

# Barranca Mesa Pool Association

A private pool exclusively for members and guests



[www.barrancapool.com](http://www.barrancapool.com)

April 2018

## Dear Present and Future Members and Renters,

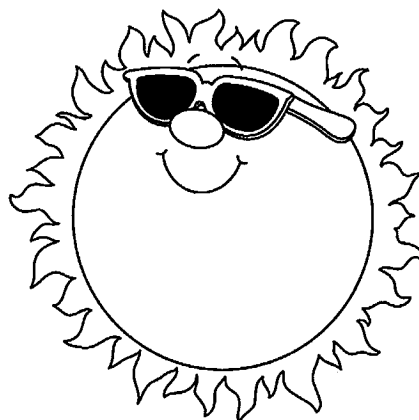
Winter has wound down and summer will soon be knocking at our door. The board and staff are working to get Barranca Mesa Pool (BMP) up and running for the 2018 season. I, for one, am looking forward to swimming in our lovely pool; we are all fortunate to have such a valuable resource. Please make sure you and your family members are familiar with the rules and regulations. This is important from a safety aspect as well as showing respect to the other members of BMPA.

The assessment for 2018 will be \$440; **remember that your assessment must be postmarked by May 1st.**

Send payments, 2018 membership form, and liability waiver to: BMPA Membership c/o Amelia Epperson 2156 B 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, (or to PO Box 4, Los Alamos, NM 87544). Additional information is on the assessment form as well. **The 2018 membership forms and liability waivers are available on the BMPA website under the membership tab.**

There is an opportunity to participate in a work party before opening and after closing and get a \$45 dollar discount on the assessment. The work parties last from 3 to 4 hours and food will be provided at the end of the each party. This is a great opportunity to participate in the pool, learn how the pool operates, and work with other members. As a member you own part of the pool.

Remember, the assessment and work deposit must be paid even if you do not intend to use the pool during the season. If no assessment and work deposit is received by May 26th, the Association has the right to rent out your membership and you will still owe your assessment and work deposit. The pool will once again have free **wi-fi internet service** available. Ask the front desk for the password. Please also check our webpage at [www.barrancapool.com](http://www.barrancapool.com) for up-to-date pool information.



## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

May 12th, Saturday	Work Party	8 am – 2pm
May 26th, Saturday	Pool Opens at NOON!	12 pm – 8 pm
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Saturday	Pool Reopens for the season at Noon!	12pm – 8pm
July 4th, Wednesday	Independence Day Party	10 am – 4 pm
Sept 3rd, Monday	Pool Closes	2 pm
Sept 8th, Saturday	Pool Closing Work Party	8 am – noon

## SWIM LESSONS

<p>June 11 to June 22                  July 2 to July 13                  July 23 to August 3</p> <p><b><u>Lessons are Monday thru Friday</u></b></p> <p>Cost for a two-week session of lessons will be \$30 per child for pool members / renters and \$60 for non-pool members. Lesson sign-ups will take place on the Monday of the week prior to the session for lessons.</p>
--

## POOL HOURS

LESSON WEEKS			NON-LESSON WEEKS	
6:00-8:00	Lane Swimming (Mon-Fri. only)		6:00-8:00	Lane Swimming (Mon-Fri. only)
8:00-8:30	Closed for Cleaning		8:00-9:00	Closed for Cleaning
8:30-10:00	Lessons (7:00 evening lessons)		9:00-7:00	Pool Open
10:00-7:00	Pool Open			

Portions of the pool will be restricted to lane swimming from 12 – 1:30 & from 5 – 6:30 daily.  
 On Saturday the pool will be open from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturdays 4-6 p.m. is Family Night!** (Portion of pool available for lane swimming from 6:00-7:00 pm)

**Check bulletin board at pool for any change in scheduled events, or phone 662-7536 for information.**

**The pool hours at the end of the summer, once school begins, are dependent upon staff availability.**

Please make sure you and your family are familiar with the following Rules and Regulations set forth in this letter. Parents are requested to review the rules and regulations with their children.

### GENERAL

1. The managers and lifeguards have full authority in pool operations and they are authorized to enforce all the rules.
2. Violators of rules can be expelled from pool premises.
3. Grievances will be handled by the manager on duty.
4. Appeals shall be written to the Board of Directors.
5. Members and guests shall check in with the basket-room attendant upon EVERY entry, and are required to provide identification to the pool staff.
6. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children, and shall instruct them to obey all rules.
7. Abusive and obscene language will not be tolerated.
8. Facilities and equipment shall not be damaged. The BMPA Board of Directors may assess the responsible member for damages.
9. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed, and persons under the influence of alcohol shall be denied entry to pool areas.
10. Tobacco products of any kind (including e-cigarette devices, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, & cigars) are not permitted on the premises.
11. Illegal drugs are prohibited on the premises.
12. Weapons of any kind are not permitted on the premises.

### DISCIPLINE POLICY (Progressive)

1. Verbal warning issued.
2. Will be asked to sit out of pool.
3. Will be asked to leave pool for the day. If applicable, a call to parents will be placed by pool manager.
4. Manager and the Board of Directors will meet with parents to develop agreeable measures, if applicable.
5. If an adult discipline issue arises, manager has the authority to ask him/her to leave the premises. If refusal occurs, LAPD may be called.
6. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, member privileges may be suspended or revoked without reimbursement.

### LAP SWIMMING GUIDELINES

In order to accommodate more than one lap swimmer per lane, please follow these guidelines:

1. Advise the swimmer who is already in a lane that you want to join him/her.
2. Circle swim, i.e. swim towards the green (+) marker and away from the red (-) marker at each end of the lane.
3. It is considered polite that people already swimming invite others that are waiting to swim to join in.

### SANITATION

1. N.M. state law REQUIRES a soap shower before anyone enters the pool or wading pool.
2. Anyone having a skin infection, respiratory ailment or communicable disease shall not enter the pool area.
3. Swimsuits must be clean.

4. Swimmers shall remove band aids, bandages, hair clips, and shall discard chewing gum before entering pool.
5. Babies under 2-yrs. must wear water-proof swim diapers – NO EXCEPTION. The basket room will attempt to keep a limited supply on hand for sale.
6. Spitting, spouting, and nose blowing in the pool are prohibited.
7. Animals are excluded from the premises.
8. Eating and drinking are restricted to the lounging area. Trash shall be deposited in the appropriate receptacles. (There are separate bins for plastic and aluminum).

### SAFETY

1. Swimming is prohibited in the absence of a lifeguard.
2. **Lifeguards do not watch the wading pool!**
3. Distracting the lifeguards on duty is prohibited.
4. Running, pushing, dunking, dangerous horseplay, and any activity that endangers the safety of others are prohibited.
5. An adult shall accompany AT ALL TIMES a small, non-swimming child in the pool, and ALL children in the wading pool.
6. Non-swimming children using life-saving/floatation devices (such as a lifejacket) must be accompanied in the water by an adult at all times.
7. For swimming children under the age of 10, a ratio of 1:5 adult per children is required.
8. Children between the ages of 6 - 10 must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible individual who is at least 12 years of age or older. Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible individual who is at least 15 years old.
9. Glass containers are not allowed in the pool or lounge area.
10. Only toys approved by the staff are permitted in the pool.
11. Hanging on safety lines is prohibited.
12. Large floatation devices are permitted in the pool only on Family Nights or during instruction periods, and at the discretion of the lifeguards. Smaller floatation devices used as swimming aides are permitted at the discretion of the guard on duty.
13. In accordance with Red Cross recommendations, pool staff are required to have swimmers leave the pool in the event of lightning.

### DIVING AREA

1. When open, the diving area shall not be used for general swimming.
2. Swimming across the diving area is prohibited.
3. Diving is restricted to those having adequate swimming ability.
4. Only one diver shall be on a board at a time.
5. Each dive shall be straight forward from the end of the board.
6. After a dive, the person shall immediately swim to the side of the pool.
7. Upon request, the diving area may be opened at any time,

- except during lane swimming.
8. Goggles are not to be worn when diving from the boards.

### SLIDE AREA

1. When open, the slide area shall be clear of other pool members.
2. Use of the slide is restricted to people having adequate swimming ability.
3. Only one person can use the slide at a time (People shall not use the slide with a child on their lap).
4. After using the slide, the person shall immediately swim away from the area below the slide.
5. Goggles are not to be worn while using the slide.
6. Adults shall not use the slide.

### SHOWER, DRESSING & BASKET ROOM

1. To conserve water and energy, showers should be limited to 3 cycles.
2. Children over the age of 3 shall use the gender-appropriate dressing room.
3. Horseplay in dressing rooms is prohibited.
4. Basket room entry is restricted to employees.
5. Congregation of persons at the basket room window is prohibited.

### EMERGENCIES

The pool staff has taken their first aid and life saving training. In the event of an emergency at the pool, members and guests are required to respond to the directions of the staff, and provide adequate space to allow the staff to perform their duties.

### WORK PARTIES

Work parties are a lot of fun, but work is the operative word. This is your pool, and we really need your help in OPENING AND CLOSING it. Please come, even if only for part of the day. Free sodas, pizza, and salad will be provided for lunch. *NOTE THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14* must be accompanied by a working parent. Tasks to be accomplished include removing the pool cover, preparing the filter pit, opening the bath house, setting up the deck, trimming the pyracantha, and maintaining the landscaping and perimeter fence. This is a good opportunity for members and their children to learn operation of the pool.

Helpful things to bring:

- Sturdy work gloves
- Crescent wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers
- Long-handled pruning shears (to trim the Pyracantha during the opening work party)

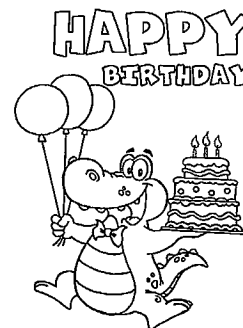
### MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. Memberships can only be held by an individual or family, and cannot be used for business purposes.
2. Any use of a membership in a business-like manner, whether implicit or explicit, is not permitted and will lead to the loss of the membership without reimbursement (including, but not limited to, selling guest passes, bringing in guests as part of an organization, camp, or daycare).
3. A member is allowed to sell or rent their membership. Rentals are on an annual basis only. Each rental or sale transaction is the responsibility of the individual member. Please email Amelia Epperson at [membership2018@barrancapool.com](mailto:membership2018@barrancapool.com) for help with membership paperwork.
4. If a member rents their membership to another individual/family, the member and family give up their privilege to use the pool for that season.
5. The assessment and work deposit must be paid annually, even if the member will not be using the pool during the season.
6. If your children will be accompanied to the pool by their regular babysitter, please list the babysitter on your membership form. The babysitter can only be admitted to the pool when in sole care of your children, and they may not bring any guests.

### PARTIES

**AFTER HOURS:** The pool is available after hours for private parties. The minimum fee is \$50 for the first hour and \$40 for each subsequent hour for groups up to 30. A \$1/hr. fee will be charged for each additional person. Contact the pool manager at 662-7536 to make arrangements at least 7-days in advance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Space may be reserved for birthday parties during normal operating hours, and the party should be reserved at least 2-days in advance. Members may reserve either the baby pool area or the diving board area. The cost is \$30 for a two-hour reservation, plus a \$20 cleaning deposit. Size is limited to 15 children; larger groups of children will require prior approval from the manager and a fee of \$1 per child will be charged to cover the additional lifeguard costs..



## REFRESHMENTS

Soft drinks, popsicles and snacks will be sold from the basket room. Members are allowed to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages. BBQ grills are available to use. The pool provides gas, cleaning utensils, and aluminum foil.

## GUEST PRIVILEGES

1. Each guest must check in with the attendant.
2. In-town guests: Each membership/rental is entitled to 10 free guest passes. Guests must always check-in with their hosts, and the basket room attendant will record the use of guest passes. Additional guest passes may be purchased, in lots of 10, for \$20. Guests must be with the member at all times and must leave when the member leaves. Eight or more guests qualify as a party. Please notify the pool at least 2 days in advance of bringing in 8 or more guests.
3. Out-of-town guests do not require the use of a guest passes. On their first visit, member hosts must accompany their out-of-town guests and register them with the basket room attendant; on subsequent visits, the out-of-town guests may come unaccompanied. Guests under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
4. In addition, a free, one-week family guest pass is included in this newsletter.
5. No guest lane swimming between 6 and 8 a.m.

## Guest Family Coupon

*One coupon per family per summer*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest visit begins \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Good for any week of the summer except when  
Walkup Center is closed in August.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

We had a few "poop accidents" in previous years which always resulted in a pool closure of one to 24 hours, because in a serious case of vomit or diarrhea we have to close the pool until the next day. To minimize this inconvenience for the other pool users, please follow the simple steps proposed in our red posters and flyers titled: "Dear Parent of a Small Child".

## BOARD MEMBERS

Armand Groffman, President	670-4690
Brigit Jansen, Vice President	662-6942
David Kratzer, Treasurer	412-2558
Melanie Colgan, Secretary	661-4094
Amelia Epperson, Membership	362-9110
Jorg Jansen, House	662-6942
Sarah Work, Employment	470-8990

**Our outstanding treasurer, David Kratzer, will be leaving the board soon. Many thanks to David for many years of excellent service to our pool!**

**The board is in need of a new treasurer by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominations are now being accepted. If you would like to volunteer you may contact a board member directly or email the entire board at [board2018@barrancapool.com](mailto:board2018@barrancapool.com).**

If you have any questions or comments for the Board of Directors please contact them directly via phone, email (<http://barrancapool.com/contacts/>), or use the new Comment Box installed on the pool premises.

# Assessment Postmarked by May 1st!

- Opening Work Party  
May 12, Saturday, 8 am – 2:00 pm
- Pool Opens at Noon for MEMORIAL DAY weekend only  
May 26, Saturday  
Pool re-opens at noon for the season  
June 2, Saturday
- Independence Day Party  
July 4, Wednesday, 10 am – 4 pm
- Pool Closes at 2 pm  
Sept. 3, Monday (Labor Day)
- Closing Work Party  
Sept. 8, Saturday, 8 am – 12 pm
- BMPA Board positions open for 2019

**BARRANCA MESA  
POOL ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 4  
Los Alamos, NM 87544



\*Address Correction Requested\*

