

City of Gainesville

Welcome

Welcome to the City of Gainesville Swim Lesson Program! We are glad you chose the City of Gainesville as your swim lesson provider. Our Aquatics team looks forward to serving you and your family in the weeks ahead. Please take a few moments to review this packet, as it contains important information regarding swim lesson procedures and expectations. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

First Day Expectations

- Please have all children **dressed and ready to enter the water at least 5 minutes before** their scheduled class start time.
 - Parents should find a comfortable place to sit and wait to be called for swim lessons.
 - At the class start time, participants will be called to the pool by the supervisor.
 - The supervisor will call names and direct participants to their assigned classes.
 - Instructors will evaluate each participant's swimming ability during the first lesson.
 - If a participant needs to move up or down a level, the instructor will notify the supervisor, who will work with the parent to place the participant in the appropriate class.
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During Swim Lessons

- Parents are welcome to observe lessons but must remain **at least 15 feet away from the pool**.
- Seating is available in designated lounge chairs or under the pavilion.
- Maintaining distance helps minimize distractions for both participants and instructors.
- Parents are encouraged to get to know their child's instructor. Instructors are happy to answer questions **before or after class**.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED AT ANY TIME.** Parents must remain on-site for the entire lesson. Please do not leave to run errands or take walks.

Lessons will begin promptly at the scheduled start time.

- Please do not bring participants to the poolside early, as this may interrupt ongoing lessons.
 - Typically the pool is closed to the public during most swim lessons in order to create a better teaching environment. Please note that other children, siblings or parents are not permitted to swim if the pool is closed.
 - Please note that the pool is a **pay-to-swim facility**. If you plan to stay after class, please pay the daily admission fee upon exit.
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Discipline

Swim lesson instructors and lifeguards will address pool rules as needed, but we expect parents to help reinforce these rules. If you feel it is necessary to discipline your child during swim lessons, please remove your child from the lesson to minimize disruption.

Inclement Weather

Lifeguards will close the pool under the following conditions:

- Lightning detected in the area by our lightning alert system
- Heavy rain that limits visibility of the pool bottom
- Any situation deemed unsafe by lifeguards (mechanical failure, chemical issues, etc.)

Cancellations and Make-Up Classes

- If participants are instructed to leave the pool due to weather or other safety concerns, class will be canceled.
- Classes will not be canceled until **15 minutes prior** to the scheduled start time.
- Cancellation information will be available:
 - From the pool supervisor on-site
 - Via the Remind communication app

To receive alerts, please download the Remind app. (Available in the App Store or Play Store) Once you sign in or create an account you will need to join a class. The class code for morning lessons is **COGSWIMAM** and the code for afternoon lessons is **COGSWIMPM + session number** (ie session 2 would be COGSWIMPM2). Please remember to enable notifications for the app.

If you are unsure about weather conditions, please come to the pool. If weather improves, lessons may still occur.

Morning lessons

- Classes meet Mon – Thurs for 2 weeks.
- In the event of a cancellation of a lesson we will have make-ups on Friday at the same scheduled time.

Afternoon lessons

- Classes meet Mon – Fri for 2 weeks, this adds 2 extra lessons to offset some lessons that may be missed due to weather.
- Swim lesson fees are based on an **8-lesson schedule**.
- In the event classes are canceled, make-up lessons will be scheduled on a Saturday and/or Sunday mornings. Dates and times will be announced in advance.
- If your class has been canceled multiple times please be aware that we will only schedule up to 2 make-up lessons.
- The City of Gainesville is **not obligated** to make up classes missed for personal reasons.

Photography

To promote the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department and its programs, photographs or video recordings may be taken during swim lessons. Media outlets or outside camera crews may also request permission to photograph or film participants.

By signing the household registration form, parents/guardians grant consent for their child to be photographed and waive all rights to the finished images for promotional use by the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department.

Contact Information

For additional information, please contact:

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