



# Lancaster County Swimming Pool

## Frequently Asked Questions for Swim Lessons

### **Must I stay with my child during their lesson?**

A parent or guardian (over age 16) must remain in the pool complex for the duration of the program.

Parents and siblings are restricted to the grass areas or playground. No one other than the child taking lessons should ever enter the water (except for Aqua Babies Classes which are designed for baby and caregiver).

### **What should my child wear/bring?**

Swimsuits must be worn for lessons. Children may not participate in street clothes of any kind. We highly recommend you apply sunscreen to all exposed skin prior to arriving for lessons. No personal flotation devices or swim toys are allowed in the pool during lessons.

### **May I bring an unregistered child with me?**

Parents and siblings may watch swim lessons from the grass area or playground. No one other than instructors and class participants are allowed pool side.

### **What if it rains on a scheduled program day?**

All classes will be held during light rain or drizzle. In the event of a steady rain or storm, classes will be cancelled and you will receive a phone call. The instructor will inform all participants on the next class when a make up class will be held.

### **Can my child participate in more than one session this summer?**

There is no limit to the number of sessions for which you may register.

### **How do I know if my child is ready for the next level?**

At the end of every program, each child will receive a skills assessment and the instructor's recommendation for the next appropriate level.

### **Is specific class placement determined by age?**

No, placement is determined based on swimming ability, not age.

If a student is placed in the wrong level, they will be moved to the appropriate level by the instructor. Parents will be informed of the reasons for the move.

### **Must my pre-school age child wear a swim diaper during lessons?**

Lancaster County Swimming Pool policy states: "All children under the age of 3 must wear a swim diaper and plastic pants to enter the pool."

### **Why does my child's instructor allow "free time", or play a game with the group during the last few minutes of the lesson?**

This time is extremely valuable to practice skills and/or receive individual instruction from an instructor. Children perform differently when they are "playing" rather than being "tested". This time is not intended to "cut the lesson short" in any way but is offered as a valuable teaching tool.

### **May my child and I stay to swim after the lesson?**

No child should stay in the water following a lesson. The pool does not open until 12:00 p.m. and patrons are not permitted to enter the water until all lifeguards are in position, and the head lifeguard has blown the "entrance" whistle for the day.

If you have a season pass to the pool, you are welcome to stay and swim following your child's lesson. Please take a moment to have your pass or passes scanned by the front desk staff prior to swimming.

If you do not have a season pass, you may get in line at the daily admission window following your child's lesson to pay for pool admission.