



Gator Gazette

June 2019

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Welcome

Greetings Gators – hope you’ve enjoyed the start of the 2019 NSC pool season! We had a successful Memorial Day weekend, with some of the best opening weekend weather in memory and look forward to a fun-filled summer at the Swamp.

Many thanks to those members who came out on Pool Clean-up Day on May 4th to get the pool ready for Opening Day. Those members worked incredibly hard cleaning, painting, repairing, and generally setting up for the new season. For their efforts, they enjoyed lunch at the end and earned extra guest passes to bring friends and show off our pool club.

New for 2019, you may have noticed the new Adirondack chairs with tables, and lights added in the trees, to create our new Gator Grove, where you can sit to read a book, have a conversation with friends, and/or enjoy an adult beverage (in a cup or can, of course). A new sound system was installed by Jeff Bonis, so that we can enjoy all the summer tunes. We also have 2 new corn hole sets, painted by our own Lawson Schultz!

Throughout the season (and less frequently, throughout the rest of the year), we will publish information a number of ways for the membership, so you know what is going on:

- **Emails** – please check your account to be sure that you’re subscribed (emails will also be printed and hung on a ring in the pool breezeway during the summer season)
- **Facebook** – please follow our page, **Nottingham Swim Club (@NSCGators)** for updates about social events, as well as when the pool needs to close early due to weather
- **Website** – pool member, Dewey Donovan, has graciously donated his time throughout the winter and spring to help the Board refresh and update our website (<https://www.nottinghamswimclub.com>) and make an easy-to-read calendar – please check out all of his hard work!

We will be sending out the updated Pool Operating Rules next week to the membership, and posting on the website, so that we can all enjoy the pool safely this summer. If you have questions in the meantime, please see our new pool manager, Angela Pruss, or any of the NSC Board Members.

Regular Season Hours and Upcoming Scheduled Closings for June/July

Regular season hours begin Wednesday, June 12th and are as follows:

- **Monday – Thursday***: 12:30 – 9 p.m.
- **Friday**: 12:30 – 10 p.m.
- **Saturday***: 10:30 – 10 p.m.
- **Sunday**: 10:30 – 9 p.m.

** **Please note:** home swim meets will impact some Wednesday (& Tuesday, 7/2) closings and Saturday openings (those dates are noted below)*

Scheduled Events impacting regular pool operating hours:

- **Friday, June 14:** Adults (21 and older) only from 7 – 10 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 15:** Home swim meet – pool will open at 1 p.m.
- **Sunday, June 23:** 2nd Annual Community Pool Olympics – the pool will be closed for regular swim from 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; if you do not want to attend Pool Olympics, you may go to Fairfield-Fairfield Crest or Oaklands pool without charge for the afternoon.
- **Saturday, June 29:** Home swim meet – pool will open at 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 2:** Home swim meet – pool will close at 3:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 10:** Home swim meet – pool will close at 3:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 15:** SSL 12 & under Time Trials – pool will close at 2:30 p.m.

Social News

Our Social Chair, Melissa, has planned a full social calendar for the summer, for members of all ages. We hope you will come out and enjoy many events. Additionally, given the success of last year's Community Pool Olympics, the local swim social chairs have planned a couple more inter-pool events for the summer.

GoGo Book Truck (June 7)

We will have our 1st ever book truck on Friday, June 7th. Young members can buy their next poolside read or bedtime story. Check out the website at gogobooktruck.com. It's a great way to start off summer reading!

June Dive-in Movie (June 8)



Come out Saturday, June 8th to enjoy the movie ranked #1 Family Movie of all time! The movie will start around 8:30 (we just have to wait for it to be dark enough to see the screen)

Upcoming Movie Nights: July 13th & August 17th (mark your calendars!)

Teen Night at Fairfield-Fairfield Crest (June 13, 6-9 p.m.; cost: \$5.00)

Calling all Middle and High Schoolers: Fairfield-Fairfield Crest will be hosting Teen Night to celebrate the start of summer on Thursday, June 13th from 6-9 p.m. Admission is \$5, which includes pizza, chips & 1 drink (additional drinks available for purchase). There will be food, music, giveaways, and fun! Everyone is welcome, so tell your friends! (Flyer is also attached to this email)

Raft Nights Start Thursday, June 13 (7-8 p.m.)

Tuesday/Thursday Raft Nights start Thursday, June 13th and will occur every Tuesday/Thursday from 7-8 p.m. throughout the regular season, except Tuesday, July 2nd (due to a home swim meet).

Naughty-ham (Adults 21 & older only) Night (June 14, 7-10 p.m.)

All NSC adults, aged 21 & older, are welcome to come out and enjoy a kid-free night at the pool from 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 14. There will be live music, mystery beer night, adult card games (i.e. Cards Against Humanity, What Do You Meme, etc), and the Ole Tapas food truck. Feel free to get into the theme with 'naughty' (or inappropriate) t-shirts.

2nd Annual Community Pool Olympics (June 23, 1-5 p.m.)



Please come out and participate in the 2nd Annual Community Pool Olympics, on Sunday June 23rd, which NSC is hosting this year. There will be a number of events for members of all ages, both in and out of the pool. There is a flyer and list of the events attached to this email – sign-ups are available in the pool breezeway. You can come out and take part in events or cheer on your fellow Gators.

Don't want to participate in Pool Olympics? From 1-5 p.m. on June 23rd, you may go to Oaklands, Fairfield-Fairfield Crest, or Persimmon Creek without paying a guest fee.

Food Truck Fridays (#FTFs)

Once again this year, we've tried to schedule food trucks regularly throughout the summer months for some hassle-free Friday night dinners at the pool. Our next Food Truck Friday is Friday, June 14th from 5:30 – 8:30, and features Ole Tapas.

Upcoming Food Trucks Scheduled:

- June 14: Ole Tapas
- June 28: Natalie's Fine Foods Catering
- July 12: Doggie Style – Latin food and hot dogs
- July 26: Uncle John's BBQ
- Aug 9: Plum Pit
- Aug 23: TBD



Swamp Swim & Sprint (and Swamp & Sleep)

Our 3rd Annual Swamp Swim & Sprint (complete with a sleep instead option) will be held on Sunday, August 25th. Stay tuned for more details on this fun & exciting fundraiser for the NSC pool!

Swim Team

Swim Team early season practice is underway for our Gators, ages 9 & up. Regular season Swim Team practice begins Wednesday, June 12th.

Practice times are:

- 8:00-9:30 am: Opens and 14 & Unders
- 9:30-11:00 am: 12 & Unders and 10 & Unders
- 11-12:00 pm: 10 & Unders and 8 & Unders
- 12:00-12:30 pm: Mini Gators & swim lessons
- 5:30-6:30 pm (beginning Tues, June 18th): Tuesday & Thursday make-up practices, for those Gators unable to attend their scheduled morning session

The swim meet schedule is as follows (also, come out and cheer your Gator swim team at a home meet and enjoy a delicious meal from the Gator Grub food shack – Lori Wilson coordinates lots of food options for home meets!):

Friday, 6/14: Pep Rally and Make Signs
Wednesday, 6/19: **Away** vs Skyline
Wednesday, 6/26: **Away** vs Wedgewood

Saturday, 6/15: **Home** vs Drummond Hill
Saturday, 6/22: **Away** vs Western YMCA
Saturday, 6/29: **Home** vs Westminster

Tuesday, 7/2: **Home** vs Yorklyn

Wednesday, 7/10: **Home** vs North Star

Friday, 7/12: Mini Gator Meet and Team Pasta Dinner

Saturday, 7/13: **Away** vs Delaware Blue Fish

12 and Under Time Trials (July 15th, 4 – 9 p.m.)

This summer, NSC will be hosting the 12 and Under Time Trials on Monday, July 15th. Hosting Time Trials brings money into NSC, but requires effort from many members, beyond just swim team families. Here are just a few of the areas where help is needed before and during Time Trials:

- Sponsors for Ads (in the programs and/or around the pool)
- Programs (set-up and printing)
- Volunteer Coordination
- Safety
- Set-up and Clean-up
- Sound
- Concessions Help (food donations, grilling, and helping serve and sell during the Time Trials)

Please contact Chris Hausler at nscswimteam@gmail.com or 302-383-4770, if you are able to help! A volunteer meeting will be scheduled soon.

Swim Lessons

Once again, swim lessons will be offered at Nottingham Swim Club. Every NSC child member, ages 3 & up are offered 1 week of free lessons each summer; additional weekly sessions are offered for \$15/week per child. There will be 5 weekly sessions running from June 17th through July 18th. Sessions run from 12:00-12:30 p.m. daily, Monday – Friday. You can register for lessons in your Gator account online.

It is requested that parents bring their child(ren) to the pool at 12:30 p.m. the Friday before their 1st scheduled lesson, so that they can be assessed for placement – this will allow lessons to start right away on that following Monday. You can contact Mary Jean Polaski and copy Carol Ann, if you need to arrange an alternative time.

Have questions? Please reach out to Carol Ann Hudson (carol_ann_cwikla@yahoo.com) and Mary Jean Polaski (polaskimj@comcast.net).

Adult Fitness

There are several opportunities for adult fitness offered at NSC – you may sign up and pay for Lap Swim and Deep Water Workout in your Gator account online. Aquacize is free and you may drop in as you are able.

Lap Swim: Lap swim is offered 6-8 a.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$20/person for the full season – you can sign up in your NSC account. All lanes are available for guarded morning lap swim.

Deep Water Workout: Deep Water Workout is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m., beginning Tuesday, June 11th. (The group often meets other weekday mornings, as personal schedules permit.) Aquacize dumbbells and floatation belts are required. The cost is \$20/person for the full season – you can sign up in your NSC account. Please reach out to Jane Donovan (ajanedonovan@verizon.net) with any questions.

Evening Aquacize: Evening Aquacize is offered Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., beginning Thursday, June 13th. The Aquacize group gathers for both water exercise and time for laughter and conversation in the pool. Bring your own noodle and join in the fun!

Lap Lane: A dedicated lap lane is in place most days that the pool has average to low numbers using the pool. NSC can remove the lap lane as deemed necessary without notification.

Board News

During the summer months, the NSC Board meets monthly at the pool. All NSC members are invited to attend the monthly Board meetings.

Upcoming board meeting dates (June – Sept to be held at the pool) are:

- Sunday, June 9th: 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 14th: 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 11th: 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 8th: TBD
- Wednesday, October 16th: 6:30 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting - Newark Free Library (this date/location to be confirmed in August)

Three Board positions will become vacant in 2019, and voted on at the Annual Meeting in October. Those positions are:

- Vice President/Operations
- Membership
- Swim Team

Interested in applying for any of these positions? Please feel free to talk to any member of the Board about applying, and members are encouraged to reach out to the current chair if you would like to understand more about specific Board responsibilities.