

Texas Aquatics & Pool Services



Swim Lesson Parent Handbook

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Welcome to Texas Aquatics and Pool Services' Swim Lesson program. We hope that you will find this program to be a fun and educational time for your child. We at TAPS believe that it is very important that every child learn the basics of swimming as part of their life safety education.

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few moments to read through this information packet before signing your child up for class as it will answer most questions that you may have regarding the swim lesson program.

If you have any concerns, comments, or questions about any aspect of the swim lesson program, please feel free to contact us at the Texas Aquatics office at 281-852-5630, or you can reach our Aquatics Coordinator Emily Hansen at 281-961-1636.

Summer Swim Lesson Registration Information:

Registration forms may be accessed at your pool or you may contact TAPS and have them mailed to you.

Money will not be accepted by swim lesson instructors. You must mail in your payment with your registration forms to the TAPS office or pay a designated registration worker on "Registration Work Days" at your local pool. These work days are to be announced.

Please include swimmer's first and last name and number of lessons purchased in the memo field when writing a check. Please remember to do this each time a check is written and additional lessons are purchased.

All forms and payments are to be mailed to the Texas Aquatics Business Office at:

Texas Aquatics & Pool Services
6107 Thom Rd.
Humble, Tx. 77346
281-852-5630

Or you may e-mail a completed form to texasaquatics@hotmail.com.

No cash please.

A one time \$15 registration fee is required for each family.

Available Classes and Fees:

“Group Lesson Sessions” are \$55 per child and there must be 4 children in the class. This small group of children will work together with the instructor on skills and look to each other for confidence and fun. Some classes may need to be combined to fill sessions or cancelled if a session does not fill up.

“Ala Carte Lessons.” You may pay for each lesson one at a time. Private lessons are \$20. Semi-Private lessons (2-3 children) are \$18 per child. Group Lessons (4 children) are \$15 per child. With “Ala Carte Lessons”, TAPS is not responsible for putting together a group. For Semi-private or Group rates, the family will have to put together their own group of children.

“At Home Lessons.” Sometimes your child just might feel more comfortable swimming at home. Our instructors can come to you! These lessons are also “Ala Carte.” Private Lessons are \$30. Semi Private Lessons (2-3 children) are \$28 per child. Group Lessons (4 children) are \$25 per child.

Some classes may need to be combined to fill sessions, or cancelled if a session does not fill up.

Policies:

Refunds:

Classes are set up according to an instructor-to-student ratio. You are paying for a space in the class. Whether you are there or not, the class must be paid for. There will be no refunds for classes missed.

Inclement Weather:

If it is thundering, lightning, or raining 15 minutes before class, we cannot hold the class. Please call the pool and talk to the instructor for any class cancellation information. The instructor will determine whether or not the class will be postponed or rescheduled.

Tardiness:

Please make sure your child is on time for the class. Children coming late disrupt the instructor and the other children in the class. Also, your child will not get the full amount of time you have paid for. If being late is unavoidable quickly and quietly take your child straight to the instructor when you get to the pool.

Discipline:

We reserve the right to take children out of classes when they are verbally or physically abusive to other students or to the instructors, or if they are disruptive to the class.

Crying:

If your child cries very much the first day, or is afraid and unable to be comforted, the instructor may ask the parent to either come closer, or leave the pool area completely depending on what the instructor thinks is best for the specific child. In rare and extreme cases, if a child is inconsolable, lessons may need to be rescheduled for a later date when the child is less fearful.

Parents in the pool area:

We highly recommend that after the first day of a lesson the parents be where they are not a distraction to their children. This will help in making sure the class runs smoothly. It takes several lessons for the instructor and children to create a relationship and gain confidence in each other. It is not necessary to leave the pool area completely, but please stay out of ear shot and eye sight.

Necessary Equipment:

For swim lessons, it is absolutely NECESSARY that your child have a good fitting swim suit, a hair tie or swim cap to keep their hair out of their eyes and mouth, and a GOOD pair of goggles. Please test your child's goggles in the bath tub before their lessons to make sure they do not leak before bringing them. If a child has water in their eyes and problems with their goggles they will not be concentrating on what the instructor is teaching them. They will be concentrating on the water leaking in their eyes.

Class Assignments:

During your child's first lesson they will be evaluated. Many times young children are swimming very well at the end of summer and have gotten "out of shape" over the winter. Depending on your child's skills class assignments may have to be changed. Each class will work on a specific set of skills together. We want to make sure each child is working in the proper level of class.

Parents Expectations:

What one child learns in 30 minutes it may take another child a few days. Our instructors will provide your child with information and skills so they may have fun and be more safe. Be prepared to let them learn at their own pace.

Pool Safety Rules:

Please go over the following safety rules with your child.

1. Never swim alone.
2. No diving in the shallow end of a pool.
3. Always listen to a lifeguard or your swimming instructor.
4. No running.
5. No swimming in lightning or thunder.
6. Learn to swim.