

# Bent Tree Bluffs Swim Club

## 2021 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 2021. 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:**

The BTB Pool Committee is asking for volunteers!

After several years of serving as Treasurer, Angie Leonard is retiring from the Pool Committee at the end of this 2021 season. She has done an outstanding job using her organization and accounting skills. We thank her sincerely. Therefore, we are looking for someone with some accounting/bookkeeping background to work with Angie this season in order to be able to assume the role of treasurer next year. Please contact the committee by phone or pool email and more information will be provided.

Also, the Pool Committee is looking for additional members to assist in the general operations of the pool such as coordinating with the pool management company and basic maintenance of the facilities. An ideal candidate would be someone who uses the pool regularly, especially parents of swim team participants. This position requires very little time commitment. Please call or email Larry Reed for more information.

## **COVID-19:**

In regards to COVID-19, Jackson County Health Department has released a new health order as of April 30, 2021. Outdoor venues no longer require patrons to maintain social distancing or wear masks. Outdoor pools, like ours, will no longer need to abide by the gathering plan that was initiated last season.

## **Season and Hours:**

The pool will open on Saturday, May 29 and will close on Labor Day, September 6.

### Supervised Hours with Lifeguard:

12:00-9:00 pm – Daily, except as noted below:

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

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

12:00-8:00 pm - Labor Day, September 6 (last day)

### 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

## **New for 2021: Pool Enhancements:**

Prior to the pool opening, the surface of the pool will be acid-washed to remove stains that have accumulated on the bottom of the pool, especially in the deep end. Also, the wading pool will be painted. All of the fabric on the pool lounge chairs was replaced last September thanks to many volunteer hours of service and the chairs look great!

## **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), with no lifeguard on duty. Please remember that unsupervised hours are **“swim at your own risk”**. The same key fobs that were used last 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). Unsupervised swim hours are 6:00-11:00 am daily, except when the BTB Swim Team is using the pool for practice. 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 June 1 through July 16. Home swim meets are scheduled for Wednesday evenings on June 16, June 23, and July 7. 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 call Lance Flint for more information.

### **Phone**

In case of emergency, the pool phone will be accessible during unsupervised time, but it is suggested that members bring their own cell phone.

### **Guests**

Guests will be allowed at the pool in 2021, but *only during supervised 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). Prior year's guest cards may be used in 2021.

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 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 cancelled, and new fobs issued (at cost above) to the homeowners.

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

Adult swim will continue to be observed on Mondays and Thursdays, 05:50 pm to 06:30 pm. The lifeguard will allow open swim in the event no adults are on hand to take advantage of these reserved time slots. All children under 18, excluding those accompanied by an adult in a flotation device (infant-3 years), are not permitted in the pool during adult swim, which is for 10 minutes beginning at 50 minutes after the top of the hour. Children must be **at least 2 feet** from the edge of the pool during adult swim, allowing a peaceful adult session. In addition to the Monday/Thursday dedicated time, please recall Rule 11, where every operational day there is adult swim for the last 10 minutes of every hour. **This has not been observed in prior years, but will be strictly enforced for 2021.** Lap lanes are available and can be placed upon request.

## **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 2021 Season!

Bent Tree Bluffs Pool Committee

## **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.