

# 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 27, Roycefield will begin its 55<sup>th</sup> season and I'm proud to say that the Board of Trustees has planned another season of cool water, family fun and events for all of us to enjoy.

Through their conscientious fiscal efforts, the Board has voted not to increase membership fees, while adding some exciting new amenities to enhance summer enjoyment for the entire family—adults too! As always, safety of our members and guests is our highest concern; we are staffed with well-trained lifeguards, swim instructors and junior activity counselors. We continue to perform necessary maintenance to ensure your summer fun is uninterrupted.

For the fourth consecutive year, a family can join and enjoy the club immediately. We continue to offer a wide range of affordable and flexible memberships, making Roycefield the best swim club option in central Jersey. We continue to advertise by targeting families with younger children to ensure prolonged memberships, but our most effective advertising is you. So please talk to your friends and neighbors about the benefits of a Roycefield membership. Direct friends to our website at [Roycefield.org](http://Roycefield.org) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/RoycefieldSwimClub/) page ([facebook.com/RoycefieldSwimClub/](https://www.facebook.com/RoycefieldSwimClub/)) where they can see all the benefits of membership, see images of the club, learn of the activities, and our award-winning swim team - the Roycefield Rapids.

The Board is open to suggestions on how to make Roycefield the best it can be. You can email your suggestions or comments directly to me and I will bring them to the Board. You can also attend any meeting to voice your recommendations. For those interested in becoming more involved, there are positions open on the Board and attending a meeting is the best way to

become familiar with how the Board and club operate. For more information, read "[Guide to the Board](http://roycefield.org/guide-to-the-board/)" ([roycefield.org/guide-to-the-board/](http://roycefield.org/guide-to-the-board/)) and "[Board Descriptions](http://roycefield.org/board-descriptions/)" ([roycefield.org/board-descriptions/](http://roycefield.org/board-descriptions/)) on the website.

And finally, I want to remind everyone of our rules, which govern use, behavior, and above all, ensure everyone's safety. To ensure that all members know the rules, we will require that each membership acknowledge receipt of the rules. We encourage you to review them with your entire family, especially children and guests. The [Pool Rules](http://roycefield.org/pool-rules/) are available on the website at [roycefield.org/pool-rules/](http://roycefield.org/pool-rules/) and in the club office.

It is always the goal of the Board of Trustees to make Roycefield an enjoyable, family-friendly and safe place for all of us to enjoy. I hope we achieved that goal and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

John Beggato  
Board President  
[president@roycefield.org](mailto:president@roycefield.org)

## 2017 Season Schedule



Only **28** days until  
Opening Day!

### Pre-Season (May 27 – June 20)

- 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 29): 11:00 am - 7:30 pm

### Regular Season 1 (June 21 – July 31)

- Weekdays & Weekends 12:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Fourth of July 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

### Regular Season 2 (August 1 – September 4)

- Sunday-Thursday 12:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Friday-Saturday 12:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Labor Day 11:00 am – 7:30 pm



## Social Committee

The 2017 Season is fast approaching. Please reach out to our Social Committee Chairperson, Mark Hands at [social@roycefield.org](mailto:social@roycefield.org) with any comments or suggestions. We welcome your feedback!

Activities will be posted on the white board at the pool. There are daily activities and games planned. We update the calendar as well, email with questions.

VolunteerSpot.com will be utilized for bond opportunities; we hope to have all events posted after the pool opens. Job listings will include a detailed explanation of what that job entails along with the work bond credit. If you help out with a social event, please keep all receipts for purchases; 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. All jobs will be posted at one time with an email prior to the posting so everyone has an opportunity to sign up. No one may sign up for a job for another family. Please use the honor system and only sign up for what you will be able to fulfill.

Once the pool opens (and not before) the Manager will start booking parties so please look at dates as they can book up quickly. Please familiarize yourself with the party guidelines available on the website. If you have any party-related questions please see the Manager.

### The Junior Activity Coordinators are back!

We are excited to have 3 Junior Activities Coordinators (JACs) this season to assist the Social Committee with the weekly activities. The JACs will be working hard to keep the younger RSC members entertained with a variety of activities. They will be hosting Monday & Wednesday Game Days and Thursday Craft Days. The JACs will be kicking it off with the Annual Tie Dye Day. Please Note: Parents must remain on-site while children participate in Game Day and Craft Day activities with the JACs.

## 2017 Summer Activities

*The following activities will occur on a weekly basis:*

- ❖ Tuesday "Dinner Night" are no longer being offered. With the advent of cell phones, this is a service we will no longer provide.
- ❖ Wednesdays are Game Days from 2-4 pm and are coordinated by our JACs.
- ❖ Craft Days on Thursdays from 2-4 pm. For a nominal fee, kids can make a beautiful craft item...check the board for details. This event is also overseen by our JACs.
- ❖ Adult Volleyball is back by popular demand: Join us on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons! Teen volleyball will be available as well. Check the schedule for details!

*The following Special Events are being planned:*

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE:** We will again have an adults only social on Friday, May 26, the night before the club opens on May 27! We look forward to seeing everyone! Information will be emailed out soon!
- ❖ The Fourth of July and Labor Day parties are big events at Roycefield. DJ Dave is returning to provide party entertainment and games (and prizes) 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! Information will be made available on the website as these dates approach.
- ❖ Tween (grades 3, 4, and 5) and Pre-Teen (grades 6, 7, and 8) 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! These are big group parties and lots of fun! For a small fee, pizza is provided and parents send desserts or chips 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](mailto:social@roycefield.org)



## Roycefield Board of Trustees, 2017

Please feel free to contact any Board member with questions or suggestions. Your Trustees and roles for this year are:

President	John Beggiato
Secretary	Lorraine Soisson
Treasurer	Allen Zdroik
VP, Admin	Ellen Kenny
VP, Pool & Grounds	Keith Hook
Social Chairperson	Mark Hands
Social Committee	Amy Borer
Membership	Christine Kennette
Advertising	Kelly Ward
Swim Team Liaison	David Cutts
Pool & Grounds Committee	Ellen Karan
	Mike Lynch
Admin & Digital	Carolyn Renner

All members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Regular meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of month in the Front Multi-Purpose Room at the Hillsborough Municipal Building or at the swim club, weather permitting. The Annual Meeting is usually the morning of the last Saturday in January. Our remaining meetings for the year are:

Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
Tuesday, July 11, 2017  
Tuesday, August 8, 2017  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
Tuesday, January 8, 2018  
Saturday, January 27, 2018 – ANNUAL MEETING

## Roycefield Website

Check out our website for updates and important information at [www.roycefield.org](http://www.roycefield.org). We welcome feedback about the site; please email [webmaster@roycefield.org](mailto:webmaster@roycefield.org) with your thoughts and suggestions. We also have a suggestion box on the website!



## Pool and Grounds

To my fellow Pool-ites,

Opening Day is fast approaching. The cover is off the pool! The grass is getting cut! Grass is growing by the Volleyball Court, so no more prickly feet (or poison ivy) for those intense Friday night adult VB games!

Work Day is Saturday, April 29! We have a full slate of volunteers (thank you, by the way, we could not get this place ready without you). Once we have the property cleaned up, the bocce court will be built!!!!

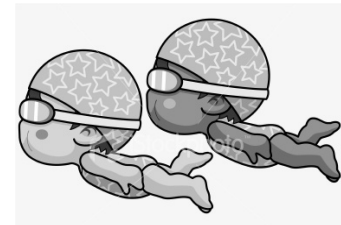
Exciting are happening! As always, I welcome all ideas on improvements we can make to the club, including immediate and long-term improvements. Email or stop by and see me when we are all basking in the sun.

For those of you shut out from getting your work bonds done early, there will be MANY more opportunities during the season. Mulch and sand will need to be spread, and a slew of other things. Keep your eyes peeled on the website for future notices.

I look forward to another great year. Thank you all for the work you do to make our club a fun, safe and friendly place to spend the summer.

Keith Hook  
Vice President, Pool & Grounds  
[pool@roycefield.org](mailto:pool@roycefield.org)

## Managers and Swim Lessons



The lifeguards and swim instructors are gearing up for an amazing summer of fun and sun! Brendan Lynch will be returning as our Pool Manager this summer. In addition, there will be four senior guards functioning in the Assistant Manager role again.

This year's swim lessons will be offered one week at a time, six times throughout the summer. Each lesson will be 45 minutes long. Sessions will run Monday through Friday. Each lesson will have three levels of competency available and focus on basic swim skills. One of the weeks will be offered in the evening for those who cannot make it during the day. If the evening lessons are well received we will offer a second week of evening lessons. We will be offering private lessons again this year. Please see the website for dates and times for all lessons (posted in early June).

So get your goggles and swim towels together for an awesome summer. Registration forms will be available at [http://roycefield.org/Swim\\_Lessons.html](http://roycefield.org/Swim_Lessons.html).

Ellen Kenny  
Vice President, Administration  
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## Membership

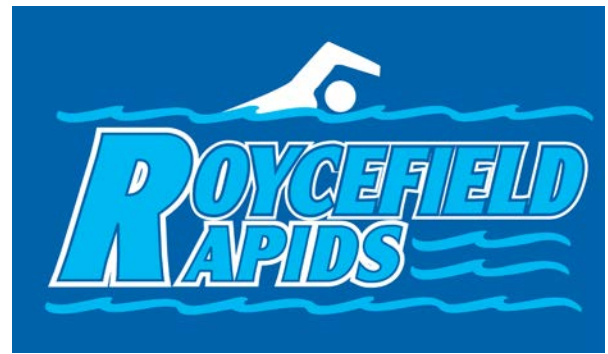
This year we have accepted 9 new families to the pool. If any of your friends are thinking of joining the pool, now's the time to apply. Our rates have not gone up for several years and we have no wait list right now. That means anyone applying will get membership this summer! Tell your friends to list you as the REFERRING FAMILY and you will get FOUR INDIVIDUAL GUEST PASSES. New this season, in addition to the referring passes all new members will be receiving a ONE FAMILY PASS to the pool. Pick up your free passes at the gate.

Please check out our current membership options and fees:

Membership Type	Annual Maintenance Fee	Owner-ship Share	Work Service Fee
Family-full season	\$700	\$1000	\$120
Couple-full season	\$550	<b>None</b>	\$120
Single-full season	\$360	<b>None</b>	\$120
Senior Couple (55+) full season	\$550	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
Senior Single (55+) full season	\$360	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
August Family (Aug 1–Labor Day)	\$450	\$500	\$60

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

Christine Kennette  
Membership Chairperson  
[membership@roycefield.org](mailto:membership@roycefield.org)



## Roycefield Rapids Swim Team

There's still time to join the 2017 Roycefield Rapids and enjoy another season of fun and competition!

**\*\*\* Swim Team registration using our online system closes on May 8.** (Late fees apply after that unless you are a new Club owner.)

Members ages 5-18 are encouraged to join the swim team. Practices begin Tuesday, May 30 and continue through the first week of August. Preseason practices (by school) are between 3:30 and 7pm. Once school is out, summer practices are between 7:30 and 11 am.

Swim meets are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning June 21 and end the first week of August. We finish the season with a banquet celebration the evening of Thursday, Aug 3.

The Rapids welcome our 2017 Coaching Staff:

Head Coach	Joe Mehrtens
Assistant Coach	Ryan Morgan
Age Group Coaches	Hanna Soisson Kristina Choe
Junior Coaches	Alyssa Cseh Alex Gonzalez

Parent Volunteers are a key ingredient to the success of the program! Jobs include timing, officiating, 50/50 ticket and food sales. The meets are a lot of fun, whether you swim year round or just in the summer.

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 21. 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. A parent letter will be sent to all registrants by May 15.

Looking forward to a great season!

Lorraine Soisson Booster Club President	David Cutts Swim Team Liaison
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