



2019 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS SWIM CLUB, INC.

Home of the "STINGRAYS"

WELCOME!

We are very happy to welcome you to the Mountain Springs Swim Club. The following information should help you get acquainted with the pool, members, and events. This information is also available on our website. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us using one of the methods listed below.

Background

Mountain Springs Swim Club is a family-oriented swimming pool centrally located and close to the neighborhoods of Blossomwood, Mountain Springs, Fagan Springs, Five Points, Twickenham, Old Town and Chapman on the western slope of Monte Sano Mountain, nestled in a serene wooded setting between the Land Trust of North Alabama's Historic 3 Caves property and the Huntsville Land Trust Hermitage Park. The pool opened in 1964, and underwent a major renovation in 2014. It is currently the *only* commercial salt-water pool in Huntsville. It features 6 competitive swim lanes, a 12 ft diving well with two diving boards, a toddler ledge, a water slide, and a water basketball goal. There is also a separate, gated baby pool with a top-of-the-line sanitation system. But the best reason to become a Stingray is for you and your family to enjoy playing and exercising in a safe, friendly environment all summer long!

Contact Information

Complete contact info can be found on the website under:

<http://www.mountainspringspool.com/>

Phone: (256) 539-7624 During Pool Hours

Email: mtspmembership@gmail.com

Facebook: We have 3 Facebook sites – one is public, one is a private group for members only, and one is a private group specific to swim team. You must request to join either of the private groups. Our Administrator will accept your request and then you'll have access to photos, events, and other information posted by the Admin as well as other members.

- ❖ PUBLIC: <https://www.facebook.com/MountainSpringsPool>
- ❖ PRIVATE: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/151391158257472/>
- ❖ PRIVATE SWIM TEAM: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/530710027071473/>

Membership Dues / Fees

A membership, whether Regular or Season, covers only those family members who permanently reside in the household at the address listed on the membership record. **Family members living outside of the address on record are considered guests**, or must purchase a separate membership.

Regular Membership: In order to become a full member of Mountain Springs Swim Club, you must make a one-time purchase of membership. In addition, dues are payable annually. Your family's contact information will be added to the club's roster (managed by the Membership. **Be sure to keep your family's contact info updated on the pool's records at all times including ALL applicable FORMS located on the website:**

<http://www.mountainspringspool.com/>. Forms can be submitted through email to



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mtspmembership@gmail.com or dropped off or filled out with provided copies at the front sign-in desk at Mountain Springs Pool.

2019 MTSP Membership Options The following information is for the 2019 season.

Mountain Springs Swim Club currently offers four (4) Membership options:

- 1) Regular Membership: Dues \$525/household
- 2) Season Membership: Dues \$787.50/household
- 3) Single/Senior/Couple Membership: Dues \$250 (couple must permanently reside at the street address of record.)
- 4) Lap Swim Only Membership: Dues \$245/person For non-members, we now offer a Lap-Only Membership. This allows the Lap Only Member who is at least 18 years old to lap swim at their convenience from April 1st thru October 31st when the pool is not otherwise being used.

NOTE: This membership is restricted to NON-staffed hours, so a Lap Only Member may not have use of the pool when there are lifeguards present. The fee for this restricted special membership is \$245. For more information, please contact us at mtspringspool@gmail.com

Regular/Single/Senior/Couple Members pay a onetime buy-in of \$600, in addition to annual dues.

Season Members may apply a credit of \$262.50 and convert their membership to a Regular Membership by paying the balance of the buy-in, \$337.50, by December 31, 2019. Household includes all persons permanently residing at the address of record.

Regular and Season Members may add the following options to their membership:

Grandparent Add-On: \$100/single, \$150/couple single/double: Primary adult members may add their parents living outside the membership household to their membership. This extension of the membership allows Grandparents to attend the pool by themselves.

Lap Swim Add-On: \$50 For this additional fee Members receive a key and are allowed to lap-swim when the pool is closed. See Lap Swim Release form locate on the web site for additional restrictions.

Guest Fees for 2019 remain at \$3 per person, and includes all non-members, including out-of-town guests.

How to Pay: Please send checks to: Mountain Springs Pool P.O. Box 334 Huntsville, AL 35804 If you would like to pay by debit/credit card please email us at mtspcomptroller@gmail.com and we will send an invoice to you with a link. *Please note that you will be charged applicable fees for this option Heather Gutierrez (Comptroller) Angela York (Membership)

Members in good standing may sell/transfer their share at any time, subject to market demand, for a fee of \$50. Simply contact us via email or phone to be added to the "sell list." We will always match interested purchasers with members on the "sell list" before selling new memberships.

Membership Limits and Wait List: The Mountain Springs Swim Club is limited to 250 Regular members. If we are at capacity, we will maintain a wait list on a First Come-First Served basis.



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◆ MEMBER CHALLENGE!

We would love to add a few more great families at MTSP this year and we want to make it worth your while!

*As an incentive for bringing any new regular 2019 season family members after May 2nd 2019, MTSP members who refer a new family to join will receive 25% off their 2020 MTSP dues! Bring in two new families and get 50% off next year's dues. Bring in four families and your dues are free in 2020!

*Also, any member referring a Single / Senior or Couple Membership after May 2nd 2019, will receive \$50 off their 2020 summer dues.

For details please contact Angela York or any board member for details at mtspmembership@gmail.com. Note: One referral from each new member (multiple members cannot receive the same discount for the same new member).

*Please, get the word out through friends, neighbors, Facebook, email and encourage your friends to consider joining us.

We are also looking at other ways, including donations.

If you would like to give a tax-deductible donation to assist with this, or you'd like to get involved with master planning efforts, please let us know. Thank you!

Other Income/Fundraising

The Mountain Springs Swim Club is an IRS 501c3 corporation. All donations are tax deductible. EIN: 63-0481511

Pledges and Donations: The Mountain Springs Swim Club has an active Capital Campaign that funds major improvements to the property and equipment. Donations can be a single payment, or pledged over a period of time up to 5 years. Any amount is welcome! Please contact mtspcomptroller@gmail.com

Sponsors: There are four levels of sponsorships for companies to engage with the Mountain Springs Swim Club. Each level of sponsorship is defined by a different level of marketing and publicity benefits for the company. Sponsorship packets can be downloaded from the website: <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/documents.html>

Hours

The pool is generally open beginning the weekend of Memorial Day through the weekend of Labor Day.

Regular Swim: The pool is always fully staffed for regular swim hours. Hours are posted on the website: <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/>. The operating hours change when Huntsville City Schools are in session due to the availability of lifeguards. The pool also



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has occasional delayed openings or early closings for special events. Notices of these events can be found on the website and posted at the pool.

Lap Swim: Lap swimming is available for extended dates during the Fall and Spring for an additional fee for regular members at least 18 years old. This allows you to lap swim at your convenience from April 1st thru October 31st. The fee for this add on is \$50. If you are interested, please contact us at mtspringspool@gmail.com for more information

A waiver must be signed in order to participate in our extended lap swim program. This waiver can be found on the website under <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/>. Please feel free to email, call, or ask a lifeguard for more information regarding the extended lap swim program.

Rules & Policies / Forms

A complete copy of the Rules can be found on the website under:
<http://www.mountainspringspool.com/>

These rules have been established for the safety and well-being of our members and guests. Please ensure that you, your children, and your guests are familiar with these rules. You are responsible for helping us enforce them.

The following Forms are Located on the following website:
<http://www.mountainspringspool.com/>

Mountain Springs Waiver (Mandatory for All Members)

Membership Update (Mandatory for All Members)

Medical Treatment Authorization for Minors (Mandatory for All Minors)

Medical Disclosure Form for Minors (Required for Minors with Medical Conditions)

Unsupervised Member Child Policy (ages 9 – 18) that meet criteria

Unsupervised Guest Member Child Policy (ages 9 – 18) that meet criteria

WI-FI Internet Waiver for Minors who access through the MTSP Internet

Safety Check/Rest Break: The lifeguards may call a "Safety Check" every hour for 10-15 minutes. Safety check is in place to remind younger swimmers to drink water, use the restroom and reapply sunscreen. No lifeguard is on duty during Safety Check. During this time, all children 15 & under must completely exit the pool. Teens and adults 16 years and older, as well as infants and children in the arms of an adult, may remain in the pool.

Guest Policy: All members are allowed to bring guests to the pool during Regular Swim hours. The current guest fee is \$3 per person and must be paid at the time of arrival. There is no charge for children ages 5 & under, or for "Out of Town" guests who live outside the county of Madison. There is also no charge for a guest who is attending in the capacity of an employed babysitter (must be age 14 or older and have a waiver on file if under 18). Designated Guest passes may be purchased for a single individual for \$50. These guests must still accompany a pool member.

Unsupervised Child Policy: Children between the ages of 9 and 18 may come to the pool during Regular Swim hours without an adult, provided there is a signed parental release waiver on file, and the child passes a basic swim test. A copy of the Unsupervised Child Policy form (parental release waiver) is available on our website. Guests between the ages of 9 and 18 may also come to the pool without an adult, if they are able to pass a basic swim test and have an Unsupervised Child waiver signed by both the member sponsor *and* the parent/guardian.



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Wi-Fi Access Waiver for Minor: All members may have free access to Wi-Fi. A waiver is required in order to obtain the password for their children. The access waiver is posted on the website.

Medical Treatment Authorization for a Minor:

Authorization for medical treatment for a minor. The form is posted on the website.

Medical Condition Disclosure for a Minor:

Any child who has a medical condition that needs to be considered by our lifeguards and staff must have a Medical Condition Disclosure on file. The form is posted on the website.

Swim Team and Little Stingrays

Swim Team – The Stingrays

Swim Team Divisions and Eligibility

1. Stingrays Division (competing team)

- a. Child's parent/guardian must be a member of Mt. Springs Swim Club.
- i. Parent/guardian's membership and any related fees must be paid in full to participate.
- b. Child must be age 4-17 years old.
- c. A child 8 years old and younger must be able to swim one lap (25 yards) across the pool without assistance.
- d. A child 9 years old or older must be able to swim 50 yards without assistance.
- e. Cost (per child):
 - i. Members of Mt. Springs Swim Club
 1. \$75.00 (cash/check)
 2. \$77.25 (if pay online)
 - ii. Non-members may not participate.
- f. Season: May 13–July 15

2. Little Stingrays Division (pre-team)

- a. Non-member child (parent/guardian is not a Mt. Springs Swim Club member)
 - i. Can participate if space allows.
 - b. Is your 4-8 years old child not quite ready to compete at meets?
Join our Little Stingrays group where they can develop skills and confidence and still feel like they are part of the team and can move up to our Stingrays group when ready. (Note: One must be a Mt. Springs Swim Club member to join the Stingrays group.)
 - c. For children who can swim independently across the pool demonstrating basic stroke technique.
 - d. Swimmers must be comfortable with their faces under water and able to move across the water surface without touching the bottom of the pool.
 - e. The goal is to further develop stroke proficiency and endurance and will include basic



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diving.

f. Children will be assessed and grouped by ability.

g. Cost (per child):

i. Member of Mt. Springs Swim Club

1. \$125.00 per child (cash/check)

2. \$128.75 (if pay online)

ii. Non-member

1. \$150.00 per child (cash/check)

2. \$154.50 (if pay online)

h. Season: May 28–July 15

3. Age groups for competition:

6 & under (4-6 years old) 8 & under

9-10 years old 11-12 years old

13-14 years old 15-17 years old

NOTES

- A child, whose birthday is during the RCSL season, might 'age up' into the next age group mid-season.

- A child who turns 9 years old will go from swimming 25-yard distances to 50- yard distances.

- A child 'ages out' of the league upon turning 18 years old.

- A child who participates in the 6 & under individual Freestyle event (only event in 6 & under group) may

also compete in two 8 & under individual events (other than Freestyle) and all 8 & under relays.

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Details, including practice times, schedule of events, and FAQs are on our webpage,

<http://www.mountainspringspool.com/swim-team.html>

Swim Team Coordinator/RCSL Representatives [stingraysmtsp@gmail.com](mailto:stingraysmtsp@gmail.com).

Beth Wilder and Melissa Marler

We are your point of contact for ALL things related to swim team and happy to assist you!

Rocket City Swim League (RCSL)

RCSL is the governing body of our swim league. Check out their website <http://swimrcsl.org/>. Learn about all the swim teams in the RCSL, record holders, and past swim meet results.

RCSL has 3 levels; A, B and C leagues.

MTSP will compete in the 'C' league this year. Our goal is to have fun, swim our best and return to 'B' league in 2020!



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### Dual Swim Meet Schedule

June 5th Chapman @ MTSP (HOME meet)

June 12th YMCA @ MTSP (HOME meet)

June 19th MTSP @ Hampton Cove 26th MTSP @ Byrd Spring

July 3rd VHCC @ MTSP (HOME meet)

**Note: The pool will close at 4:00 p.m. on the three HOME swim meet days on June 5th, 12th and July 3rd due to preparations. RCSL City Meet**

July 13 – 14 (Sat & Sun)

Please schedule vacations, etc. around that weekend, so we can operate at full sting! City Meet alone determines in which league level (A, B, or C) the team will compete in 2020.

Swimmers are required by the RCSL to swim in at least 2 dual meets to qualify to swim in the City Meet. RCSL complete schedule: <http://www.swimrcsl.org/index.htm>

Maps to away meets: <http://swimrcsl.org/pools.htm>

**VOLUNTEERING is a MUST!**

Swim meets, both dual meets and City Meet, are run completely by volunteers.

As a parent of a swimmer we need your help. A fun and successful season depends on every family doing their part.

We expect all families to volunteer a minimum of 3 times/3 credits during dual swim meets.

City Meet: ALL families with a swimmer participating in MORE THAN 2 events are required to cover at least ONE City Meet job shift. This is in addition to the 3 volunteer times/3 credits required for the dual meet season. Jobs include officiating (must be certified), RCSL jobs (whatever RCSL jobs are assigned to MTSP this year) OR one of the new jobs listed in the SignUp Genius. Exceptions: You are a swim team representative or a chairperson.

We're making MEMORIES! Let's make them GOOD ones!

GO Stingrays!

~ Beth Wilder & Melissa Marler



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### Events & Parties

**Birthday Parties:** You are welcome to host a party at the pool. A member may host one party of up to 20 swimmers each swim season, during regular hours, at no charge. Additional parties, large parties (over 20 swimmers) or after hours parties, will incur a fee that must be paid to the pool manager prior to the conclusion of the event. Please read MTSP Membership Guidelines and posted with the Party Reservation Sign Up Forms on the MTSP website.

Reservations are taken on a First-Come, First-Served basis, so we recommend that you make your reservation as early as possible. All parties should be scheduled with the pool manager at least one week in advance. The host member is responsible for clean-up of any area impacted by the party and its guests. For information or to make a reservation, please contact the pool manager.

**Grill:** There is a gas grill and a charcoal grill available for use at any time (charcoal not supplied). Please ask a lifeguard or manager for more information.

**Holiday Parties:** We have three holiday parties every year:

- Memorial Day: This event is also an Open House event, so there is no guest fee charged for guests/non-members. There are organized games for the kids, and food is available for purchase.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July: This event is usually an ice cream social. Members purchase a bowl of ice cream and have unlimited access to a wide range of toppings. Regular Guest fees apply.
- Labor Day: This event is typically the last day of the regular swim season and includes the Mountain Que, an amateur BBQ competition. There is music and organized games for the kids. Food will be available for purchase. Regular Guest fees apply.

**Movie Nights:** During the summer there may be movie nights periodically. The date, time, and movie selection will be posted to our Facebook page on the week of the event. There is no charge for members; guest fees do apply.

**Teen Nights:** An evening for High School students (typically 13-18 years) includes water polo, water basketball, human whirlpool, card games, music and food. Member teens are asked to bring a snack to share. Free for members, \$3 per guest. The date for this event will be advertised via Facebook and email as well as the website.

**Annual Meeting:** There is an Annual Meeting of the corporation every year in October. This meeting is held at an offsite location that will be announced via email, and on the website and Facebook pages. At the annual meeting there is typically an update of the corporation financial standings, election of officers and other updates provided to the membership.





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### Getting Involved

Our swim club is maintained through the efforts of volunteers. If you are available or interested in getting involved, please let us know!

**Board Positions:** The Mountain Springs Swim Club has a Board of Directors. The board consists of 5 Officer positions defined by the bylaws of the corporation, plus 7 Director positions. Each board member serves a 2-year term, and is elected at the annual meeting, typically held in October.

Officer Positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Comptroller
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Director Positions are:

- Swim Team Coordinator
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Hospitality
- Publicity
- Facilities
- Master Planning

**Facility / Maintenance Team:** If you are willing to help with maintenance and facility needs during the summer (or off-season), please let us know! This team is always looking for additional members.

**Event Volunteers:** Volunteers make our events successful! Whether you prefer to be on the planning committees or provide "day-of" support, we need help at Swim Meets, and the holiday parties. All levels of skills are needed. E-mail Brent Atkinson: [atkinson.bh@gmail.com](mailto:atkinson.bh@gmail.com)

In closing, we are glad that you have decided to join us this summer.  
Please contact a Board Member or one of the pool staff if you have any questions.

**GO STINGRAYS!**

*DISCLAIMER: In the event that information in this packet conflicts with information on the website, the website will preside.*

**Mountain Springs Swim Club**  
(256) 539-7624 (Pool phone during swim season)  
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