

SWIMMING POOL POLICY
Members and Guests

These general policies are to be observed by all members and their guests. They are designed for the safety and enjoyment of the Village Harbor Pool facilities.

POOL RULES AND GUIDELINES

ADMISSION:

All members and their guests must-check-in with the lifeguards prior to entering the pool gates.

Membership cards, Pool or Guest Passes must be presented to the lifeguard prior to entering the pool.

There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for lost or stolen membership cards, pool, or guest passes.

Using another person's membership card or pass is not allowed.

Children age 9 and under must be accompanied by a responsible person 14 years old or older. Parents are responsible for their children while in the wading pool area. Lifeguards do not supervise the wading pool.

All guests must be accompanied by a member at all times.

There will be a \$4 daily fee for each guest (no exceptions for out-of-town guests). These fees must be paid before guests will be allowed to swim. "Charging" guest fees is not allowed. Guests arriving the last hour of the day will not be charged a guest fee.

A group of 10 or more per lot during regular pool hours constitutes a party and is subject to the pool party policies. See additional information regarding parties below.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

The Board of Directors or their designated representative will determine pool hours. These will be published to members but are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors or their designated representative.

Under normal operating circumstances, hours are:

Sunday - Saturday 12:00pm – 8:00pm

The Monday Before the start of the school year (Fort Smith Public Schools)
Open only on Weekends

When Fort Smith School System is in session, the pool hours (under normal circumstances) are:

Monday – Friday Closed

Saturday - Sunday 12:00pm – 8:00pm

On 4th of July:

Closes at 5:00pm

Labor Day:

Last Day of Season 12:00pm-8:00pm

SAFETY AND CONDUCT:

Safety rules must be observed at all times. Unruly conduct around the pool is a violation of the swimming pool rules and may result in the suspension of pool privileges.

The lifeguards and the Board of Directors or their designated representatives have the authority to remove anyone from the pool for violation of these rules. The Board of Directors will be notified of any persons ejected and a letter will be sent to the member household.

As recommended by the American Red Cross, lifeguards will receive a ten (10) minute break every hour. During this break, adults (18 years old and over) may swim at their own risk. All children must completely exit the pool. When temperatures exceed 100 degrees, the break will be extended to 20 minutes.

Lifeguards are on duty to ensure the safety of swimmers. Swimmers who are not capable of swimming the width of the pool (without the use of a floatation device) should refrain from entering water that is "over their head". Lifeguards have the right to restrict access for these swimmers to the shallow areas of the pools.

In the event of inclement weather, the recommendations of the National Lightning Safety Institute and American Red Cross will be followed. The lifeguards will assess the situation. If they observe visible lightning or audible thunder, they will evacuate the pools and pool area. They will reassess the situation 30 minutes after the last audible thunder or visible lightning. Members and guests may not enter the pool area until the lifeguards reopen the pool.

Glass containers are not allowed in the pool area or restrooms. (This is an Arkansas State Health Department Regulation.)

GENERAL:

The wading pool is for infants, toddlers, and children under the age of 7 and for accompanying adults. Children 7 and older, while they may be in the fenced in area with an accompanying adult, should not enter the wading pool. This applies especially during the 10 minute or 20 minute break at the other pools.

Only clothing designed for swimming will be allowed. Swim diapers must also be used on infants or toddlers while swimming. Diaper changing stations are available in both the men's and ladies restrooms.

No Styrofoam toys, water balloons or floatation devices with confetti or glitter will be allowed in the pool area. Particles from these clog the filter system and can cause mechanical failure.

Water or squirt guns are not allowed in the pool area.

Only one person at a time is allowed on the slide and diving board. When using the slide, must slide feet first.

The use of lifejackets or other floatation devices ("floaties", "rings", "water wings", etc.) are not permitted on the slide, diving board or in the deep end.

Do not hang, pull, or stand on the ropes or nets.

All visitors under the age of 18 must be completely out of the pool during the 10 or 20 minute break, and are to remain out of the pool during the entire 10 or 20 minute break.

All visitors under the age of 18 must remain behind the white borders around the pools and cannot be on or around the diving board during the entire 10 or 20 minute break.

The lost and found items will be placed in a designated area nightly. All lost and found items will be disposed of at the end of the season.

NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSON WILL ENTER THE POOL ENCLOSURE UNLESS A LIFEGUARD EMPLOYED BY VHPOA IS ON DUTY.

PRIVATE PARTIES:

Members are encouraged to use the facilities to entertain guests. Parties must be scheduled with a VHPOA Board Member or their designated representative in advance. The pavilion can be reserved by members for no additional fees.

During the summer, members may extend their party to include swimming based on the fee schedule.

If a scheduled party is cancelled, the VHPOA Board Member or designated representative must be notified in advance. Failure to notify may result in the billing of lifeguard fees. These fees are the obligation of the property owner and failure to pay may result in pool privileges being suspended.

Lifeguards are reserved based on the number of attendees expected (including Village Harbor Members) when the reservation is made.

The fees for the lifeguards begin at the scheduled/reserved party time.

Parties may not begin before the scheduled time, nor may they exceed the allotted time without approval from the Board of Directors or their designated representative. If a party runs past the allotted time, members may be responsible for additional lifeguard fees.

Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests. All provisions of the Swimming Pool Policy apply to pool parties.

Decorations are allowed in the pavilion except for balloons that contain glitter or confetti. Members are responsible for removing decorations and placing all trash in appropriate receptacles.

For parties that extend to the pool, members should check in with the lifeguards upon arrival. A sign in sheet will be used to record the names of party attendees. After all attendees are recorded, the lifeguards will calculate the total amount due. Payment may be made via cash or a check made out to VHPOA. Payment must be made by the member at the time of the party.

In the event of inclement weather the lifeguard fees will be prorated to correspond to the length of time the pool was available for use. The lifeguards or designated representative of the Board of Directors will inform the member should the pool close prior to the start of the party. Every effort will be made to work with members when weather presents issues.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

1 - 9 attendees	\$4/guest (no additional lifeguards)
10 – 20 attendees	\$4/guest + \$20/hour for one additional lifeguard
21- 50 attendees	\$4/guest + \$40/hour for two additional lifeguards
50 – 100 attendees	\$4/guest + \$60/hour for three additional lifeguards
101+ attendees	\$4/guest + \$80/hour for four additional lifeguards

Maximum number of attendees: 150

POOL PASSES:

These general policies are to be observed by all Members of Village Harbor Property Owners Association and all holders of pool passes. Pool passes are intended to be an amenity and convenience for the Members of Village Harbor Property Owners Association. They are not intended for the general public.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. Pool Passes may be purchased by members of Village Harbor Property Owners Association for family members residing outside of Village Harbor at a cost of \$45 per pass. Those desiring to purchase a pass must fill out an application for the pass. As this is a private facility, the Board of Directors reserves the sole right to determine whether a pass will be issued.
2. Passes allow unlimited use of the Swimming pool during the calendar year for which they are issued.
3. Holders of the Pool Pass may NOT bring guests.
4. Holder of the Pool Pass may not attend socials unless accompanied by a member. When attending socials they MUST pay the guest fee for the social.
5. All rules in the Swimming Pool Policy – Members and Guests apply to Pool Pass Holders.
6. Pool Pass holders should sign in upon arrival.
7. Using another person's pass is not allowed.
8. Passes are required for each member of the family regardless of age.
9. Pass holders need not be accompanied by a member.
10. Pass holders 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult (either a member or another pass holder).
11. Village Harbor Board of Directors reserves the right to revoke a Pool Pass for failing to observe the guidelines in this policy and/or the Swimming Pool Policy – Members and Guests. There will be no refunds in the event that a pass is revoked.

Any deviations or exceptions to this established policy are subject to approval by the Board of Directors or their designated representative.

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