

# **Oxford Hunt Neighborhood Pool**

## **Early Morning Lap Swimming**

### **Information & Registration Form**

#### **What is Early Morning Swim?**

Early Morning Swim is for adult OXH residents who are interested in lap swimming and general water exercising. Early Morning Swimmers will use the pool entirely at their own risk, without benefit of a lifeguard's presence. Early Morning Swimmers may use any section of the pool (shallow end, main section, deep end), but there can be no diving from the diving board, no diving from the starting blocks, no big jumps with loud splashes, no socializing, and no eating or drinking at the tables and chairs. Kickboards are allowed, but you must bring your own. Restroom facilities may or may not be available during Early Morning Swim, and both the guard shack and the concession stand ("Swamp Shack") will remain closed. Lap lane lines may be placed, moved, and removed by pool staff and guards only, so please leave any lane dividers as you find them.

#### **Who can do Early Morning Swim?**

Early Morning Swim is a privilege reserved for adult (18+) OXH residents who have 1) dues paid up-to-date, 2) have a valid Pool ID and 3) have registered as an Early Morning Swimmer with Omega Management. You must re-register each year; to register, please complete the form below and send to Omega Management.

Like all pool members, an Early Morning Swimmer must have a current Pool ID on file at the OXH pool, and abide by all pool rules. No children or guests or caregivers/babysitters are allowed to enter through the pool gates with you during Early Morning Swim (not even to sit on the pool deck). Children, guests, and babysitters are welcome to come to the pool when it is open for regular operating hours with lifeguards on duty. Please be sure we have your current email address at all times so that we may electronically provide you relevant pool-related information, such as temporary problems or closures.

#### **When can I swim in the morning?**

Early Morning swim is allowed any morning during the pool season that the pool is open. The hours for this activity are 30 min. after daybreak/sunrise until 9:00a.m. The underwater pool lights will not be on during Early Morning Swim, therefore we ask that you adhere to the start time of 30 min. after daybreak/sunrise for your own safety (this "time" will change slightly throughout the pool season, as the sunrise changes). Early Morning Swim is not allowed during the off-season. All Early Morning Swimmers must exit the pool deck by 9:00a.m.

#### **How do I enter the pool?**

When you register with Omega as an Early Morning Swimmer, you will receive the combination to the lock on the rear pool pavilion (the covered patio with tables). You may enter through this gate only, and you may unlock the gate for yourself only for the purposes of Early Morning Swim. Lock the gate behind you after you enter, so it remains locked while you are at the pool. Before you leave, discard any trash, make sure you have all of your personal belongings, and then lock the gate after you leave, regardless of whether other swimmers are in the pool or entering it. All Early Morning Swimmers must exit the pool deck, with gate locked behind them, by 9:00a.m. (this means that if you swim, then shower and dress in the restroom, you must complete all of this and be exiting the pool gate by 9:00a.m.)

Do not use the combination lock to enter the pool during any time except for Early Morning Swim hours. Entering the pool at any other time, even if it is to retrieve something you left by mistake, will be considering trespassing. On days of holiday pool parties, Early Morning Swimmers may not use Early Morning Swim time to reserve a table or chair for use later during the party, nor may they use the combination lock to enter the pool early to set up or reserve a place.

#### **What if the weather is bad?**

No pool patron may not be in the pool or anywhere on the pool deck within 30 minutes of thunder or lightning.

If there is *light rain with no thunder or lightning*, swimming is permitted.

If there is *heavy rain*, everyone must vacate the water, due to the safety issue of reduced visibility in the pool.

If you are in doubt about the presence of thunder, lightning, heavy rain, or any other safety concern, refrain from swimming.

### **Unexpected pool problems, closures, repairs**

If pool is closed due to repair, cleaning, contamination, nonworking landline telephone, etc., then there will be no early morning swimming until the pool reopens. Residents will be notified of pool closures electronically, via email, tweets, and/or signage at the pool. If you are unsure, the best bet is to postpone swimming until you are able to confirm the pool is in regular operation.

Because Early Morning Swimmers are entering the pool first thing in the morning, you may be the first to notice a pool-related problem that occurred overnight or after hours. In some cases, you may notice a problem gaining entry to the pool (e.g., lock not working, missing, tampered with) or you suspect a problem with the pool water (e.g., cloudy, contaminated, broken glass, chemical imbalance, animal/snake in water); in these instances please leave the pool, and if you conclude that the incident does not require you to notify the police, then contact the Pool Committee ([oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com)) to explain the issue, or tell the first lifeguard who arrives for their shift that day.

It is certainly an inconvenience to be prepared to lap swim only to discover that the pool is not ready for swimming, but please be understanding as the reason may be unavoidable. Everyone wants the pool to be clean, clear, and safe for swimming at all times, but accidents and vandalism sometimes necessitate unfortunate and inconvenient pool closures. Early Morning Lap Swimmers are pivotal in helping to provide early notification of possible problems will allow us to address the issues quickly and with little disruption of pool operations.

### **Swimming safely**

Swimming with another OXH Early Morning Swimmer is recommended (for safety), but not required. We ask that you please keep conversations to a minimum and use quiet voices to avoid disturbing residents whose homes are adjacent to the pool. If you are swimming alone and doing long distance lap swimming, it is wise to periodically take a break and observe your surroundings and the pool deck. Because you will be swimming at your own risk with no lifeguard present, and your vision and hearing are often compromised while swimming laps, it is important to make a point of being as aware as possible of the presence or absence of others or the beginning of inclement weather. Keep a cell phone accessible and know where the pool landline phone is located (near concession stand entrance).

If you are reporting an emergency, call 911. If you need to provide the pool's address to 911 or anyone else, it is **120 Fallsworth Dr.** If it is a non-emergency police issue, such as evidence of vandalism or of trespassing or other criminal behavior, you may choose to call the Cary Police non-emergency number: (919) 469-4012.

### **Emails, Twitter and Facebook**

We highly recommend that all residents sign up for the neighborhood email list (<http://www.oxfordhunt.com>, "Join Our Mailing List" on the right side of the page) to get news and details of upcoming events. We also recommend that you Follow the pool on Facebook (OxfordHuntPool) or Twitter (@oxfordhuntpool). Pool Committee and Lifeguards will post to both Twitter and Facebook regarding unexpected pool closures and reopenings.

For additional information or questions, contact:

**Pool Committee:** [oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com)

**Board of Directors:** [oxhboard@oxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhboard@oxfordhunt.com)

**Pool rules on web:** <http://oxfordhunt.com/pool-overview/>

**Pool Hours on web:** <http://oxfordhunt.com/pool-hours/>

**Omega Management:** [www.omegamgmt.com](http://www.omegamgmt.com)

*We look forward to everyone having a safe and enjoyable swim season!*

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What is your OXH Pool ID number?: \_\_\_\_\_

(You may not swim until you have an ID; contact the Pool Committee at [oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com))

What is your OXH street address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

(You will receive relevant pool-related information, including unexpected closings or changes to combination lock, etc.)

By signing below, you are confirming that you have read and understood the rules detailed above, and that you:

- will not share the combination with anyone not listed here (even members of your family)
- will lock the gate after entering AND after leaving
- understand that the combination may change yearly, and may change during the summer if there is cause to believe it has been inappropriately shared, and that you will be notified via email should these changes happen

Failure to abide by these rules may result in your access being revoked.

Names of Early Morning Lap Swimmers residing at this address (Must be over 18 and must be pictured on Pool ID account)	Signature(s)
1.	
2.	

**Submit this form to Omega:**

**By email:** send scanned form to [laura@omegamgmt.com](mailto:laura@omegamgmt.com)

**By fax:** (919) 461-0106

**By mail:** 160 NE Maynard Road, Suite 210, Cary, NC 27513

You will receive the pool combination via email once your registration has been processed.