

July 19, 2020

Greetings Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club Members!

Well, it seems that we are in the dog days of the summer as the temperature is really heating up. We hope that everyone is staying hydrated and keeping cool – especially for our tennis players out there on the courts. Please be sure to bring your own water as we are not providing water on the court like we have done in the past.

The Masters program and the swim team activities have been a huge success! The swim team is scheduled to end their programming in 2 weeks, so that will allow for a couple more hours of available reservations for the members beginning August 3. We are running an August Masters program, registration information will be sent out next week. We are also planning for August Water Aerobics, details will also be out next week.

As we get into the rhythm of summer, safety continues to be our top priority!! We have been monitoring the pool usage and we are happy to report that we are making the following changes to the reservations effective immediately:

- Members will now be able to reserve a main pool/dive well and a picnic table area at the same time
 - The picnic table reservations are in 2-hour blocks, but the main pool area reservation still stays at 1-hour only. You are still required to move your belongings off the deck area at the end of your allocated swim time (the same as any reservation).
 - When you are utilizing both the picnic table area and main pool/dive well areas, please be sure to enter and exit closest to the picnic table area – do not exit the pool from the shallow end if you intend to go back to the picnic table area.
 - At this time, we are only extending this to the main pool area and dive well, so you cannot reserve a middle pool area and a picnic table area at the same time. You are more than welcome to make a picnic table reservation before or after your middle pool reservation, but you cannot transit between the middle pool and the picnic table area during your middle pool reservation.

- The grills are now open whenever the general reservations are available
 - Please be sure to clean the grill area prior to using the grills and be sure to clean the area once you are done grilling.
 - The staff will be cleaning the grills throughout the day, but they will not be able clean them after each use.

We mentioned in the last communique that kickboards and other small personal items are now allowed in the pool. This is a reminder that while kickboards are okay, other devices or floatable toys are not allowed at this time.

- Here is a list of things that are allowed:
 - Dive toys
 - Small balls

- Kickboards
- Pull buoys
- US Coast Guard approved lifesaving devices in the middle pool ONLY
- The following is a list of things that are not allowed (this is not a complete list):
 - Tennis balls
 - Noodles
 - Any inflatable toy or raft
 - Usage of kickboards or pull buoys for anything other than lap swimming

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All existing pool rules posted at the pool (next to the records board when you walk in) as well as some of ad-hoc rules we've had to make for this year related to COVID are in effect. By making and using a reservation, you are committing to follow all our pool rules (Normal Rules, COVID Rules, Ad-Hoc Rules, etc.). All of these are in place to maintain the safety and well-being of all our members. Thank you for your cooperation!!
- PLEASE cancel your reservations if you decide not to use them. We are doing our best to provide opportunities for all our members to use the pool. Reservations that go unused is a pool time that goes unused. It could have been an opportunity that another member to enjoy the pool. Out of courtesy for other members... please cancel your reservations (It's easy... Open your pass and click Cancel at the bottom... just put in your six-digit code and it's cancelled) when you decide not to use it.
- We do not manage reservations. Each member is responsible for managing their own reservations. If the pool closes for weather, please remember to cancel your reservation so that you don't lose one of your opportunities to use the pool. We will not be able to cancel for you.

Finally, we are happy to report that Sadie and Quentin Bilbao organized the Cudas Care program and were able to collect a sizable food donation for St. Martin's Pantry and they intend to run another food drive for Friday, July 24th. As a reminder, you don't have to be on the swim team to donate to this cause.

Here's a message that Sadie shared with the Cudas summer program:

Hi Cudas,

Thanks so much for participating in Cudas Care. We collected several large boxes and bags of canned and dried food to donate to the food bank at St. Martin's Pantry. We will be collecting food items again on Friday, 7/24.

Thanks again for caring and helping with this project!

Sadie and Quentin Bilbao

Thanks,
Carderock Springs Swim & Tennis Club Board of Directors