

Burke Station Swim Club Member Letter

April 2017

Arguably our community's biggest asset, next to our great location and friendly neighbors, BSSC is preparing for another busy and fun summer season! The NEW 2017 Membership registration form is included in the newsletter and available online. Also NEW for 2017 is the Membership Cost Calculator to help every Member take advantage of every applicable discount. Membership cards will be used again this year. Cards from 2016 that are turned in will be updated and reissued for 2017. The Membership rates and structure remain the same again for this year. Sign-up early and take advantage of the several discounts offered!

2017 MEMBERSHIP RATES, DISCOUNTS, & INCENTIVES

BSCA Members, Burke Station Square homeowners or residents, current with their association dues, can pay the lower BSCA Member rate. Save another \$25 by taking advantage of the Early Bird discount & submitting your complete registration (signed application, photo(s), and payment) by the deadline, TAX DAY, April 18, 2017! A senior discount is also available for single and couple memberships over the age of 62. New member referrals can receive a free Guest Pass Card worth 5 guests/visits. If you have already joined the swim club, please pass the information along to a friend or neighbor that might be interested in joining our wonderful swim club. BSSC also offers options for childcare and houseguest situations. Only family members residing in the same household are eligible to be listed on a Family Membership. For questions on membership or to make any special arrangements, email burkestationswimclub@ymail.com

NEW HOURS – Extended “PRIME” Season! - Opening at 11am in August

Due to the earlier August start for FCPS this year, the swim club has negotiated the increase of prime operating hours, 11am-9pm, to include August until school starts, adding 27 operating hours. So we don't cut the summer too short, school hours (3:30-8pm) will be offered for the first week of school, August 28 – Sept 1 and the swim club will be OPEN Labor Day weekend, as usual. The decision to remain open for an additional weekend in September will be determined later by several factors, including Membership numbers, guest and party income, and weather forecasts. Please be patient as we explore options and make adjustments to meet staffing and pool safety requirements to best serve our pool membership & community during the season's transition periods.

Guest Fees, Guest Pass Cards, and Parties

Guest fees for normal operating hours will be \$4 again this year per guest per visit. For convenience, Guest Pass Cards worth 5 guests/visits are also available for \$20 each with your membership registration and throughout the season. As a reminder, only swim club members can purchase guest passes with their personal check and must still accompany their guests at all times. **Residents who choose not to join the swim club cannot purchase passes.** To avoid conflicts and ensure adequate lifeguard staffing, members planning to bring a large number of guests or a swim party using the room and/or picnic area should make arrangements ahead of time by contacting burkestationswimclub@ymail.com or communityroom@burkestation.net

Swim Team and other Swim Club Activities – Many Events are OPEN to the BSCA Community

Our Burke Station Swim Team, the 2017 Division Champion Destroyers, is hosting its registration night on Friday, May 19, 6-8pm in the community room. Come check out the best and biggest activity in Burke Station!! We are happy to have two BKS alumni coaching again this year, welcoming back, Coach Chris Gilmore and new this year, Coach Lizzie Fitzpatrick. Practices start after school on Tuesday, May 30. The first HOME swim meet is on Saturday, June 24th with morning practices starting after school is out, Monday, June 26th. The team also has a Jr Destroyer program for our youngest swimmers (ages 4-6) with a slightly shorter season. BSST sponsors concessions and events throughout the season, including the ice cream social and silent auction. Burke Station will be hosting the Divisional Championship Swim Meet this year on Saturday, July 29, followed by the traditional team dinner, awards ceremony and party. The team's practice and meet schedule, along with events and pool closings, will be posted online and at the pool. As in past years, we expect to continue our reciprocal arrangement with Walden Glen Swim Club to accommodate our clubs' schedules and closings. Swim Club membership is required to join our Destroyer Swim Team.

Several social events for the swim club are already being planned, including several included in the newsletter. Many events and activities are "OPEN" to the Burke Station community, as noted. "OPEN" events only require a completed, signed waiver by unsponsored guests and appropriate adult supervision for children; applicable fees for social events are always noted. Keep checking the community website for more details on upcoming events, including the opportunity for Members to earn a free guest pass card at a May pool workday, to help clean and set-up. BSSC Members will receive emails about upcoming swim club events and new members will be added to the distribution list as soon as their membership is processed. Plans are still in the works for additional activities (adult swim clinics, splash & play dates, pizza & movie nights, Friday after work socials, Saturday family cookouts, etc) and we are looking for volunteers to work with the pool committee to organize and/or lead these events. New this season, follow BURKE STATION SWIM CLUB on Facebook for all the latest!!

The swim club is not only the cool place to be during the hot, lazy days of summer, but a huge, positive asset for the entire Burke Station community. Don't put it off – JOIN TODAY!