

Important Things to Know Before Going to the Pool

Closing Information

Any of the 2 pools can close or their operating hours can be adjusted at the discretion of the park district for any of the safety reasons listed below:

- If the air temperature is below 70F as reported by the Weather Channel for Midway Airport.
- If lightning is sighted or there is threatening weather.
- If the water is not chemically balanced.
- If there is a mechanical failure.
- If there is a lack of sufficient lifeguards (This may occur at the beginning and end of the season due to staff's school schedules.)
- Pool has less than 10 swimmers for 1 hour; it may close within the next hour.

Age Guidelines

- An adult must accompany any child 10 AND UNDER at all times at the pools.
- All kids 10 & under will need an adult present with them in order to be granted admission into the pool; in addition, the adult must remain at the pool for the duration of the child's stay to provide supervision.
- Any young child left at the pool unattended by an adult (someone 16 years or older) will be turned over to the police.

Proper Identification

- A valid ID is required to be shown every time you enter the pool
- Those who have purchased memberships must provide their Membership Card for all pool members to be scanned before entrance into the pool is allowed.
- If you do not have your Membership Card, you will have to pay a daily fee to enter. Daily Fees paid at the door will not be credited to future or existing memberships
- Oak Lawn & Hometown residents who wish to receive the resident rate at the door must provide a current Driver's License or utility bill and photo ID in order to receive the resident rates.
- If you are purchasing a daily admission and do not have an ID to prove residency, you will be charged the non-resident rates.

Safety Rules

- **It is recommended that all children under 48" tall wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket in and around the pool.**
- Patrons must be at least 48" tall to ride the Flume and/or Drop slides at Centennial pool.
- Flotation devices (kick boards, noodles) are allowed only at the discretion of the manager.
- **Water wings, inner tubes, etc. are not allowed. We recommend the bathing suits with the flotation device inside the suit vertically.**
- Patrons must use pool equipment (diving boards, slides, etc.) and personal flotation devices properly. If abused or the flotation device obstructs the lifeguard's view, the manager has the right to forbid the use of the device or equipment.
- For everyone's safety, the Aquatic staff & rules must be obeyed. If a patron—regardless of their age, is not following the rules, not obeying staff instructions, and/or becoming verbally or physically abusive, that patron will be disciplined accordingly. Discipline varies from having a "time out"; to being temporarily removed from the facilities; to revoked memberships/admission to the pools.
- Masks (covers nose), fins, snorkels, diving disks and rings may be used only during Lap Swim.
- During all Open Swims, there will be Guard Breaks/Adult Swims. The baby pool is closed during guard breaks. No child should be left unattended during the breaks while an adult swims.

Food and Beverage

- The concession stand is scheduled to be open during all Afternoon Open Swim times.
- Glass containers are not allowed at the Aquatics facility.
- Alcohol is prohibited at all Oak Lawn Park District facilities and on all Oak Lawn Park District properties. Anyone found to be in possession of alcohol in any Aquatics Facility will be asked to leave the facility immediately without refund.
- Food items brought into the pool must be kept in designated concession area. Management reserves the right to check and hold all coolers and containers if the regulations are not adhered to.
- Please assist the Oak Lawn Park District by recycling aluminum and plastic containers in the appropriate recycling bins.

Appropriate Swim Attire

- Cut-offs, jean shorts, leotards, spandex athletic wear may not be worn for swimming.
- All swim attire must have a lining.
- No underwear is to be worn under male shorts or female suits.
- Swim attire must not interfere with the lifeguards' ability to perform necessary life-saving and/or safety tasks for a patron.
- Not following the policy of "Appropriate Swim Attire" may result in being asked to leave the pool without refund.

General Information

- Lockers are available. For the majority of them, you must supply your own lock. The park district is not responsible for missing articles.
- A "Lost and Found" is located in the Guard Room at each pool.