

Adelphi Pool FAQ

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New pool configuration:

After a complete renovation of the Adelphi pools we now have three new pools in 2024. The large pool and the middle pool (beach) are both guarded and have the same rules for adult swim (all children must exit pool). The baby pool is not guarded and adults must supervise children at all times.

There are bathrooms on the pool level near the baby pool and in the bath house.

Adelphi Information:

Adelphi Pool is a 501(c)(7) social club organized for recreation. We are managed by an all-volunteer member Board. All members are encouraged to engage and support pool operations and activities.

Website - [Adelphi Pool – Great People. Great Pool.](#)

Swim Team - [Swim Team – Adelphi Pool](#)

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

Communications:

We communicate mainly through email, as every membership has at least one email address associated with it, which is the main membership contact and log in. Members are welcome to add email addresses for other members of the pool. Members can do this by adding emails in their MemberSplash account roster.

We also use social media. Find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Members can also join in the private [Adelphi Community Facebook Group](#). We have also used [Twitter](#).

Complete list of Pool Rules:

[Pool Rules – Adelphi Pool](#)

The pool operates in accordance with our [By-Laws](#) and [Board policies](#). All members and guests are expected to comply with the Pool Rules.

Pool Season and Hours:

Pool season runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day

[Pool hours for the season are updated and posted on website.](#) While Prince George's Public Schools are in session at the beginning and end of the season, we open at 3:30 pm on weekdays and 10:30 am on weekends. When school is not in session, we open at 10:30 am. In the evening, Sunday through Wednesday, the pool is open to 9:00 pm. Thursday through Saturday, the pool is open until 9:30 pm.

On weekdays, we have early morning hours from 7:30 am to 9:30 am for lap swimming and baby pool play. Early morning hours start after Memorial day, and continue until PGCPs is back in session.

For early morning hours, please make sure to exit the pool promptly at 9:30 to enable the guards to clean the pools. If the pool will then open at 10:30 am, members that checked in by 9:30 am are welcome to stay on the grounds, and enjoy the pools when they reopen at 10:30 am.

The pool closes for safety due to weather. You can call the front desk to confirm operating status at 301-434-1994.

How does check-in work?

The pool has one entrance through the big yellow bath house next to the parking lot. The entrance is referred to as the “front desk” and the “breezeway.” All members must stop and provide your membership account number to a staff member at the front desk. The staff member will ask which household members are present to note in the system. Your member account number appears in your account online and is the same for each member of your household.

It is imperative each member is correctly noted on each account, and we prefer each member upload a photo so the desk staff can readily identify who from the member-household is present.

What should I bring with me to the pool?

You can come ready to swim or use the changing rooms in the bath house. Bring your towels, sunscreen, hats, goggles, life jackets, dive toys, floaties, snacks, and drinks (NO GLASS). We have furniture but you may always bring your own. Please note, adults must be within arm’s reach of their child if their child is wearing a life jacket, swimmyies, or other swimming assistance devices. Rafts are not permitted.

Can I drink food and drinks?

You can bring any food, snacks, or drink (including alcohol) that you would like. However, glass is not permitted at the pool, so be sure you never bring a glass container of any kind. Consider drinks in cans, wine in a box, prepped food in plastic, etc.

Please note: Food and drinks may only be consumed in grassy areas or within the cordoned off pool deck area near the diving well. **Food and drinks are prohibited on the pool deck (aside from the cordoned off area). There is no eating or drinking in the pool under any circumstances.**

Can I BBQ at the pool? We have grills with propane available for members to use anytime. Grills are available on a first come first serve basis, there is no reservation system. We ask that you clean the grill after using it. There are may be grill tools (brush and spatula) available but it is suggested you bring your own.

Why is glass such a big deal?

Glass is easily broken and at a pool we are all in bare feet which could lead to injury. Even more importantly, if glass gets into the pool, we have to close to clean it, inconveniencing members and incurring expense. Glass can also damage the pool.

Does the pool have a snack bar? What do you sell? What is a snack card?

Yes! We sell high-quality ice cream, canned soft drinks, water, chips and assorted other items. We are a cash-free snack bar. Snacks and beverages may be purchased with a credit card or Adelphi Pool Snack Card. The “snack card” works like a gift card. We keep the cards at the front desk with your name and member number on them. Many children go to the desk to buy ice cream using the card by simply telling the desk staff their member number (see how important that number is?!)

We also have water bottle fillers at the front desk and pool level bath house and water fountains on the pool deck.

What is adult swim?

Adult Swim occurs during the last 15 minutes of each hour. The lifeguards blow the whistle fifteen minutes before the hour. Anyone under 18 years of age must leave both the main pool and the intermediate pool for those fifteen minutes. Please help the guards by telling your children what these whistles mean and instructing them to exit the pool.

Can I have my infant in the pool during adult swim?

Children aged 2 years and under may accompany an adult during adult swim, including at the intermediate pool (“Beach”).

Can my kids go to the baby pool during adult swim?

The baby pool is not for children to wait out adult swim. Only children five and younger are allowed in the baby pool. All children in the baby pool must be accompanied by an adult as it is not staffed by a lifeguard. No rough play is allowed in the baby pool.

What is the basic swim test?

You may notice the signs near the diving boards and slide stating that swimmers must pass a basic swim test before using it. Lifeguards administer the patch test to any child wanting to use the diving boards or slide to assess if the child can swim well enough to use it safely. The test consists of:

1. Swim to the middle of the well
2. Tread water for 30 seconds
3. Float on back for 30 seconds
4. Swim back to the wall

We do rely on adults knowing whether or not they can swim well enough to go off the diving board or use the slide. Please go to the guard table to request a test.

What happens if there is thunder or lightning?

If guards observe lightning, they will blow the whistle, and everyone must exit the pool and pool deck to seek shelter. Members are allowed to shelter at the front desk or in their cars.

If guards hear thunder, they will blow the whistle, and everyone must exit the pool for 30 minutes; however, members may remain on the deck and grounds.

If there is no further lightning or thunder for 30 minutes, the guards will blow the whistle to indicate it is safe to get back in the water.

If you have any questions please ask a lifeguard about the situation.

How do we know if the pool is experiencing bad weather?

We try to update our social media but that is imperfect. The best option is to call the pool and front desk staff can update you.

How do we post that we will be closed for weather?

The pool front desk staff may post a closing for thunder to our social media accounts and Twitter feed. Please be patient as this requires the front desk staff to be able to do it when they may be busy selling snacks to members. Members may also call the pool to ask. We do not have a perfect system. In the event that we will be closed for some hours or a day the pool membership will be emailed.

Can I drop my kids off while I run errands?

All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Will there be any exceptions to the schedule?

Due to swim meets, the pool will open late some Saturdays. Dates and estimated opening time will be announced via email and posted on our website. We typically close early July 4th for staff to attend the fireworks.

Will there be any changes to the schedule?

The Board will periodically review operations and make adjustments as necessary. Any adjustments will be announced to members via email and updated on the website.

Can I bring guests?

Yes, guests are allowed at the pool Monday through Friday for \$10 per guest, with no limit.

Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, the guest fee is \$15, with a limit of five guests.

Members can pay at the front desk upon arrival or add guest credits to their account ahead of time. Please allow up to 24 hours for purchased guest credits to show in your account.

Members must be present for guests to enter the pool. There are no refunds for guests.

Can I have a party?

Yes, private events are permitted at the pool but we do not accept reservations for parties, tables, chairs, grills, or specific areas of the pool. Decorations are allowed as long as they do not adhere to any permanent fixtures at the pool, do not damage pool property, and are removed at the end of the event. We ask that you clean up the area after the event is over.

Do we need reservations for foosball and table tennis?

No, it is first come, first served.

Is there WiFi? How do I log in?

The WiFi name and password is posted at the front desk and is available to all members.

Can we bring umbrellas, tents, or shelters?

We have many umbrellas at the pool for members to use. At this time there is no policy prohibiting members to bring their own. This is subject to change if/when any member supplied umbrella or tent becomes an issue.

Are strollers allowed?

Yes, and there is a ramp from the parking lot to the front desk and a ramp from the front desk to pool level.

Can we wear goggles or flotation devices to go off the diving board and slide?

No, see pool rules.

Is there a place to refill water bottles?

Yes, there are water fountains with filtered water-bottle fill at the front desk and pool level restrooms.

Can I bring other members' children to the pool?

Yes, adults may bring other members' children to the pool. We ask that the member child coming without their own adults provide their own membership account number upon check-in. Any adult bringing children is taking responsibility for that child.

How do I find out about pool events?

All memberships have at least one email associated with the account. Members can add email addresses for other members in their household on the account in MemberSplash. Emails are sent to all email addresses for adult members in good standing. We also post to Facebook and Instagram, as well as posts in the Bathhouse. For help on account communications, please contact the secretary@adelphipool.org

Are there lifejackets or swimmies to borrow?

No, members must bring their own.

Are toys, noodles and kick boards allowed?

Yes, diving toys, noodles (in good condition!) and kick boards are allowed at any time.

How do I volunteer to help?

We have various calls to join committees throughout the year such as audit committee, finance committee, facilities committee, and recreation committee.

In addition to committees, we have member work days in spring and fall to open the pool and close the pool. We also periodically have discrete tasks that we put a call to the membership to help out with.

Please email the Adelphi Board at info@adelphipool.org or the Community Affairs Director at community-chair@adelphipool.org with any questions or suggestions.

How do I report a maintenance issue or repair?

Send an email to the Board at info@adelphipool.org. For urgent matters, contact the Lead Guard on Duty.