

Homestead Heights Swim Association (HHSA) 2007 Pre-season Newsletter



Push To Increase Membership And A Sense Of Community

Preparations are well underway for the 2007 summer season. **Our number one need right now is to increase membership** to meet our modest operating budget, which continues to be tight. To encourage everyone to participate in new member recruitment, **we're offering a bigger incentive this year** for you to spread the word about HHSA to your friends and neighbors, pass along membership flyers, and bring prospective members to our "Open House Luau" in May (see back page for more details). We brought in 21 new member families last year and our goal is 40 this season.

Another goal this season is to establish more of a "feeling of ownership" for pool members. Like any other community, the more you put into Homestead Heights Swim Association, the more you'll get out of it. **We strongly encourage you and your family to take a more active role!!!**

Throughout this newsletter, you'll find ways you can become more involved such as coming to a grounds clean up day, booking a pool party, cheering for the swim team, donating something that could enhance the pool (chairs, plants, new showerheads, etc.), offering to mow the grass or pull weeds once in a while, attending one of the holiday potluck parties and getting to know more of your fellow members. It's your pool as much as the next member's, and we hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities to "plug in" this coming

season.

2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

****PLEASE NOTE TIERED
FEE SCHEDULE****

FULL PAYMENT BEFORE APRIL 15th

\$400 (plus receive 5 free guest passes)

FULL PAYMENT APRIL 16 – MAY 28th

\$425

FULL PAYMENT AFTER MAY 28th

\$450

**(DUES MAY BE PAID VIA CREDIT CARD
THROUGH PAYPAL WITH THE ADDITION
OF \$10 TO COVER PAYPAL FEES. SEE
INVOICE FOR DETAILS.)**

NEW MEMBER INITIATION FEE

\$125

NEW MEMBER SEASON FEE

\$400 UNTIL JULY 15

\$250 AFTER JULY 15



Mark Your Calendars Now For These Family-fun Activities At The Pool!

Saturday, May 12th 5:30 – 9:00pm

Open House Luau for members and prospective members

More details regarding this event to follow

Monday, May 28 1:00pm

Memorial Day Potluck Lunch

Saturday, June 9 Noon – 2:00pm

“Out of School” Shindig

Lunch sold by the swim team and water games & prizes for kids of all ages

Wednesday, July 4th – 1:00pm

Independence Day Party

Potluck lunch followed by HHSa traditional water and land contests



Thinking About Throwing a Party? Consider the Pool...

...when looking for locations to host a party (birthdays, sports teams, family reunions, etc.). For a nominal fee, you can host guests to swim, use the shelter for food and games, as well as the volleyball and basketball courts. It doesn't have to be a special occasion, consider hosting a “just for the fun of it” party. Party request forms and fee structures are located on the website or are available from Michelle Pleasants at michelle.pleasants@duke.edu or 477-5891. **Feel free to contact her with any questions or to book a date now!!!**



Guest Passes and Policies

Guest passes are available for \$4 each from now until closing on Memorial Day (May 28th) and you may purchase as many as you like in multiples of 5 (see invoice). After that, guest passes will be \$6 each. Also, you can prepay or request child care passes now for only \$25 a month.

Guest fees were monitored more closely last summer, bringing in \$2,335 for HHSa (double the year before). We want you to continue to bring friends and expose them to the pool but **beginning this season, each in-town guest will be limited to 15 visits during the season and attendance will be monitored.** If you have guests who attend regularly, please encourage them to JOIN THE POOL!



Pool Work Days

Several workdays are scheduled to get the pool back in shape, and we hope each member family can attend at least one! Bring your rakes, gloves, leaf blowers, etc. and bring back the pool's “summertime look”, not to mention get acquainted with other members you may not know...Yep, bring the kids!

Saturday, March 31 ~ 9:00 am

Saturday, April 21 ~ 9:00 am

Saturday, May 5 ~ 9:00 am

Sunday, May 6 ~ 1:00 pm

An Important Reminder



For the safety of our families and pool liability issues, every family entering the pool gates must have the following items on file: **emergency contact form (front and back), completed invoice, and a family photo.** You can send in a print photo with your invoice, emergency contact form and payment or you can email a digital one to the pool at **homesteadheightsswimassociation@hotmail.com**

A registration table will be stationed by the pool entrance throughout Memorial Day weekend to check all members in and make sure all forms, fees, etc. are up to date. If you do not have a current family photo, one can be taken opening weekend but all family members will need to be present. *Make sure membership dues are mailed by April 15 to avoid a \$25 late fee or received at the pool by the end of Memorial Day to avoid the \$50 late fee!*



We're On-Line

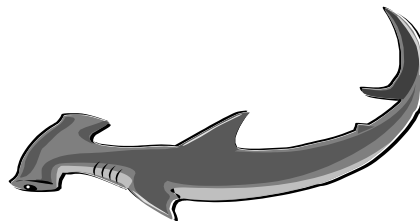
All forms are available on our web site, as well as pool rules and regulations, by-laws, recruitment flyer, membership application, pool updates, swim team information and more... **www.hhsta.bizhosting.com**

Our Hammerheads Rock!

Homestead Heights' swim team is a great opportunity for kids 4-18 of ALL ABILITIES to strengthen swim skills, build self-esteem, and make friends while participating in a life-long sport. **We are very proud of our Hammerheads, who tied for the DSSL Division III regular season championship last season, and won first place at the Championship meet!!!**

Your child does NOT have to know proper strokes or to have participated with a swim team in the past to become a Hammerhead and have a great experience. Ribbons are provided for ALL levels of swimming from participation to 1st place. The swim team is open to all members and a limited number of non-members. Just ask anyone...it's a great experience for all (kids and parents alike!)

A pre-season meeting of returning parents will take place in mid March. We will sketch out the season to get ready for our best season yet! A full swim team informational meeting for parents and swimmers is scheduled for **Sunday, March 25th at Hope Samuels' home (3001 Deerpase Wynd) from 3 - 5:00 p.m.** More info on both meetings will be sent out at a later date.



Need more info? Don't hesitate to contact any of our parent reps:

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2007 POOL WEEKLY OPERATING HOURS

Homestead Heights Pool will be open Memorial Day Saturday through Labor Day at the following times.

Pool hours for membership

Sunday	12-8
Monday	12-8
Tuesday	10-8
Wednesday	12-8
Thursday	10-8
Friday	10-9
Saturday	10-9

Please Note:

Until Durham Public Schools are out for the summer, pool hours are limited to weekends only. When traditional school is back in session for the fall, weekend hours remain the same, but weekday hours will become Monday through Thursday, 4 – 8 pm and Friday 4 – 9 pm.

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Please feel free to contact any board member with comments, concerns or suggestions. Your input is invaluable and greatly appreciated. We will be sending out monthly emails to update members of approaching deadlines, upcoming events, and news throughout the season...

**THE POOL REALLY NEEDS
EVERYONE'S HELP TO BRING IN NEW
MEMBERSHIPS, SO...**

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES

Recruit a new member now until July 14:

Receive 10 free guest passes

Recruit a new member July 15 and later:

Receive 5 free guest passes

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**MEMBERSHIP FLYERS ARE  
AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE ~ JUST  
PRINT AND HAND THEM OUT!**

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