



Twin Farms Swim & Tennis Club

P.O. Box 4114

Silver Spring, MD 20914

www.TwinFarmsClub.com

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Dear Members:

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. While it will be bitterly cold this week, we are busy preparing for the 2026 season. Registration is open, so register today and start thinking ahead to summer!

The 2025 season was another great year down on the Farm. We welcomed many new families and new Tigers swimmers and divers. The swim Tigers won their division, and we sent more relay teams to Relay All Stars than any of us can remember. The dive Tigers finished second in their division. Team information will follow later in the Spring.

In the meantime, many of our expenses must be paid before the pool opens, so please get your registrations done and dues in as soon as possible. Our top priority this year will be to continue to grow our membership, which is a must for the future of Twin Farms. Our expenses are fixed whether there are ten families or thirty at the pool on a given day, so membership is key. Please spread the word to at least one potential new member family. Please “share” our membership drive posts on your favorite social media platform and if you are on a community or neighborhood listserv, please share our posts as well as in your school newsletters. As the season approaches, we will once again offer one-day passes to prospective new families. We will also again be offering our popular New Family Special. Please

also support our fundraisers. Planning a birthday party or other event? Rent the Pavilion!

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, the Club looked great in 2025. As always with a facility that is closing in on its 70th birthday, there were repairs to be done and many of them costly. Please consider adding a contribution to your dues.

There is much to do before Opening Day, so please join us on our Clean-Up Days. Keep an eye on your email. If there is a particular project you would like to work on, reach out to our Maintenance Chair, Ray Lombardo at raymondalombardo@icloud.com as he will be planning pre-season work in the coming weeks. The addition of the pickleball courts has been well received, but we would love to improve the overall condition of the courts. We are also planning a lot of social events this year and welcome your involvement!

Finally, we would like to take a moment to thank Brad Mages for his many years of service as Insurance Chair along with many other hats! Thanks to Andy Furtado for stepping into the role. We are also thankful for Miranda Stafford for taking on Membership Chair last year. The Stafford family has relocated across the country so we are in great need of someone to take on this role.

Why not take advantage of a cold day to check registration off your list of things to do? To register, please go to www.twinfarmsclub.com and click on the "Membership Registration" button. Per the By-laws, dues do increase if not paid on time. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another great year at Twin Farms.

Go Tigers!

Dues for the 2026 Season

Twin Farms Club remains committed to providing members with great value and keeping costs down.

The 2026 current member rates are as follows:

Family

Bonded: \$695

Annual: \$825

Senior

Bonded: \$575

Annual: \$695

Single

Bonded: \$575

Annual: \$695

These rates apply for timely payments received by April 1, so please pay your dues on time! We do not want to charge late fees; we just want to receive your dues on time so the pool and grounds will be ready for the start of the season. Please remember to let your friends and neighbors know that the 2026 New Member Special rate is \$575. The New Member Special rate remains very competitive with other pools nearby.

A Note to our Annual and August Members

In addition to “owning” and voting privileges to directly guide Twin Farms, bonded members also pay a lower seasonal dues rate. This is why many Twin Farms’ members are bonded members. As bonded members, you will save hundreds to thousands of dollars over the years. As a means to encourage our annual members to consider becoming bond holders, our one-time bond amount will continue to remain at the same rate it has been since 2008, which is \$350. We hope you will decide to make the switch. If you have questions about becoming a bonded member, please contact us at twinfarmsmembership@gmail.com.

Membership Definition

Membership shall be extended to all persons in a household who qualify as dependents of the dues paying member under Federal Income Tax rules. Membership may also be extended to **not** more than two non-dependent family members living permanently in the same household. Additional persons with legal

residence in the household may use the Club's facilities by paying normal guest fees, or upon written explanation to and permission from the Board of Directors, by paying a season guest fee for each such person. The season guest fee will be \$140 for the 2026 season. Since 2011, we have also offered a "single" membership category, which applies only to single person households with no dependents as defined under Federal Income Tax rules.

Safety

At Twin Farms, safety is always our top priority. On behalf of each of us, and for the good of the Twin Farms' community, it must be the single most important job aspect of our pool management and lifeguards. We have been very fortunate over the years to have a well-trained and licensed staff in the area of safety as well as a well-informed membership. As we begin the 2026 season, please familiarize yourself with our health and safety rules. Please also discuss these rules with your children and childcare providers. A detailed copy of the Rules is posted at the pool.

Annual Clean-Up Days

To help prepare the pool and grounds at Twin Farms, we are scheduling several Clean-Up days. This is a great way for kids to earn community service hours (we will provide SSL forms too, if needed) and for new members to meet and get to know other members. Many hands make less work for everyone, and we will have a great start to the season! If you would like to help or for questions, please contact Ray at raymondalombardo@icloud.com.

Youth Sports

Planning for this season's swim and dive teams is underway and we will provide details soon. The teams' representatives will plan a meeting before the team season begins.

Team Fees

Remember, the more kids on the sports teams, the more fun for everyone! The sports fee will remain the same this year as we love to see everyone able to join in! The sports fee will be \$185 for one child, \$295 for two children, and a maximum of \$370 per family. Unlike many other clubs, our participation fee covers each athlete whether they are on one or both sports teams. The teams are an amazing value and great fun, and we hope your kids will join us. This year you will again be able to register your athlete for either of our sports teams with one on-line form. You will still be able to mail your sports fee check if you wish, but you will also have the

choice of paying by credit card (a credit card processing fee will apply). Team registration will be active soon and we will send an email to let you know it is open. If you have any questions before the parent meeting, please contact:

Swim - Katherine Verderese and Mary Lombardo: twinfarmstigers@gmail.com

Dive – Amy Bodine: twinfarmsdiverep@gmail.com

Thank you and we look forward to a terrific 2026 summer down on the Farm!!

Twin Farms Club's Annual Dues Notice

The Board of Directors of Twin Farms Club, Inc. met to approve the 2026 operating budget. For the 2026 season, our dues are as follows:

- \$695 for bonded members and \$825 for annual members.
- A senior citizen discount applies to those age 65 and over by Labor Day 2026. **If you are eligible for this discount and have not previously done so**, please send a copy of your driver's license or alternate form of ID to the P.O. Box address with your payment (unless you paid online). Documents sent for age verification will be destroyed after they are checked. In the case of a married couple, only one of you needs to be age 65 to qualify. Please note: this discount is for senior citizen households only and not for younger families who happen to have a senior living with them. Senior bonded membership is \$575 and annual membership is \$695.
- Single bonded membership (which applies **only** to single person households with no dependents as defined under Federal Income Tax rules) is \$575. Annual single membership is \$695.

For those youths participating in our sports teams, the sports fee will be \$185 for one child, \$295 for two children, and not to exceed \$370 per family. This fee covers your child whether they are on one team or both teams.

Per our Bylaws, please send your dues and fees no later than April 1, 2026 to:

Twin Farms Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 4114
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Please make your check **payable to the Twin Farms Club**. PLEASE make sure to send your check to our P.O. Box. The Post Office will not deliver mail to the pool when we are not open and it takes weeks for mail to be returned.

You may also make payments by credit card (a credit card processing fee will apply).

To register, please go to <http://www.twinfarmsclub.com> and click on the "Membership Registration" button.

If you decide to send a check, please remember to complete the online registration form. **We need all members to register online**. If you need assistance with the online

system, we are happy and here to help you. Do **not** create a new profile if you have trouble logging in. Email us at twinfarmsmembership@gmail.com.

Voluntary contributions: If you are able, please also consider increasing your dues payment by \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to help build up our treasury and pay for upcoming major expenses.

Late payment penalties: According to the Bylaws, any bonded member who has not paid their dues by April 1st will be assessed a late payment penalty. The Board will be asking for approval of an amendment to change this which will likely result in late fees starting in May. The late fees will be reflected in the online registration once late fees apply.

Resignation/going inactive: Resignations or requests to become inactive must be sent to the Board in writing (e-mail or letter) also before April 1, 2026. Any member who has not notified the Board of their intentions to resign or become inactive will also be assessed the late fee. The late penalty fee will be charged against any eventual bond refund.

Admittance for Childcare Providers

Twin Farms' childcare provider admittance form is available for members whose nannies and babysitters bring the members' child(ren) to the pool.

If you anticipate having a childcare provider such as a nanny or babysitter, bring your child to the pool, please complete the form. Whenever someone caring for one or more of your children brings the child/children to the pool, the caretaker does not have to pay a guest fee if he/she is not a Twin Farms' member. **The childcare provider admittance form entitles the caretaker to enter Twin Farms free of charge as long as they are responsible for at least one of your children. Their admittance does not permit them to bring a guest or to come to the pool without one of your children.**

If you would like to give your live-in nanny or au pair the option of coming to the pool on their own, you can pay an extra fee of **\$140** for your live-in childcare provider to have full privileges of your membership. If they bring someone with them, the guest will need to pay a guest fee.

If you anticipate the need, please complete the form below and send it in with your dues by April 1, 2026.

Request for Childcare Provider Admittance Form

I/We hereby request my babysitter/nanny/caregiver to bring our child/children to the Twin Farms' pool without paying a guest fee. We understand that this admittance does not entitle the bearer to bring a guest themselves or come to the pool without our child/children. The childcare provider will need to provide their name when checking in at the front desk.

Parent(s) Names: _____

Child/Children's Names: _____

Childcare Provider Name: _____

Reminder: The childcare provider must follow all Twin Farms' safety and health rules and be responsible for your child/children while they are present at the pool.

IMPORTANT: Please remind anyone responsible for your children that they must remain with your children at all times, esp. in the baby pool. Children are not to be left unattended in the baby pool area.

DATE: _____