

Hello Fox Hill Swim Families,

I am writing to let you all know of our “plans” for the summer. First off, I want to say that being in charge of decisions like this is NOT easy. I have worked with my coaches, the GM of Fox Hill, people involved in the BVSSL League, and had guidance from the aquatics supervisor of Northern Colorado YMCAs. Last year, we set up a plan and within two days of practice, it had changed. Because of this past experience, and knowing that right now things change at the drop of a hat, we will take it one week at a time. It is much easier to open up and allow more swimmers than it is to limit numbers and reimburse money. I also want for everyone to understand my position. I am in charge of hiring my coaches. Currently we have Debbie Stewart and myself coaching the 13-18 as well as the 9-12 age groups. Marie Huff and myself will coach the 8 & Unders, and Marie and Tony Huff will be coaching the pre-team. Of these coaches, both Debbie and Tony will be also coaching Silver Creek High School. They will be going directly from our pool to Centennial. They also will have the conference swim meet on Saturday, June 19 and the state meet on Friday, June 25. I can not hire additional staff for a job that “might” open up and then “might” close down again. Emillee Wonnacot will be teaching lessons and helping us out with swim team as needed. Megan Williams is moving to Tennessee and we will miss her greatly, but wish her the best of luck. As you can see, your understanding and flexibility this summer will be pertinent in making our summer successful.

First off, Boulder County is currently in the blue level. In this level, we can have 50 people within the fence at the pool. This would include swimmers, coaches, and parents. This is a decent number to work with. The catch is that we have to keep people 6 feet apart. I do feel that we can have a fairly normal swim team experience by dividing kids at each end of the pool, which is what we did last year. As long as we are not within 6 feet of each other the coaches can coach from the deck without a mask. I will be using sign up genius to sign up for practice slots. Last year we allowed 4 per lane and we can allow 6 per lane as long as we stay away from each other at the end of the pool. Luckily, the only age group that will have this many people is most likely the 13-18 group and they are easier to keep apart because of their swimming abilities.

We are going to charge weekly. If there is a swim meet that week, then it will be included in your fee. Members will pay \$30.00 per week and Non members will pay \$45.00 per week. You can come one time per week or all five. This will be totally up to you. Weeks with 4 days will be prorated.

Preteam will have the biggest change of all. With the mask rule and the 6 foot rule, we are only going to be allowing swimmers who are water safe to be on pre-swim team. This way, our instructors can get in the water, but unless there is an emergency, they won't have to be holding the kids. If you have signed up for pre-team and your child is not water safe (can swim/float across the entire wading pool without help) you can reach out to our instructors and sign up for swim lessons. Their names are listed on The Fox Hill website under “activities” and “swimming”. As of right now, parents need to get in the water for swim lessons because the

instructor can not hold or get super close to the child. I know this will disappoint many of you and I am sorry. We will hold a “testing day” for pre-team on June 8 from 9:45-10:15. At this time, we will test all kids who are hoping to be on pre-team to make sure they are ready. On June 9th, we will begin our normal practice from 9:45-10:15.

We are planning on participating in four swim meets. Two of them will be home and two of them will be away. As of right now, we have no idea how these will be run, but we will abide by Covid Restrictions

June 12 – at Meadowglen (Their meets will be held from 12-4:00 at George Myers Pool)

June 26 - at Wesminster Waves (new team to the league. This is expected to be an afternoon meet as well.

July 10 -Ranch CC at Fox Hill 8:00 start time

July 17 – Meadows Club at Fox Hill 8:00 start time.

At this late of notice, we will not be ordering team suits. Kids will be able to wear what they want. We will be ordering NEW Fox Hill Swim Caps that all swimmers will be required to wear at meets. These will be available through the golf shop.

If we remain in blue, then only swimmers will be allowed on the deck. We have to keep the total number under 50. Last year, our 8 & under age group was quite small and we did allow those parents on the deck because we still were meeting all the current guidelines.

Practices will be as follows:

7:00-8:00 13-18

8:00-9:00 9-12

9:00-9:45 8 & Unders

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:45-10:15 Pre-team

How things will change if we move to “Clear”and stay there.

- 1) Parents will be allowed on the deck (but there will most likely still be the 6 ft rule)

- 2) We will not have the coaching staff to run our traditional dryland exercises, but we can post exercises and equipment and the kids can do this after their practice on the grass
- 3) Not sure about showers etc.....we will wait and see what the rules are on this.

Please be advised that the following all found on the latest Public Health Order from Boulder County. Although it says “clear” has no restrictions:

**Face covering requirements may still apply and State orders, if any may still apply*

**Boulder County will be moved to more restrictive Levels if experiencing rates reflective of more restrictive Levels for 7 consecutive days over a 13 day average.*

**BCPH, in the interests of public health, safety, and welfare, reserves the right to move Boulder County one or more levels quicker than stated above to implement other restrictions as circumstances warrant.*

I would LOVE to just open up swim team and be able to coach the way I have for the past 42 years, but my fear is that as soon as I do, things will become more restrictive again. Please know, that we are all doing our best to make the summer as normal as possible for the kids with the restrictions we must abide by.

Thank you!! Angie Banning