be advised, I will be convening the Long Term Planning Committee soon so be ready to step up when you are called upon!

I look forward to a great year!
Keith Hook
Vice President, Pool & Grounds, pool@roycefield.org

A Guide to the Roycefield Pool Board

Each year, Roycefield Swim Club welcomes new owners and members to the club. There is a difference between an owner of the club and a member. All owners have paid a bond for ownership in the club and have voting rights at the Annual Meeting and any Special Meetings. Members consist of Couples, Singles, Split Season (new this year), and August members and have not paid an ownership bond. Members do not have voting rights as they are technically invited by the Board and behalf of the owners to use the pool.

Although the purpose of Roycefield is to provide a place of enjoyment, it is important for the membership to understand and participate in how the club operates. The Club is managed by a Board of Trustees (the Board) that is voted in annually by owners of the club. The Board currently consists of 10 members operating in the following capacities: President, VP of Administration, VP of Pool & Grounds, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Social and Swim Team Liaison, Committee Members. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month (except February and December unless deemed necessary). All owners and members are encouraged to attend board meetings.

An Annual Meeting is held on the last Saturday in January where the new Board of Trustees is elected and the annual budget is presented and approved. Owners have voting rights, but input from members is welcome. Information regarding the details of the proposed budget is supplied prior to the Annual Meeting in both an email notification, as well as in the January newsletter. Developing the annual budget incorporates projecting repair costs, operating costs, pool/ground improvements and maintaining cash reserves. Budget planning begins in October and concludes at the January meeting with the Board making all efforts to keep expenses and any increases to a minimum. Owners are always welcome to participate in the budget planning process. Minutes for all meetings are available by sending a request to the Secretary (secretary@roycefield.org). Members are encouraged to share thoughts, suggestions and ideas on ways to improve Roycefield at anytime by contacting a Board member. All Board members email addresses are available on the club's website.

We hope you found this information helpful in understanding the workings of the Board and encourage you to get involved. Working together, we can continue to make Roycefield a great place to spend your summers.

Social Committee

The Social Committee is looking forward to a great summer and wonderful weather all season. Please let us know if you had a favorite activity from last year that you might like to see return and offer up any suggestions. We welcome your feedback, so please reach out to our new Social Committee Chairperson, Mark Hands at social@roycefield.org.

Social activities will also be posted on the white board at the pool. We will do everything to make sure information on the calendar is current and up-to-date, but email if you have any questions.

The Social Committee will once again be utilizing www.Volunteerspot.com for work bond opportunities. Each job listing will include a detailed explanation of what the job entails along with the work bond credit. Emails will be distributed shortly for Social work bond opportunities. If you help out with a social event, please remember to keep all receipts for any purchases made to run the event. Expense reimbursement can only be given with a receipt. It is the owner's responsibility to obtain and submit an Expense Reimbursement Form *and* a Work Bond Form, both found in the "Forms" section of the website, after they complete a job.

Once the pool opens we will start booking parties so please look at dates before they book up. Also, there have been some changes to the party guidelines so make sure to visit the website and familiarize yourself with them.

See at the pool and have a great summer!

Mark Hands
Social Committee Chairperson

social@roycefield.org

The Junior Activity Coordinators are back!

We are excited to have the Junior Activities Coordinators (JACs) again this season to assist the Social Committee with the weekly activities. The JACs will be working hard this summer to keep the younger RSC members entertained with a variety of activities. They will be hosting our weekly Game Days and Craft Days along with running Sunday Ice Cream Socials. The JACs will be kicking off the summer season with the Annual Tie Dye Day. Please watch for information on that coming soon. Please Note: Parents must remain on-site while children participate in Game Day and Craft Day activities with the JACs.

2014 Summer Activities

The following activities will occur on a weekly basis:

- ❖ Tuesdays will be "Dinner Night" from 5-7 pm. Sign up soon to host a dinner night on www.VolunteerSpot.com for work bond credits.
- ❖ Wednesdays are Game Days from 2-4 pm and are coordinated by our JACs.
- ❖ JACs will be running Craft Days on Thursdays from 2-4 pm. For a nominal fee, kids can make a beautiful craft item...check the board for details. Please note the rain date for craft day is Friday.
- ❖ Every other Sunday from 2-4 pm, the JACs will be hosting Ice Cream "Sunday"—cool off with a bowl!

The following Special Events are being planned:

The Fourth of July and Labor Day parties are big events at Roycefield. DJ Dave will be back again to provide party entertainment and games for young and old. Hamburgers and hot dogs are grilled and partygoers bring sides and desserts to share. These parties are a great time for all!

- ❖ Our annual Fourth of July Party is scheduled for Friday, July 4 from 3:00-8:00 pm (Rain Date Saturday, July 5, 3:00 – 8:00 pm).
- ❖ The Labor Day Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 30 from 1:00-6:00 pm (Rain Date Sunday, August 31, 1:00-6:00 pm).
- ❖ Information about the Fourth of July and Labor Day parties will be made available on the website as these dates approach. Again, all party jobs along with what they entail will be listed on www.Volunteerspot.com. The Sign-up Form to attend these parties will also be posted on the website under the "Forms" tab.
- ❖ Tween and Pre-Teen Nights will be held again this year. These parties are intended to give the younger pool members a chance to have a night of fun with their friends and without their parents! Kids pay a small fee and pizza is provided, and parents send desserts to share. Parent chaperones are needed to help during these events.

As always, if you are interested in helping the Social Committee in any capacity, please email us! We are always looking for new ideas and new people to come on board!

Looking forward to seeing you poolside!
Mark Hands, Social Committee social@roycefield.org





Roycefield Rapids Swim Team

Expect another season of fun and competition with the Roycefield Rapids during the summer of 2014!

***** Swim Team registration using our online system closes on May 5.** (Late fees apply after that.)

Members ages 5-18 are eligible and encouraged to join the swim team. Practices begin the Tuesday after Memorial Day (on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) and continue through the end of July.

The schedule through the end of school is as follows:

- * 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm High School
- * 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm Elementary Schools
- * 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm Auten Rd / Middle School

Summer practices are between 7:30 and 11 am.

Swim meets are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning June 18 and end the last week in July. We finish the season with a banquet celebration the evening of Thursday, July 31 (rain date August 1).

The Rapids welcomes our 2014 Coaching Staff:

Head Coach	Joe Mehrtens
Assistant Coach	Stephanie Petrosino
Junior Coaches	Brendan Lynch Alexis Petrosino Hanna Soisson
Novice Coaches	Kristina Choe Alyssa Cseh Jacob Gonzalez Ryan Morgan

Parent Volunteers are a key ingredient to the success of the program! Jobs include timing, officiating, 50/50 and food sales. The meets are a lot of fun!

We also have our weekly Ribbon Races, a Roycefield tradition, for all members of the club and their guests. These are held on four Wednesday mornings beginning June 25. Stroke instruction is provided by the older members on the team and everyone gets a ribbon.

More detailed information about the team and a link to the registration site can be found on the website.

Looking forward to a great season!

Lorraine Soisson
Booster Club President

Adele Morgan
Parent Coordinator

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Membership

This year we have accepted 25 new families to the pool. Our Wait List is currently down to ZERO families. That means anyone applying will get full membership this summer! If any of your friends are thinking of joining the pool, now's the time to apply. Tell your friends to list you as the REFERRING FAMILY and you will get **FOUR FREE GUEST PASSES** good for the 2014 season. Please check out our current membership options and fees:

Membership Type	Annual Maintenance Fee	Ownership Share	Work Service Fee
Family-full season	\$700	\$1000	\$120
Couple-full season	\$550	None	\$120
Single-full season	\$360	None	\$120
Senior Couple (55+) full season	\$550	None	None
Senior Single (55+) full season	\$360	None	None
Split Season Family *NEW* (Aug 1-Labor Day)	\$400	None	None

If you have babysitters or grandparents watching your children at the pool over the summer, please send me their names so they will be on the gatekeeper list. Remember to send any changes in your contact info – especially e-mail addresses! All invoicing is done by e-mail so it's important to keep current.

Mary Liotta, Membership Chairperson
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Roycefield Website

Please check our website at www.roycefield.org. Send feedback about the site to webmaster@roycefield.org.



Roycefield Board of Trustees, 2014

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