

2019 Aquatics Handbook



Thank you for supporting
Gahanna's aquatics program
at the Gahanna Swimming
Pool and the Hunter's Ridge
Pool!

Gahanna Swimming Pool
148 Parkland Dr. 614.342.4272

Hunter's Ridge Pool
341 Harrow Blvd. 614.342.4269

Greetings from Gahanna Parks & Recreation!

We are excited to have you and your family joining us at the pools for the 2019 Season! We are thankful to our continued partnerships with the Greater Columbus Swim Team Organization and the American Red Cross in order to provide a community pool rich with program offerings while boasting a safe and friendly swimming environment. In an effort to improve our services upon pool entry, we will again assign keychain access FOBs to pass members of households who are 12 years or older. FOBs are not required for entry, however they are useful for quicker entry in to the pool. Please note an Aquatics Guest Service staff member will be at the pool office during public swim hours and will be able to look up and verify a member by household last name and can then check you in to the pool if no FOB is on hand. Please read more about FOB Entry to find out how to obtain your membership FOB for the season.

This handbook will help provide you with a variety of information including operating hours, rental information, swim test requirements, swim lesson and swim team opportunities, our rental and event information, and our pool rules and policies. If you have any questions, please contact our department at 614.342.4250.

See you at the pools!
Scott Haden, Aquatics Supervisor

2019 SUMMER HOURS

	Hunter's Ridge Pool	Gahanna Swimming Pool
Memorial Day Weekend May 25, 26, 27	12-7pm	12-7pm
May 28 & 29	Closed	Closed
Daily Hours May 30 - Aug 13*	12-7pm	12-7pm
Back to School Aug 14	Closed	Closed

**Hours are subject to change due to inclement weather, special events or swim meets.
HRP will be closed Jul 4. GSP will be open normal hours.

CLOSING POLICY

If weather is rainy, chilly, windy, or overall poor swimming conditions or attendance is exceptionally low, we reserve the right to condense operations to one site, close concessions, and/or close operations. Please see inside for more details.





Pool Rules

GENERAL



- Adults must be in the water within arm's reach of children who are using flotation devices.
- Flotation devices are not safe when used unsupervised. We allow noodles, Coast Guard approved lifejackets, suits with built-in flotation and baby seat floaters.
- No back pack floats or water-wing without chest strap will be permitted. No mermaid tails.
- Rafts and large flotation devices will be permitted at the discretion of the aquatics staff. Only balls made for use in the water are permitted. Footballs, volleyballs, basketballs and tennis balls are all prohibited in the water.
- Please do not sit, hang or play on pool ladders, lane lines, diving boards or starting blocks.
- Non-swimmers of any age are not permitted in the deep water areas of the pool.
- No food or drink, with the exception of water, is permitted on the pool deck or in the water.
- No outside private swim lessons or coaching is permitted by members or guests unless they have been pre-approved by the City of Gahanna.
- Lawn furniture may not be used on the pool decks. Please do not use lawn furniture to build forts or anything other than its intended purpose.
- It is the lifeguard's responsibility to determine what is safe; any guidelines deemed necessary for the safety and comfort of all patrons will be enforced. Aquatic Staff have the authority to enforce all rules. Patrons who repeatedly violate the rules will be asked to leave the facility.

CHILDREN



- Individuals must be 11 or older to enter either facility alone. Those under 11 must be under the supervision of a parent/guardian or registered provider.
- Swimmers under the age of 12 and those showing difficulty swimming must pass a swim test before swimming in deep water. Lifeguards have the right to ask anyone to take a swim test at any time if they believe that individual is struggling to make it back to the ladder.
- Safety breaks are called 15 minutes before each hour. Adults may swim and children 3 years and younger may swim with a parent or adult guardian within arm's reach at this time. Youth ages 4-17 must exit the water.
- Swim diapers are required for children who are not toilet trained. Swim diapers are available at the front desk for a nominal fee. Regular diapers are prohibited in the pool.
- Change diapers only in the restrooms.

Hunter's Ridge Pool & Wading Area

- Reserved for children under 5 years old and their guardians.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

less than **70°**
= **POOL CLOSED!**

WEATHER POLICY

Rain and Thunderstorms: The pools will remain open unless thunder is heard or lightning is seen. If either are noted, the pools and decks will be cleared with a 30-minute break from the last thunder or lightning. In addition, if heavy rain causes poor visibility, we will close the pool until it slows or stops and staff can safely guard the pools.

Tornado Watch: Aquatic staff will notify patrons should a tornado watch take effect (i.e., conditions are favorable for a tornado.)

Tornado Warning: The Aquatic staff will notify patrons should a tornado warning take effect. During a tornado warning, patrons and staff will seek shelter in the restrooms.

Delayed Openings:

If the temperature is below 70° or we are experiencing storms, both sites will remain closed. At 3pm we will re-evaluate for a 4pm opening of either one or both sites. If storms are forecasted to continue throughout the day, or temperatures do not rise, both sites will remain closed.

Please also check our website and our social media outlets for dates and times of scheduled swim meets and resulting pool closings.

Rainout Line:

Subscribe to the Rainout Line app to get the latest updates on pool closures.

Go to <https://rainoutline.com/subscribe/notify/6143331211/0>



Pool Rules

HEALTH & SAFETY



- Users with open wounds or infectious diseases are not allowed in the pool. Patrons shall not behave in a manner that jeopardizes the safety and health of themselves and others.
- Purposeful hyperventilation and/or breath holding is prohibited.
- Running, spitting, rough play, pushing, jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels and abusive or profane language are prohibited.
- The following items and behaviors are not permitted in the swimming pool: smoking, alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, glass containers of any type, firearms and water balloons.
- All coolers are subject to search.
- Any person who has had diarrhea in the last 2 weeks is not permitted to use the pool. (see **FOR YOUR HEALTH**)
- **Life Jackets** - We encourage the use of life jackets for non-swimmers who are swimming with a responsible adult. Coast Guard Approved Life Jackets are available at the pool office.

ATTIRE



- All users must wear appropriate swimwear (Lycra, spandex, or nylon) when entering the pool area.
- No street clothes can be worn in the water. This includes cut-offs, gym shorts, t-shirts, bras and underwear. All users must shower before entering the pool area.

FOR YOUR HEALTH - CRYPTO BASICS

Cryptosporidiosis (Crypto) is a germ that causes diarrhea and is found in fecal matter of an infected person. Crypto can be spread by either human-to-human contact or by swallowing water that has Crypto. Even pools that meet or exceed all the required treatment levels can be contaminated by someone who is infected.

Symptoms may include: watery diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain and cramping, dehydration, weight loss and fever.

FOR YOUR SAFETY - SWIM TESTS

To ensure the safety of our members and guests, all swimmers, ages 12 and under, will be required to take a swim test if they wish to use the diving board, or swim in the deep areas of the swimming pool. Any child who does not take or pass the swim test will be restricted from deep water but may still gain access to the shallow areas of the pool.

Swim Test Requirements

Each swimmer wishing to gain access to the entire pool area must complete the following test:

- Swim 50 yards without stopping in good form on their front side beginning in the shallow end of the pool. Swimmers face must go in the water. No doggie paddle.
- Jump into water over his or her head, return to the surface, and tread water for 45 seconds in a vertical position with his or her whole head above water.

If a child successfully passes both components of the test, they will be given a wrist band. Wrist bands must be worn to access the restricted pool areas. New wrist bands must be obtained daily at the front desk from an Aquatic Staff member. Successful completion of the test will be noted on the member's accounts. (2 Attempts max per visit to pass the swim test, one hour apart at least.)

To Prevent Crypto:

- Do not swim if you have had diarrhea. Do not swim for two weeks after you recover, as you may be a carrier of the disease.
- Do not urinate or defecate in the water.
- Take a shower or bath before going in the water.
- Wash hands with soap and water after using the bathroom, changing diapers and before eating.
- Change diapers in the bathroom and not by the pool.
- Take kids on frequent bathroom breaks and check diapers often.
- Don't swallow any water and keep it out of your mouth.



Pool Rules

DIVING



- No diving involving a swimmer's head rotating toward the board (gainers, inwards, backwards jumps or any other dive deemed dangerous by the Aquatics staff).
- Only one person on diving board at a time.
- Make sure the diving area is clear before jumping into the pool.
- Participants must exit the area quickly to allow for the next diver.
- Assistance of any kind will not be permitted. No "catching".
- No flotation devices, goggles, loose clothing and glasses on diving boards.
- Follow all the lifeguard's instructions.
- Free swimming is allowed in the deep end only with the approval of the lifeguard and when diving board is not in use.
- To ensure the safety of our members, all swimmers, ages 12 and under, are required to take a swim test if they wish to use the diving board or deep areas of the pool.

AMENITIES

Available at both pools.

Playgrounds
 Open grass areas
 Lap swimming
 Great programs
 Swim Lessons
 Rentable shelters
 Diving boards
 Concession stand
 Basketball court
 Inflatable Obstacle Course
(schedule varies)

Hunter's Ridge Pool:

Baby Pool

Gahanna Swimming Pool:

18' enclosed slide
 Aqua climbing walls

SLIDE *(Gahanna Swimming Pool)*



- You must be at least 48" tall to go down the slide.
- Only one person may use the slide at a time.
- You must go down the slide feet first on your back/bottom.
- Participants must exit the area quickly to allow for the next slide user.
- The following items are prohibited for use on the slide: flotation devices, goggles, loose clothing and glasses.
- Follow all of the lifeguard's instructions.

INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE

- Can only be set up in the big pool at GSP or Deep end of HRP.
- Open on the weekends, times vary due to swim teams.
- Must pass swim test to use.
- No paying or horseplay on obstacle course.
- 2 persons at a time.
- Lifeguard officiates use of IOC.

CLIMBING WALL



- One person at a time per wall.
- No catching of others, area needs to be cleared of swimmers before next climber.
- Must pass swim test to use climbing wall
- No flips or dives off of wall.
- Once you fall off of the wall after climbing you must exit the area of the pool.



Aquatic Sponsorships

The Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation provides scholarships for aquatic memberships. Scholarship eligibility is determined by eligibility for the Gahanna-Jefferson Free/Reduced lunch program. Scholarship applications and eligibility information is available at Gahanna.gov/aquatics.



Membership & Events

ABOUT MEMBERSHIPS

Membership with Gahanna Aquatics gives pass holders access to BOTH of our public facilities - Gahanna Swimming Pool and Hunter's Ridge Pool. Individuals must be 11 or older to enter either facility alone. Those under 11 must be under the supervision of a parent/guardian or registered provider. All swimmers 12 and under are required to take a Swim Test each season in order to use the deep areas of the pools.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Purchase a membership before April 30 for a series of 4 payments, in the month of May for 3 payments, or in the month of June for 2 payments. First payment will be at the time of purchase and the remaining payments will be charged on the 1st of each following month. Be sure to purchase before April 30 for the special Early Bird rate.

2019 POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Membership Types Valid at BOTH Pools	Gahanna Resident	Non-Resident
Single: ages 3-54	\$160	\$185
Couple: 2 people, same household	\$250	\$275
Family: 3 people, same household	\$300	\$325
Family: 4 people, same household	\$325	\$350
Family: 5+ people, same household	\$350	\$375
Senior: ages 55+	\$100	\$125
Sitter Add-On*	\$90	\$90

*10% Early Bird Registration Discount if pool membership is purchased on or before April 30, 2019.

Guest Fees (Residents & Non-Residents)

Daily Pass - All Day	\$9
Daily Pass - After 3:30pm	\$6

EVENTS

Ice Cream Night

\$1 Ice Cream Sundaes beginning Jun 4. Admission included with membership or Daily Pass.

Location: Hunter's Ridge Pool

Day: Tue (weekly) **Time:** 4pm

Walking Taco Wednesdays

\$2 Walking Tacos beginning Jun 5. Admission included with membership or Daily Pass.

Location: Gahanna Swimming Pool

Day: Wed (weekly) **Time:** 4pm

Family Fun Night

Hours extended for the last Friday in June! Gahanna Swimming Pool will stay open until 8:30pm. We will have the inflatable obstacle course, ice cream floats, food specials, music, games, and fun for the whole family!

Location: Gahanna Swimming Pool

Day: Fri **Date:** Jun 28 **Time:** 4-8:30pm

Movie Night

Supported by the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

\$2 for Member/\$10 Family Max

\$5 Non-Members/\$20 Family Max

Discounted admission begins at 4pm for non-members.

Enjoy movie themed pool side games and activities.

Location: Hunter's Ridge Pool

Day: Sat **Date:** Jul 27 **Time:** 7pm, movie starts at dark

Movie: Spiderman: In To The Spider-verse

Make-up Rain Date: Sat, Aug 3

Poolside Party

Supported by the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Celebrate the last weekend of the season with a splash! The pool will stay open until 8:30pm. Enjoy inflatable obstacle

course, pool floats galore, music, food, and games for all ages!

Location: Gahanna Swimming Pool

Day: Fri **Date:** Aug 9 **Time:** 4-8:30pm



Swim Lessons, Swim Teams

SWIM LESSONS

Lessons are held at both Hunters Ridge Pool and the Gahanna Swimming Pool and are coordinated and scheduled through the Greater Columbus Swim Team of Ohio (GCSTO). Lessons are offered in both two week and five week sessions, depending on days and times of lessons. Lessons are available both weekday and weekends throughout the summer.

For more information and to register for lessons, please visit www.gcsto.com and click on the LESSON REGISTRATION tab.

Information and registration for swim lessons are available through Greater Columbus Swim Team of Ohio (GCSTO) at www.gcsto.com.

KEY FOB ENTRY

All members and guest need to check in at the front gate before entry. All pool members ages 12 and older will be assigned a key fob.

If you purchased an Early Bird discounted membership before April 30, you will be able to obtain your key fob at City Hall from May 13 - 23 at the Recreation Front Desk 8am-5pm. FOBS will then be relocated to Gahanna Swimming Pool on May 24 where you can pick up from 4-7pm on the eve of Opening Day and during public swim hours thereafter.

Pool managers will be at the front office on May 24 from 5-7pm to answer any questions, sell memberships, and load key fobs and take member ID pictures before the pool opens on May 25.

Fobs that are not loaded with pass purchases at a pool site or at City Hall during the months of May and June are to be picked up at GSP ONLY during the season.

Guest Service staff may request to update member pictures during processing.

AFTER HOURS PRIVATE PARTY @ HUNTER'S RIDGE POOL

	Member Rate	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
Up to 50 Guests	\$300	\$325	\$350
51-75 Guests	\$350	\$375	\$400
76-100 Guests (max)	\$400	\$425	\$450

*Add Inflatable Obstacle Course for \$50 to any rental

SUMMER LEAGUE SWIM TEAMS

Refine swim strokes learned in lessons, work on competitive swimming skills and enjoy the friendly, supportive atmosphere of a recreational summer team! Participants must be comfortable with basic strokes and able to swim back and forth across the pool.

Paperwork and payment must be received prior to participating in practice sessions. Check online for full details on suggested participant skill sets, mandatory family volunteer requirements, volunteer deposit amounts, outfitting requirements, practice times and meet locations/dates for each team.

SEAHORSES SWIM TEAM AT HUNTER'S RIDGE POOL

Register through Gahanna Parks & Recreation online, in-person at City Hall, or over the phone at 614.342.4250.

SEA LIONS SWIM TEAM AT GAHANNA SWIMMING POOL

Registration & Questions to ACE, Inc. at 614.478.5445 or stevenye@sbcglobal.net.

After hour parties are only available at Hunter's Ridge Pool from 7-9pm and concessions sales will be available for the first hour.

To schedule your party or for more information, please contact our Aquatics Supervisor at scott.haden@gahanna.gov.