

# Bent Tree Bluffs Swim Club

## 2023 Season Newsletter

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Hello Bent Tree Bluffs Pool Members,

We are looking forward to another great season at Bent Tree Bluffs Pool for 2023. This newsletter is to provide our members with information regarding our pool and policies so that everyone can have a safe and enjoyable experience all summer long.

### **Pool Committee Needs You:**

After several years of serving as President(s), Larry and Barb Reed will make this their final year volunteering with the Pool Committee. They have provided excellent service over the years, and the rest and relaxation is well deserved. Rumor has it, they might be moving to a secluded island to hunt for buried treasure!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Pool Committee, please send an email or call one of the contacts listed above for more information.

### **Season and Hours:**

The pool will open on Saturday, May 27 and will close on Labor Day, September 4. Budget and weather permitting, we will consider staying open for an additional week after Labor Day (no guarantees, though).

### **Supervised Hours *with Lifeguard*:**

12:00-9:00 PM – Daily (until Aug 1st and except as noted below)

12:00-8:00 PM - Daily (Aug 1st - Labor Day)

4:00-8:00 PM – Weekdays (once LS R-7 school starts)

12:00-8:00 PM – Weekends (once LS R-7 school starts)

12:00-6:00 PM - July 4th

**Unsupervised Hours without Lifeguard (read below for more information):**

6:00-11:00 AM – Daily through July 31 (except on weekdays when the Swim Team will be practicing: See below)

7:00-11:00 AM – Daily from August 1 through Labor Day, plus 12:00-4:00 pm weekdays once LS R-7 school starts.

The pool is closed daily from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM to allow the pool management company to clean the pool and deck.

**Fob Entry System and Unsupervised Swim Hours:**

The fob entry system will again allow access to the pool during supervised and unsupervised hours (listed above) when no lifeguard is on duty. Please remember that unsupervised hours are “**swim at your own risk**”. The same key fobs that were used in previous year will be used again this year. If a fob needs to be replaced or you never received fobs last year, please contact the pool committee at [benttreebluffspool@gmail.com](mailto:benttreebluffspool@gmail.com). There is a \$50 fee to replace each lost key fob.

Members under the age of 18 who are using the pool during unsupervised hours **must** be accompanied by a member who is a legal adult (18 years or older). See above for a listing of unsupervised swim hours. Early morning swim shall be considered quiet time (no music and minimal noise) and focused on fitness (laps, aerobics) from 6:00 - 8:30 AM so use does not disrupt the surrounding homeowners.

**All members must leave the pool and pool area from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM to allow our pool management company to clean the pool.**

If a key fob is not functioning correctly, please report it immediately to the pool email address: [benttreebluffspool@gmail.com](mailto:benttreebluffspool@gmail.com).

Each family entering the pool should use their own fob to enter through the gate. Please do not hold the gate open for others behind you to enter. “Piggy-backing” is not allowed. A first-time violation of proper entry access protocols (either supervised or unsupervised hours) will result in a 2-week suspension of your fob access, and a second violation will result in suspension of your fob access for the remainder of the pool season.

Failure of a member to follow all pool rules and safety standards during unsupervised hours will result in the fob being programmed for use only during supervised hours for the given household for a 2-week period. A second violation will result in suspension of your fob for the remainder of the season.

## **Swim Team**

The BTB Swim Team (Stingrays) will be using the pool for practice on weekdays during the morning hours of 8:30 - 11:00 AM from May 30 through July 15. Home swim meets are scheduled for Wednesday evenings on June 7, June 21, and June 28. On home swim meet nights, the pool will be closed at 4:00 PM for set up. Those interested in joining the swim team should contact Carla Ciaccio (mizchach@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Phone**

In case of emergency, the pool phone will be accessible during unsupervised and supervised times. However, it is suggested that members bring their own cell phone. The pool phone is mounted on the outside wall to the left side of the restrooms. The phone box is secured with a breakable tie. Once open, follow the instructions on the inside of the phone box to contact emergency services. The address to give to the emergency operator is listed on the instruction sheet.

## **Guests**

Guests will be allowed at the pool in 2023, but **only during supervised swim times**. Guests are not allowed during unsupervised swim times. Guests **must** be accompanied by a pool member with proper fob access. Pool Guest Cards are available for purchase at a cost of \$10 for 10 guest visits (\$1 per individual, per visit). Guest cards may be purchased from the lifeguard on duty (exact change only). Guest cards purchased in previous years do not expire.

Visiting grandchildren, adult children, and parents of members are welcome to swim at no additional cost.

A BTB resident who is not a pool member may not swim as someone's guest. Residents of BTB that are relatives to other BTB residents should seek access to the pool via covenant addition to their property at a one-time charge of \$1,000 plus any pro-rated pool dues.

## **Rental Homes**

While there are not many rental homes, the fob system will be the responsibility of the homeowner to acknowledge the rules and distribute to their renters. The BTB Pool Committee will not be an intermediary between homeowners and renters. Renters are responsible for coordinating fob pickup with homeowners, not the BTB Pool Committee. There are only 2 pool fobs permitted per address and should either be held by the renters or the homeowners, not both. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain control of the pool fobs should renters terminate their lease. Also, the homeowner is responsible for communicating with the Pool Committee should a renter take the fobs upon termination of a lease so that the fob access can be canceled and new fobs issued (at a fee of \$50 per fob) to the homeowners.

### **Adult (18+) Swim**

Adult swim will continue to be observed for 10 minutes each hour starting at 50 minutes past the hour during supervised swim times. All children under the age of 18, except those children under the age of 3 in a flotation device and accompanied by an adult, must be out of the pool and must be **at least 2 feet from the edge of the pool** during adult swim, allowing a peaceful adult session.

### **Pool Basics**

Aquaticare Pool Management and Maintenance ([www.aquaticarekc.com](http://www.aquaticarekc.com)) and its lifeguards will manage and oversee the daily operations of the pool. Questions regarding maintenance, pool guidelines, or additional inquiries should be made to the Pool Committee members.

### **Extra Shade**

While at the pool, you may ask the lifeguard to bring out an umbrella for extra shade. There are a few in the storage room for your use.

Enjoy the 2023 Season!

Bent Tree Bluffs Pool Committee

(Pool rules listed below)

**POOL RULES** - Please review the following with your family prior to visiting

1. No running.
2. No rough-housing or foul play.
3. No food or gum in the pool. Please dispose of trash promptly and properly
4. No glass bottles or containers.
5. No alcoholic beverages on the pool property, including both inside and outside the fenced area.
6. No smoking or vaping.
7. No foul language.
8. No inappropriate signs of affection.
9. There is no lifeguard for the baby pool. Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety of their children. Please, no children over the age of **five (5)** in the baby pool.
10. No disposable diapers allowed in either pool. Babies must wear swim diapers to keep our pools clean and sanitary.
11. Adult swim occurs hourly at ten minutes until the hour for ten minutes. During this time, no one under **eighteen (18)** is allowed in the pool, except infant-3 year old children in flotation devices with an accompanying adult. This lifeguard respite allows time for them to attend to collateral duties.
12. During supervised swim hours, children under the age of **ten (10)** must be accompanied by an adult or guardian who is at least **fifteen (15)** years of age. Lifeguards may not act as guardians.
13. Members must accompany guests at all times.
14. The lifeguards have the authority to enforce all rules.
15. At all times, inside and outside of supervised swim, the rules laid out in the policy acknowledgement for unsupervised swim shall be observed for good safety practices.
16. At all times, protocols set forth by the Bent Tree Bluffs Pool Committee, City of Lee's Summit and Jackson County shall be observed for safe and sanitary practices due to COVID-19.
17. Failure to comply with rules will result in warnings, leading to revoked access.