



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Summer 2017

Dear YMCA Veterans' Memorial Pool members,

This letter serves many purposes, but most importantly, we would like to thank you for joining the outdoor pool for the summer. Our goal at the YMCA is to make a difference in our community by providing them with facilities and programs that have lasting, enjoyable memories for all of our guests and members. The other purpose of this letter is to inform you of some of our policies and programs related to the Veterans' Memorial Pool at Lynch Field, which is managed by the Greensburg YMCA.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Responsibilities:

Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult supervisor (age 18+). We also have a swimming test (Pass the Test, Lose the Vest) for those children who want to swim freely throughout the pool without wearing a lifejacket.

Closure Policy:

You can find information on any closures of the pool online when you like the Greensburg YMCA or by calling the front desk at (724) 834-0150. Additionally, you can join Remind for alerts to your phone (information attached on last page.) The decisions to close the pool depend on any of the factors listed below, and in this packet.

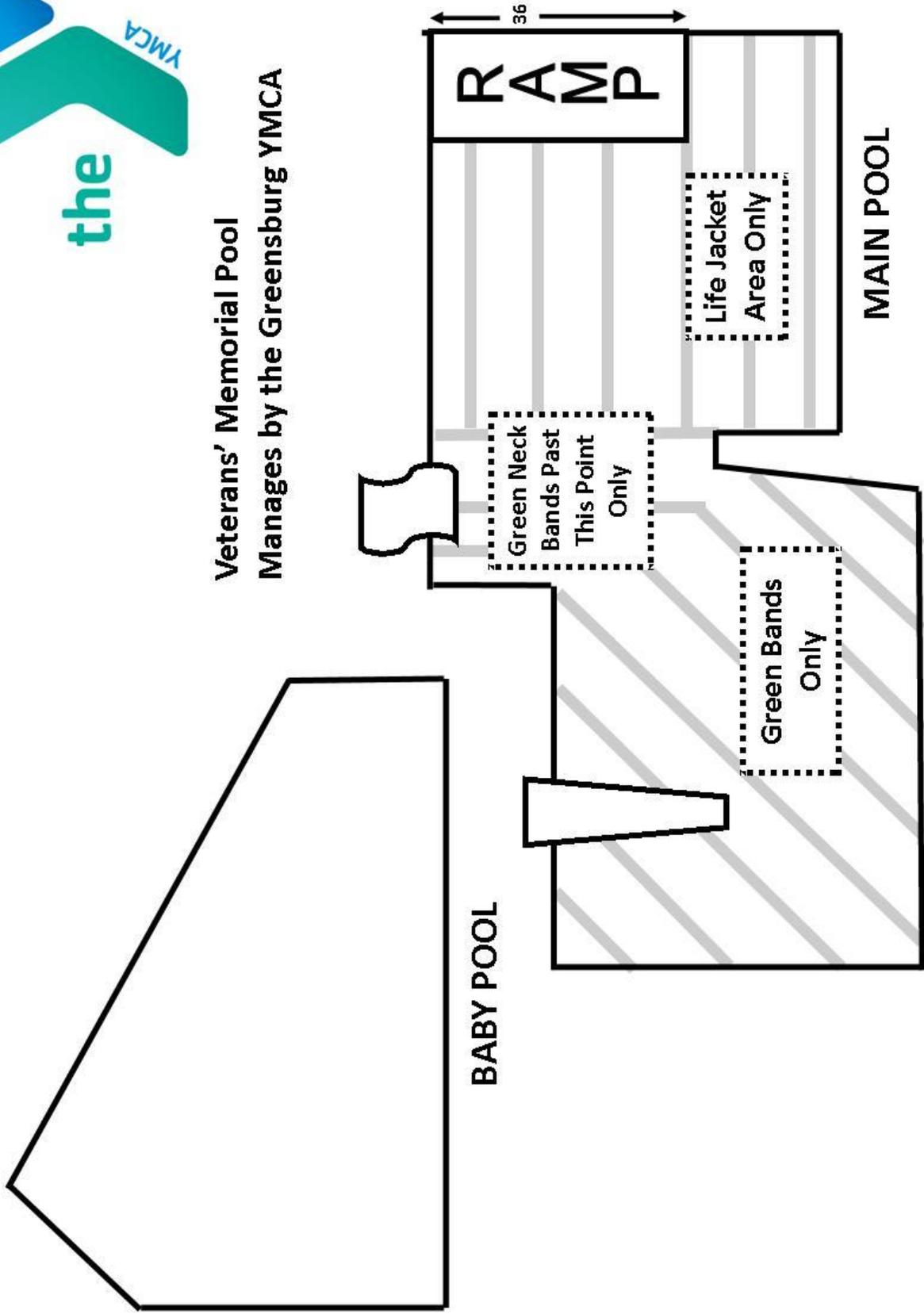
1. If the temperature outside is 65 degrees or cooler
2. If inclement weather threatens: thunderstorm, lightening, tornado warnings, steady rain.
3. If the safety of the patrons is a concern (unsafe chemical levels/accident/etc.)
4. If there is a failure in the pool filtration system.
5. Fecal accidents and/or bodily fluids in the pool.

Our goal is to always communicate to our participants and members well in advance of any changes to our programs. To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirits, minds and bodies for all.

Again, thank you for choosing the Greensburg YMCA this summer at the Veterans' Memorial Pool. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Y at 724-834-0150.



**Veterans' Memorial Pool
Manages by the Greensburg YMCA**



Code of Conduct for the Memorial Pool at Lynch Field

Providing a safe and clean swimming pool is our priority for the Greensburg community. These rules are mainly an aid in providing, for all patrons, a safe and enjoyable place to swim, but are not limited to the following:

1. **The Directors have the authority to close the pool for the following reasons.**
 - a. **If the temperature outside is 65 degrees or cooler**
 - b. **If inclement weather threatens: thunderstorm, lightening, or tornado warnings (The director will wait 30 minutes after lightening strikes before allow patrons to return to the pool)**
 - c. **If weather conditions deteriorate or steady rain occurs, and limited swimmers are at the pool.**
 - d. **If the safety of the patrons is a concern (unsafe chemical levels/accident/etc.) the pool will be closed and possibly reopened.**
 - e. **If there is a failure in the pool filtration system, and it is not being filtered for more than 30 minutes, the pool will be closed and possibly reopened.**
 - f. **Fecal accidents and bodily fluids in the pool; will cause pool closure.**
2. Conduct, which may result in injury to self or the injury of others, will not be permitted.
3. Everyone must rinse thoroughly before entering the swimming pool.
4. No running, wrestling, snapping towels, dunking, shoving or throwing others into the pool.
5. No prolonged breath-holding.
6. NO PROFANITY!
7. Playing, sitting, swinging, pulling, or standing on ropes, ladders, railing or lifeguard chairs is NOT allowed.
8. No carrying others on people's backs or shoulders.
9. No diving in shallow water, no jumping in backwards, flips, twists, can-openers or rolling off the deck into the water.
10. Any activity that the Lifeguard deems unsafe can be stopped immediately.
11. No climbing on fence.
12. Only bathing suits and clean aqua shoes are allowed in the pool. NO cut-offs or colored shirts in the pool. Patrons must be dressed in appropriate swimwear.
13. No floatation devices will be allowed in the main pool.
14. The landline telephone is for employees and emergencies only.
15. No glass containers of any kind will be allowed anywhere on pool grounds.
16. No gum, food, or drinks are allowed near the swimming pool or locker rooms.
17. Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages, drugs, or tobacco products will be permitted in the facility at anytime by anyone, if patrons are seen with these products there will be immediate ejection.
18. Smoking is not permitted at Lynch Field.
19. Spitting or nose blowing in the pool area is strictly forbidden.
20. No visiting with Lifeguards and do not walk in front of the guard stands.
21. Bikes must be parked in the bike rack. They are not to be leaned against the pool fence or left lying in the grass near the entrance.

22. The Greensburg YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
23. Any patrons having a skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, communicable disease, or who is wearing any kind of bandage or Band-Aid to cover an open (unhealed) wound will not be permitted in the pool.
24. Water Slide Rules:
 1. You must be 48" tall and have passed the deep water swim test.
 2. No lifejackets on the slide.
 3. One person at a time, feet first only
 4. No running or shoving on the stairs, or on the landing of the slide.
 5. Slide Attendants and Lifeguards have the right to exclude patrons from the slide due to swimming ability.
25. Only one bounce of the diving board
26. Coast Guard approved and labeled lifejackets designed to provide vertical support may be worn. Water wings ("swimmies") may not be worn. Back floats, bubbles, rings (including those built into bathing suits) or one-sided floatation devices are NOT permitted. Small toys are permitted at the baby pool.
27. The baby pool is for children under 48" only with adult supervision.
28. Swim diapers are required.
29. The patio located to the left of the snack bar is for reserved parties only and not to be used by the public.
30. No loitering at the gates or inside the pool fence.

The Veterans' Pool reserves the right to refuse admittance and to eject any patron violating the pool rules.

For more information or registration please contact:

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The Veterans' Memorial pool will be open Monday – Sunday Noon – 7pm – CLOSED JULY 4TH

***Information on rentals, parties, membership, and lessons can also be found online at
www.greensburgymca.org***

RE-ENTRY, WEATHER, & RAIN CHECK POLICY

Outdoor Pool members may re-enter the pool using their membership card. Guests will need to present their wristbands to the welcome center for same-day re-entry. Guests must get their wristbands before leaving and return wearing their wrist bands. The Outdoor Pool will be closed when lightning or thunder is known to be within a 6 mile radius. The pool will reopen 30 minutes after the last strike or sound.

BEHAVIOR

1. Socializing with or distracting pool staff, including lifeguards, is prohibited.
2. No person within the pool area shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of himself/herself and others. Such behavior, including abusive or profane language, shall be grounds for expulsion.
3. Loitering will not be permitted on the pool grounds or within any of its facilities.
4. Running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, offensive or disruptive splashing or yelling, diving or jumping without care and caution, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbances on or about the pool area or any acts which would endanger any patron are prohibited.
5. Spitting, spouting water, blowing nose, urinating or defecating in the pool is prohibited.
6. No prolonged underwater swimming for time and/or distance. Competitive or repetitive breath holding can be deadly and is not permitted. Hyperventilation is absolutely not permitted.
7. Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere in the pool area for health and safety reasons.

AGE & HEALTH/SAFETY RESTRICTIONS

1. Use the bathroom before getting into the pool. Take frequent bathroom breaks and check diapers often. Take advantage of the Safety Break to use the bathroom.
2. Shower before entering the pool and after using the toilet, remembering to clean all areas including the behind.
3. Infants/children who are not toilet trained and adults who are incontinent, who wish to enter any pool, must wear a clean diaper or disposable swim diaper covered by separate rubber/vinyl pants, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, this person must exit the pool immediately and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been covered by a new diaper with clean rubber/vinyl pants. Changing must be done in the locker rooms not in the grass or pool deck areas.
4. Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult supervisor (age 18+).
5. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the facility.
6. Any injury occurring in the pool must be reported to a lifeguard or pool supervisor immediately.
7. All patrons must take a shower and rinse thoroughly before entering the water.
8. Any person having a skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, communicable disease or who is wearing any kind of bandage or Band-Aid to cover an open (unhealed) wound will not be permitted in the pool.
9. Any adult or child who is experiencing even a mild case of diarrhea may not use the pool. Persons with diarrhea should wait two weeks after symptoms end before returning to the pool. Pathogens of concern may still be shed up to two weeks following the end of symptoms.
10. Avoid swallowing pool water or even getting it in your mouth.

RULES FOR RECREATIONAL & LAP SWIMMERS

1. Pass the Test, Lose the Vest policies and procedures must be followed. Persons who cannot pass the swim test will be restricted to shallow areas of the pool.
2. No diving will be permitted in water less than 6 feet deep.
3. Lanes will be reserved for those persons wishing to swim lengths undisturbed. Persons not swimming lengths should remain in other pool areas.

4. **Lap lanes are intended for multiple lap swimmers only.** Lap swimmers should arrange themselves by speed in the lanes.
5. For effective use, lap swimmers should swim counterclockwise near the lane markers and pass in the middle when more than 2 swimmers are in a lane. Much like driving, swimmers should stay to the right while swimming in the lane, and pass on the left.
6. Stop only at turning walls. Move to the side to allow others to turn and continue. Turns are made in the center of the lane at the wall.

ATTIRE

1. All patrons within the pool area must be attired in swimming apparel. No street clothes are allowed in the pool. Clothing such as cut-offs, gym shorts and underwear is not permitted as swimwear. Swimwear should not have been worn for exercising immediately prior to pool use, as soiled clothing can create an unhealthy swimming environment. All clothing must be colorfast and lightweight material suitable for swimwear, such as Lycra, Spandex or nylon.
2. T-shirts (including those for modesty or sun protection) are permitted. Rashguards, which are more tight-fitting, designed for in-water use and which offer protection from the sun, will also be permitted.

DIVING BOARD

1. The diving well is intended for diving only. Anytime the diving board is in use the diving well must be cleared of all persons other than divers.
2. Only one person is allowed on the diving apparatus (including ladder) at a time.
3. Anyone using a diving board must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and reached the ladder before climbing on the ladder.
4. Please remember to look before you leap; do not jump if there is someone beneath you.
5. Running on the diving board is not permitted. Serious injuries may result.
6. Divers are only allowed one bounce on the board before entering the water.
7. Divers must dive straight from the front end of the board.
8. No inward dives, reverse dives, back dives, cart wheels, handstands, flips and other such gymnastic activities off the board, side of the pool or platforms are prohibited.
9. Upon surfacing, immediately swim to the nearest ladder. Do not swim under the boards at any time.

SLIDE

1. You must have passed the deep water test and have a green band if you are 14 or younger
2. No lifejackets are allowed on the slide.
3. No Horseplay on steps or top of slide, wait for guard to tell you time to go
4. Feet first down the slide only, no head first
5. Upon entry into water you must swim to ladder only

EQUIPMENT / TOYS

1. Swim toys, balls, inner tubes, inflatable boats, rafts, or inflatable bathing suits are permitted in the baby pool only.
2. Coast Guard approved and labeled lifejackets designed to provide vertical support may be worn. Water wings ("swimmies") may not be worn. No back floats, bubbles, rings (including those built into bathing suits) or one-sided floatation devices are permitted.
3. Face masks and snorkels may not be used by children except during approved instructional programs. Goggles are permitted.

LOCKER ROOMS

1. Children 6 years of age or older must change in the gender-appropriate locker room.
2. Please leave valuables at home. The YMCA will not be responsible for personal property or valuables at any time in any area.
3. Food is not permitted in the locker rooms.
4. The use of cameras, video cameras or any device containing camera equipment of any kind is prohibited in all locker rooms, bathrooms and changing facilities.
5. The YMCA assigns use of the restrooms and locker rooms in its recreational facilities strictly on the basis of anatomical or biological gender rather than on the basis of adopted gender.
6. Use of locker room facilities is limited to patrons for the purpose of changing. Activities such as washing clothes, coloring hair, and other personal grooming activities are not permitted.

Pass the Test, Lose the Vest

Swimming is a lifelong sport and exercise option. However, the dangers of water are real. In an effort to make the YMCA the safest swim environment possible, the following policy will begin on May 30, 2014.

All swimmers 14 years old and younger are required to pass a swim test before being allowed in a YMCA pool without a personal flotation device (PFD) or without direct adult supervision. For more information about the test outlined below.

The swim test consists swimming the length of deep water pool. During the test, youth are asked to:



1. Jump into the deep end of the pool, submerge fully, return to the surface and immediately begin swimming without pushing off the wall.
2. Swim in a horizontal position on stomach and on top of the water.
3. Exit the pool without assistance using either the wall or pool ladder.
4. Swim test offerings are as determined by the guard offering the test.
5. Swim tests can be administered by a certified lifeguard on duty.

Swimmers who pass the swim test:

Swimmers 10 years old and younger must have an adult remain on-site at the pool but may swim without a PFD independently in the pool. Swimmers age 11 and older may use the pool on their own without a PFD and without an adult at the pool with them. Pass the Test, Lose the Vest neck bands can be picked up at the welcome center. Swimming in the deeper waters, diving boards, or slides cannot be accessed without one.

Swimmers who are still working towards passing the test:

1. Children, 14 years old and younger, who have not passed the test yet, are required to wear a PFD unless he or she is in arm length distance from an adult 18 years or older.
2. If the child is wearing a Coast Guard-approved PFD, then the adult must be on-site but may monitor their child while using another part of the swimming pool.
3. If the child is NOT wearing a Coast Guard-approved PFD, then the adult must remain within arm's reach of a child (one to one ratio) and be activity monitoring them in water at all times.
4. Youth who have not passed the swim test may **not** go down outdoor pool slide or use diving board. PFDs are not allowed on the slide because of the risk of the jacket getting caught on the slide.
5. PFD can be picked up at the welcome center before entering the pool.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Lifeguards have the discretion to mandate a PFD on a swimmer at any time as well as require a swim test for any swimmer at any time.

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