



## **Twin Farms Swim & Tennis Club**

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Dear Members:

We hope the kids have had a blast sledding on the hill over at the pool this week. Meanwhile, the 2025 swim season will be here before we know it!

We welcomed many wonderful new families last year and several new Tigers joined our swim and dive teams! Still, continuing to grow our membership is a must for the future of Twin Farms and will be a major focus of our efforts this year. We ask each member to 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.

As always, there is much to do before Opening Day. The club looked great during the 2025 season thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and several long overdue repair and improvement projects including the roof replacement, repairs to the pool deck, and resurfacing of the kiddie pool. While we had some fun and inexpensive improvements such as the addition of pickleball, several behind the scenes costs were necessary but also expensive. We needed a new hot water heater quickly installed when the old one died on the eve of a packed swim meet. A serious plumbing leak near the kiddie pool required excavation of the concrete next to the

area and work was needed to several showers as well as bathroom sink plumbing repairs. Thanks to the hard work of the fundraising team, we were able to offset a number of these costs, but we still finished the year with substantial financial losses as a result of these expenses. We are asking all members to make any additional voluntary contribution you can when you pay your dues to help us start 2025 in a strong position.

We will be asking for help soon with Clean Ups. Keep an eye on your email and if there is a particular skill you have or project you would like to work on, reach out to our Maintenance Chair, Ray Lombardo at [raymondalombardo@icloud.com](mailto:raymondalombardo@icloud.com) as he will be planning pre-season work in the coming weeks.

Finally, we would like to take a moment to thank Donna Mages for her tireless work over the years as Membership Chair. Donna has spent countless hours behind the scenes working on membership and more and if you ever have had an issue with your registration, you know that Donna was on top of it all! Thank you, Donna! Miranda Stafford will be taking over as Membership Chair this year. If you need to reach her for membership questions, please use the [twinfarmsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:twinfarmsmembership@gmail.com).

Twin Farms is a place thanks to the contributions of time and resources of so many. Thank you to all of you for making this a great place to spend the summer.

Why not take advantage of a snowy day to check registration off your list of things to do? To register, please go to [www.twinfarmsclub.com](http://www.twinfarmsclub.com) and click on the "Membership Registration" button.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another great year at Twin Farms.

*Go Tigers!*

## **Dues for the 2025 Season**

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

The 2025 current member rates are as follows:

### **Family**

Bonded: \$665

Annual: \$785

### **Senior**

Bonded: \$545

Annual: \$665

### **Single**

Bonded: \$545

Annual: \$665

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 2025 New Member Special rate is \$550. 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 most 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 [twinfarmsclub@gmail.com](mailto:twinfarmsclub@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 2025 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 2025 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 attached and is always posted at the pool.

### *Annual Cleanup Days*

To help prepare the pool and grounds at Twin Farms, we are scheduling several cleanup 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:twinfarmstigers@gmail.com)

Dive - Jen Tompkins: [twinfarmsdiverep@gmail.com](mailto:twinfarmsdiverep@gmail.com)

**Thank you and we look forward to a terrific 2025 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 2025 operating budget. For the 2025 season, our dues are as follows:

- \$665 for bonded members and \$785 for annual members.
- A senior citizen discount applies to those age 65 and over by Labor Day 2025. **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 \$545 and annual membership is \$665.
- Single bonded membership (which applies **only** to single person households with no dependents as defined under Federal Income Tax rules) is \$545. Annual single membership is \$665.

For those youths participating in our sports teams, the sports fee will be \$175 for one child, \$280 for two children, and not to exceed \$350 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, 2025 to:

Twin Farms Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4114  
Silver Spring, MD 20914

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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2025. 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, 2025.

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

# **Twin Farms Club, Inc.**

## **Health and Safety Rules**

*Revised February 2015*

These rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors and will be enforced to provide you with safe and sanitary facilities. **Parents, please be certain your children understand these rules.**

The pool manager and guards have been given full authority by the Board of Directors to enforce the health and safety rules on all pool property. They may eject any person who fails to observe them, or who otherwise behaves improperly or in an unsafe manner.

1. No person shall use the pool unless it is officially open and guards are on duty.
2. Admission will be refused to anyone having signs of skin, eye, ear or other potentially communicable conditions.
3. Children wearing diapers must wear a cloth diaper with plastic or rubber pants. No paper diapers are allowed in the pool. A fecal incident requires a cleaning and chemical treatment so extensive that it will close the pool for the remainder of the day.
4. Flotation devices are permitted in the pool with the approval of the manager or lifeguards (except for specially designated events). Children using approved flotation devices must be within arms' length of accompanying adult.
5. No food, chewing gum or drinks of any kind are permitted on the deck. No glass bottled drinks are permitted anywhere on pool property. Members and guests are encouraged to eat meals in the pavilion area. Everyone must clean up after themselves.
6. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on premises except as permitted by the Board of Directors on special occasions.
7. Smoking is permitted outside of fenced pool area and not at pool entrance.
8. Profanity is prohibited.
9. Except for chairs already positioned on deck, members and guests are not permitted to move chairs onto the pool deck.

10. Running or rough play of any kind in the pool area is prohibited. Kickboards, other swimming equipment and ball playing, may be allowed at the discretion of the management and guards when the pool is not crowded.
11. A lightning alert is in effect for **30 minutes** after thunder is heard in the pool area. During these 30 minutes the pool and grounds (including the food shelter area, tennis and basketball courts) must be cleared. Shelter must be sought in the pool house or cars.
12. **Children:**
  - A. Parents are responsible for the conduct and behavior of their children.
  - B. Twin Farms Club will not be responsible for children left at the pool without proper supervision. Children must be picked up by pool closing time.
  - C. All children under age 11 (unless they meet the requirements described in 12D) must be accompanied in the pool area by a person 14 years of age or older. They must be under the direct supervision of that individual at all times.
  - D. Member's children age 8 to 10 inclusive may enter the pool area alone if they have passed the basic swimming test (administered by the staff and consisting of swimming two consecutive lengths of the pool using two different strokes and treading water for one minute).
  - E. A member's child who is at least 12 years may bring a guest without adult supervision if that guest is at least 12 years old and has passed the pool test.
  - F. Children under the age of three are permitted in the main pool only if accompanied in the water by a person 14 years of age or older. In crowded conditions, the manager or guards may request that these children, for their own safety, not be allowed in the main pool.
  - G. Children who have not passed their pool test shall not be in water over their heads unless directly supervised by a person 14 years of age or older.
  - H. Age requirement summary:  
**Under 8:** Cannot be at the pool unsupervised.  
**8-11:** Until the pool test is passed, must be supervised by someone 14 or older. Upon passing pool test, may be left unsupervised. Parents of unsupervised children are responsible for their children's behavior and conduct. Children who do not follow the safety rules or the directions of the manager and guards may not be left unsupervised.

**12-14:** If they have passed the pool test, they may bring a guest. The guest must pass the pool test to enter the pool.

**13. Diving:**

- A. The diving board may be closed when the pool is crowded.
- B. Do not dive until the preceding diver has reached the ladder.
- C. Dive from the end of the board only. Only one person at a time may be on the diving board.
- D. Do not get out of pool under or near diving board. Use ladder on side wall of the diving board.
- E. The manager and guards have the authority to stop any activity which they consider dangerous.

**14. Pool Slide:**

- A. Only one person at a time may be on the stairs and slide.
- B. Must wait at the bottom of the stairs until preceding person gets to side wall ladder.
- C. Must be seated and feet first when going down the slide.
- D. Only slide when diving well is empty of swimmers.
- E. No horse playing on stairs or slide.
- F. The slide is not open during dive team practice and meets.

**15. Baby Pool:**

- A. Use of the baby pool is limited to children under the age of eight.
- B. **Children in the baby pool must be supervised by a person at least 14 years old.** That supervising person must be physically located within the baby pool area **at all times.**
- C. Dirty diapers should be changed out of the baby pool area and off of the deck.
- D. For the safety of the younger children, older children may be asked to leave the baby pool area.
- E. Adult food is not permitted in the Baby Pool area. Please cleanup all trash from infant and toddler snacks.

F. All toys must be at least the size of an adult fist.

16. **Adult Swim:**

- A. An adult swim is normally called on the hour and lasts 15 minutes.
- B. The manager and guards, at their discretion, may cancel an adult swim.
- C. Children under 15 years of age may not be in the pool during adult swim unless the manager or guards have granted permission.

17. **Lap Lane:**

- A. The lap lanes are for the use of people age 15 or older that are swimming laps.
- B. Children under 15 years of age may swim in the lap lane if granted permission by the manager or guards.
- C. Lap lane use should not exceed 30 minutes at a time, when both lanes are in use.
- D. A lap lane must be shared with another person upon request when both lanes are being utilized.
- E. As needed, lap lanes are shared with swim team members during June-July afternoon practice.

18. **Guests:**

- A. Members must accompany their guests, and pay the appropriate guest fees.
- B. More than six guests per household at any one time require prior approval by the manager or the Board of Directors.
- C. All rules applicable to the members will also apply to guests. This includes the swim test.