

Wedgwood Pool News

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Special Events to Mark on Your Calendar

- July 4** – **Apple Pie Contest with Hot Dogs and Sodas for \$1.00**
- July 9** – **Adult Party on the Deck, 8- 10 pm**
- July 24** – **Wedgwood Pool Cake Bake and Potluck, Late Afternoon**
This year's cake bake theme: 'Video Games'!
- July 31** – **Adult Swim Meet (volunteers needed for this event!)**
- August 28** – **Adult Party on the Deck, 8- 10 pm**



Schedule for the July 4th Holiday

Sunday, July 4th

Lap Swim 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Pool Open 12:00 -8:00 pm
Hot Dogs 1:00 -2:30 pm or until they're gone
Apple Pie Contest 2:00 pm
Games Galore 2:30 pm

Monday, July 5th

No Early Morning Lap Swim
No Swim Team Practice
Pool Open 1:00 – 9:00 pm
Swim Lessons are Happening!
Adult Swim Team 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Friendly Reminder About the Pool's Phone Policy!

We are asking members and their guests not to use cell phones in the locker rooms. If you encounter someone using his/her cell phone in the locker room, we ask your help in reminding them of this policy and/or bringing it to the attention of the pool staff. Thank you!



A Word from 'The Boss' (Our Pool Manager, Raab)

Summer... When? Where? Why? What a difference a year makes. Hopefully, sometime in the next week or so we will see some change in the weather. I'm not even wishing for anything as nice as last summer. I think most of us would probably agree that just an average Seattle summer day would be wonderful at this point. Enough already!

Regardless of what Mother Nature throws our way, there's still a bunch of things happening in the next few weeks here at the club. Summer hours began on Wednesday, June 23rd. Swim team practice shifted to the morning, Adult team began their Monday and Wednesday workouts, and the pool hours on weekdays are now usually 1pm-9pm. Family swim also returned, and that means that an adult member must accompany swimmers under the age of 16 from 5:30-7pm Monday through Friday. Teen swim is back - our teen members may bring up to three guests after 7pm on any day of the week for only \$1/each, and these do not count against the guest allotment. Early morning lap swim rolled back to 6 -7 am instead of 6 -7:30am, but it will be extended again once the kids are wrapped up with their swim season. Aerobics also started up on Monday, June 28th. I know I've probably missed something but check at the pool and on the web site for updates and details.

So once those kids are done with swim season, what are you going to do with them? You can keep them busy by signing them up for the Watershow and/or Water Polo. Sign-ups for both of these will start in mid to late July. Be sure to mark your calendar now too as the Watershow comes a bit earlier than usual on Saturday, August 14th. Perhaps by then we'll have seen a few sunnier days.

As I wrap this up, I'd just like to take up a couple of lines to touch base about some feedback I've gotten about early morning lap swim. It's come to my attention via members and reports from the staff that there seems to be a problem for some of our lap swimmers with their lap swim etiquette. I know this has been an issue for some time as I've heard similar stories for several years now. I can ask you all to share your lanes and I can suggest that you follow some common courtesy when you are swimming and someone hops in your lane. But for myself or the staff to police and enforce what should just be commonplace courtesy seems a bit odd. Now I know many of you that come to early morning lap swim have been doing so for a very long time and, while you've perhaps become accustomed to having your own lane, it's time to share and be nice about it. I'm hopeful things will change a bit for the better by mentioning this. We tried several years ago, actually more like a dozen or so, to do the slow, medium and fast thing. My staff seems to think that might work but I know from past experience it really didn't help much as people couldn't seem to figure out what their speed was relative to their other swimmers or were willing to give up what they think has become his or her lane. So, please look over and follow the included etiquette outlined on the next page. Thank you – See you at the pool! -- Raab

LAP LANE ETIQUETTE



- When there are more than two people in a lane, circle swim.
- Swim counter clockwise, staying to the right of the center of the lane.
- Turn in the middle of the lane at the wall and then move to the right.
- If you are routinely lapping people in a slower lane, consider moving to a faster lane.
- If you are routinely being lapped in a faster lane, consider moving to a slower lane.
- Tap the toes of the swimmer in front of you if you would like to pass that person.
- Understand that a toe tap is okay and allow that swimmer to move ahead of you.
- If your toes have been tapped, stop at the wall and let that person pass. If you are the tapper, make sure there is a large gap between the next 2 swimmers.... People can only go as fast as the person in front of them.
- Leave 5 seconds minimum between you and the swimmer in front of you.
- If you pull over or sit out a lap, move to the right side of the lane on the wall, so that you are out of the way of swimmers turning.
- Be aware where others are in your lane.
- Don't push off in front of someone about to turn.
- Smile and share!
- And brush those teeth before early morning lap swim.

Swim Team News – July 2010

The 2010 Wedgwood swim team season is off to a great start thanks to four great coaches, a group of **186** energetic swimmers and a wonderful community of volunteers. Thanks for all of your contributions!

We thought you might be interested in the following fun facts about our 2010 team. We have:

- 30 kids age 8 & under -- and 14 of those are NEW to the team!
- 30 kids age 9-10 -- and 6 are new to the team
- 41 kids age 11-12 -- and 6 are new to the team
- 26 kids age 13-14 -- and 0 are new to the team
- 59 kids age 15-18 -- and 1 is new to the team and 15 are graduating seniors

We have sent out the July swim team dates and locations before – if you need a refresher, check your June newsletter or the calendar at <http://www.wwpool.org/>

We'll try to keep families up-to-date on all the latest swim team information with emails throughout the season. So be on the lookout for emails from the "Wedgwood Swim Team." Also, look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the pool for concessions, timing, and other committee needs.

We would also like to thank all of the individuals who have offered to take on one of the many volunteer positions that make our swim season a success every year. Special thanks go to Andrea Baumgarten, Kathie Falcone and Paula Gooding for stepping up to run concessions this year. We realize that this is a big job and we are so appreciative! Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

–The Swim Team Committee swimteam@wwpool.org

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