

POOL AND CABANA INFORMATION AND RULES - 2009

(Approved by the Board at the February 2009 Meeting.)

The North Forke Plantation pool and cabana areas may be used by residents provided that all annual and special assessments have been paid and no outstanding liens or violations of covenants exist. The Pool Committee is committed to keeping the pool and cabana areas attractive and in good, safe condition. Residents should report any item that needs attention or if they have a recommendation for improvement. These reports should be directed to the Chair of the Pool Committee or to the Board.

Security Gate. Entrance to the pool can be obtained only with the use of a key FOB. Once inside, the gates are to remain closed and locked at all times. If you do not have a key FOB, or have lost one, or if your key FOB does not work, please contact Eleanor Burris at Home Management Services (HMS), 770-667-0595. A homeowner will not be charged to replace a defective FOB, but will be charged to replace a lost key FOB.

Trespass Violation. During pool season, the pool will be opened from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily except during designated swim team practice times (see table below). Persons found on the premises after hours, without prior approval of the Pool Committee or the Board of Directors, will be considered trespassing and subject to legal action.

Cabana Telephone (678-344-0793). A telephone is located outside the pool fence during pool season and is available for emergencies. It may also be used by residents for local calls provided the duration of the call is limited.

Lifeguard and Pool Maintenance Contract. North Forke Plantation Homeowners Association (NFPHA) contracts with Aquatic Management Specialists (AMS) to provide lifeguard services and care of the pool. AMS maintenance includes water testing and chemical treatments and is intended to meet the requirements of the Gwinnett County Board of Health Ordinance for operation of a pool.

Limitation of Number of Guests. When the pool is crowded with North Forke families, in the interest of safety, the lifeguard or Pool Committee may find it necessary to limit the number of invited guests who do not live in North Forke. These circumstances may be few, but should this situation occur your cooperation will be appreciated. In cases where a parent or other adult supervisor is not present when a non-adult family member visits the pool, the lifeguard or Pool Committee has the right to limit the number of non-North Forke guests to 3 visitors.

2009 Pool Schedule. The 2009 pool season begins on Saturday, May 16, and ends on Monday, September 7. During these dates, the pool will be opened from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily except for designated swim team practice times as noted in the table below. Admittance is prohibited from 9 p.m. – 7 a.m. A complete schedule of pool hours and lifeguard coverage is provided below. *PARENTS: On occasion, a lifeguard is unexpectedly absent. Please remember that it is your responsibility to verify that a lifeguard is on duty when your children visit the pool.*

REMEMBER TO USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM. NEVER SWIM ALONE!

The complete pool schedule is listed on the next page.

2009 POOL SCHEDULE

	SUMMER SCHEDULE (Daily & Weekends)	DURING SCHOOL SESSION* (Monday – Thursday)	DURING SCHOOL SESSION* (Friday)
<u>Open Swimming</u> Lifeguard on Duty	Noon – 9 p.m.	4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Except after Labor Day	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
<u>Open Swimming</u> <u>No</u> Lifeguard on Duty	7 a.m. – Noon (Except for Barracudas practice times below)	7 a.m. – 4 p.m. 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. After Labor Day*	7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
<u>Barracudas Swim Team Practice Times</u>	Monday – Thursday May 21 – June 30 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Monday – Friday July 6 – 10 9:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.	Monday – Wed. May 18 – 20 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	

*No lifeguard services will be provided after Labor Day. However, lifeguard services will be provided on the Friday evening prior to Labor Day, and each day during the Labor Day weekend. The pool closing date may be revisited closer to the end of the season.

NFP Barracudas. The NFP Barracudas swim team will host inter-community swim meets this summer. The team will practice on weekday mornings from May 21 through June 30. In addition, NFP will host 3 home swim meets at our pool on June 11, 18, and 30. On meet days, the pool will be closed to resident swimming at 4:30 p.m. until closing in order to set up for and host the swim meets. Signs will be posted in advance to inform residents of the specific hours that the pool will not be available and will be posted at www.northforkebarracudas.com.

General Rules and Regulations. Lifeguards are hired, trained, and supervised by AMS. All pool users are expected to cooperate with and support the actions of the lifeguard in the enforcement of the rules and regulations. AMS lifeguards have the final authority in all matters pertaining to the conduct of people in the pool area. Lifeguards are not babysitters but are present to help ensure the safety of all swimmers. Parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children at and in the pool, and for ensuring that their children abide by the pool rules and regulations. (See “Disciplinary Actions for Pool Violations”.)

The following rules and regulations apply.

1. No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, or pogo sticks in the pool area.
2. No pets in the pool and cabana areas.
3. No diving, running, and dangerous play.
4. No loud, profane, or abusive language. This may result in ejection from the pool grounds.
5. No smoking and alcohol use within the fenced pool area.
6. No water guns or tennis balls in the pool area.
7. No glass or breakable objects in the pool and cabana areas.

8. No eating or drinking permitted in the pool or near the edge of the pool.
9. No chewing gum in the pool water.
10. Swim diapers (not regular diapers) and rubber pants are required on children age 3 and under.
11. The lifeguard stand is off limits to everyone other than the lifeguard on duty.
12. The Pump Room at the cabana is off limits to unauthorized persons.
13. No swimming when the facility is closed – 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.
14. On the hour, a “Safety Break” will be called for 10 minutes. Only individuals 18 years of age and older may swim at this time.
15. When a lifeguard is not on duty, no one under the age of 16 years may enter the pool unless accompanied by an individual 18 years or older.
16. When a lifeguard is on duty, children who have completed the 5th Grade may swim without adult supervision. Children who have not completed the 5th Grade must be accompanied by an individual 16 years or older. A swim test may be required at the Lifeguard’s discretion.
17. A North Forke resident must accompany all guests and may be required to sign guests in with the lifeguard on duty.

Disciplinary Action. The lifeguard reserves the right to restrict pool use of any individual whose behavior endangers the safety and well being of other swimmers. The following disciplinary procedures will be followed when violations occur.

1. The Lifeguard will give a verbal warning when a pool rule or regulation is repeatedly violated.
2. After repeated verbal warnings from the lifeguard, the individual will be suspended from pool usage for 24 hours. The action will be documented by the lifeguard and reported to the Chair of the Pool Committee.
3. Should the individual be suspended a 2nd time, the lifeguard will notify either the Pool Committee or HMS, and the North Forke homeowner will be notified by phone or in writing that repeated violations have occurred, and that continued violations could lead to loss of pool privileges **for up to 30 days.**
4. Should the individual be suspended a 3rd time, the lifeguard will notify either the Pool Committee or HMS, and the North Forke homeowner will be notified that their key FOB will be disabled from pool use for **a maximum of 30 days and pool privileges will be lost during this period.**

NFPHA Socials.

1. During adult NFPHA-sanctioned pool events, the pool will be closed to other parties. Adult NFPHA-sanctioned events may be scheduled at times other than contract pool hours. No more than two such adult functions will be permitted during the pool season and should not conflict with private pool parties that have been pre-arranged.
2. Notify the Chair of the Pool Committee of an upcoming children’s or teen NFPHA-sanctioned pool event. During such events, the pool will not be closed to other swimmers. These events must be scheduled during contract pool hours. Lifeguard services, based on the ratio listed under private pool parties below, must be pre-arranged by the coordinator of the children’s or teen social by contacting AMS directly and completing the forms listed in the section below, with a note that extra lifeguard charges should be billed directly to the Association. Lifeguard costs attributed to NFPHA-sanctioned socials will be charged to the Pool Committee’s budget and not to the children’s or teen social budget.

Private Pool Parties Reserved and Hosted by Residents. A “private party” is considered a party of 10 or more people hosted by a North Forke resident. The following guidelines apply for private parties. (For North Forke community-sanctioned parties, please see the section, “NFPHA Socials”.)

1. All arrangements for a private pool party must be made through Homeowners Management Services (HMS), with Eleanor Burris at 770-667-0595. Arrangements must be made at least 7 days in advance of the party.
2. Permission does not need to be obtained from the Pool Committee, but private parties may be limited by the availability of facilities. Although rare, if the pool is closed due to a chemical imbalance, no party can take place.
3. Only a North Forke resident may host a special private pool party and must be present throughout the party.
4. Parties may not be booked from 5 p.m. Friday through 9 p.m. Sunday, on public holidays, or when the pool is designated for swim team practices or swim meets.
5. Parties may be booked for both adults and children. During a party, no smoking or alcohol use is permitted inside the pool fence, and appropriate apparel and behavior are expected, and all party guests must observe the North Forke pool rules and regulations.
6. The pool will not be closed to other North Forke swimmers during any private party.
7. A maximum of 30 people may attend a party, and parties are limited to two hours.
8. The North Forke resident must obtain and complete the HMS pool reservation form, and return it directly to HMS with payment for lifeguard services. It is the responsibility of the host to pre-arrange and confirm the lifeguard services with Eleanor Burris, HMS, at 770-667-0595.
9. Additional lifeguards may be needed for private parties and pre-arrangement, confirmation, and payment is the responsibility of the host.
 - a. No extra lifeguard is needed if the number of party guests is 10 or less.
 - b. At times when a contract lifeguard is already on duty, the host must employ at least one extra lifeguard for 11 – 30 guest swimmers. A private party is limited to 30 guests.
 - c. When a contracted lifeguard is not on duty, the host must arrange and pay for one lifeguard to be present during parties with up to 20 guests, and two lifeguards to be present during parties with more than 20 guests.
 - d. Private lifeguard services will cost \$18/hour (minimum of 2 hours) per lifeguard, and payment must be received by HMS when the party reservation is made.
10. If ample lifeguard coverage has not been pre-arranged with HMS, the lifeguard on duty has the authority to remove the party from the pool to ensure the safety of all swimmers.
11. A security deposit is not required. It is understood that the resident hosting the party is responsible for all damages to the pool, its furniture, or to the surrounding area (to include trash resulting from the party). Should damage occur during a private party, a charge will be billed to the host to cover damage or cleaning service should either occur as a direct result from the pool party. These charges will be billed to the host by the North Forke Plantation Homeowners Association, and payment must be received within 30 days after receipt of the bill.