



## 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 among the neighborhoods of Blossomwood, Mountain Springs and Fagan Springs, on the western slope of Monte Sano Mountain, between the Land Trust of North Alabama's Historic 3 Caves property and the City of Huntsville's 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 that removes 99.9% of microorganisms from the pool water. 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/contact-us.html>

**Phone:** (256) 539-7624

**Email:** [mtspringspool@gmail.com](mailto:mtspringspool@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.



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**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 Comptroller). Be sure to keep your family's contact info updated on the pool's records at all times!

The current price for a share is \$600. Members in good standing may sell/transfer their share at any time, subject to market demand, for a fee of \$25. 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.

**Dues:** Annual dues are currently \$475 and **due on April 15<sup>th</sup>**. There is a late fee of \$10 that is incurred for any dues not received by May 15<sup>th</sup>, which increases to \$50 if not received by Memorial Day. For members joining after July 1, dues are prorated on a weekly basis. Dues must be paid via cash or check and hand delivered to the Comptroller, or mailed to the pool PO Box.

**Season Membership:** Season Memberships are available at a cost of 1.5x the annual dues of a Regular Membership. For anyone joining before July 1, the total is currently \$712.50 (prorated weekly after July 1). Season Memberships expire at the end of the calendar year, unless converted to a Regular Membership. To convert a Season Membership to a Regular Membership, you must pay the difference between the Regular Membership rate and what you paid for the Season Membership based on the date of purchase.

**Spring Work Day – "Opt-Out Fee":** As described in the GETTING INVOLVED section of this document, there are Spring Work Days to get the pool and surrounding grounds ready for the season to open. There will be a \$25 fee assessed for each membership that does not contribute at least 2 hours of work during one of these scheduled work days.

**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.

### 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! The pledge form can be found on the website: <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/documents.html>

**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>



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## 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 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:** During the regular season, lap swim is available Monday – Friday, 6:30A – 8:00A. Lap swimming is available for extended dates during the Fall and Spring for an additional fee. 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/documents.html>. Please feel free to email, call, or ask a lifeguard for more information regarding the extended lap swim program.

## Rules & Policies

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

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.

**Safety Check/Rest Break:** The lifeguards may call a "Safety Check" every hour for 10 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).

**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 under: <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/documents.html>. 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:** All members may have free access to Wi-Fi. A waiver is required in order to obtain the password. The waiver is posted on the website under <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/documents.html>.

**Medical Condition Disclosure:**

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 under <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/documents.html>.

## Swim Lessons & Swim Team

**Swim Lessons:** During the first two weeks of the summer season, the lifeguards will hold swim lessons for new swimmers and children under the age of 5. These lessons are an orientation to the water and swimming, but are not intended to be a comprehensive set of lessons that will make your child a good swimmer. Private lessons may be arranged separately with any staff member, so long as the swimmer is a member and the lessons are scheduled during regular operating hours. The pool assumes no liability for the quality or content of private lessons.

**Swim Team:** The Mountain Springs "Stingrays" swim team is both fun and competitive. Swim team is open to all member children ages 4-17. Swimmers must be able to pass a basic swim test to qualify for swim team. Swimmers must be able to swim one lap (25 yards) unassisted. There is an additional fee to participate.

Information about swim team fees, practices, and meets can be found on the website: <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/swim-team.html>

## Events & Parties

**Birthday Parties:** You are welcome to host a party at the pool. A member may host one party of up to 25 swimmers each swim season, during regular hours, at no charge. Additional parties, large parties (over 25 swimmers) or after hours parties, will incur a fee that must be paid to the pool manager prior to the conclusion of the event.

Reservations are taken on a First-Come, First-Served basis, so we recommend that you make your reservation as early as possible. All parties must be scheduled with the pool manager at least 48 hours 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.



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- **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.

**Adult Parties:** Typically we have at least one Adults-Only party. Check the calendar on the website for details on when this year's party will be held. This party will have live music, water games, and lots of fun. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person (\$15 per guest) for the adult party. This event is BYOB and alcohol is allowed during the party hours. Whenever possible, please bring drinks in non-glass containers. There will be a drink serving station where you will be required to drop off your beverages that are in glass containers. We also encourage a "pot luck" style sharing of beverages at the serving station, but you may set a cooler behind the serving station for your own access only. There will be ice and cups available for use.

**Movie Nights:** During the summer there will 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, \$5 per guest. The date for this event will be advertised via Facebook and email as well as the website.

**Mountain Deux:** The Mountain Deux is a dash-n-splash (run/swim) race for all ages, hosted by the Land Trust of North Alabama and Mountain Springs Swim Club. For more information on this event, please visit the race website at [www.mountaindeux.org](http://www.mountaindeux.org).

**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.

### 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!

**Spring Work Days:** We request that each member family participate for a minimum of 2 hours during a Spring Work Day in order to get our pool clean and ready for the season opening. If you are unable to attend a work day, a fee of \$25 will be assessed to your membership. Work Day sign-up information will be available via email and Facebook.

**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.



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Officer Positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Comptroller
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Director Positions are:

- Swim Team Coordinator\*
- Fundraising
- Hospitality
- Publicity
- Facilities\*
- Master Planning

\* These positions are generally shared by 2 individuals due to the scope of the task.

**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, the Mountain Deux, and the holiday parties. All levels of skills are needed. E-mail a Board member today!

**Job Applications:** We accept applications for summer lifeguard, manager, and swim team coach positions in March/April. Please visit our website <http://www.mountainspringspool.com/employment.html> for the application and hiring schedule.

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.*