

FRIENDS' CENTRAL AQUATIC

Swim School

Welcome to the FCA Swim School. Below is a list of swim school guidelines and policies. Please read these carefully.

1. All swimmers must be at least **3-feet tall** and **toilet-trained** to enroll in swim school.
2. FCA reserves the right to place swimmers in the group that we feel is appropriate. It is important to note that the FCA philosophy is conservative when placing children in groups that are working on “deep water” development, and that the dynamics for this decision are affected by the group as well as the individual. Your child’s comfort and safety are our primary concern. Instructors may have swimmers switch groups at any time during the session, but parents will always be contacted.
3. Please refrain from talking to the instructors. Classes are scheduled back to back, and transitioning from one to the other can be chaotic. Please address any questions you might have to the Aquatics Office or call FCA at (610) 658-5632, Extension 1, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.
4. Parents may use the spectator seating or the bleachers located on the pool deck to observe swim lessons. Parents sitting on the deck in the area next to the learning annex will be asked to move.
5. **Parents are NOT ALLOWED in the water during any swimming lessons—group or private.**
6. When registering for a session, please do so with a registration form filled out completely and accompanied by payment. These forms can be downloaded from the website www.friendscentral.org/FCA or picked up at the office. Please be aware of registration deadline dates--there are late fees.
7. Please use the locker rooms downstairs to change and shower before each lesson. There are separate bathrooms downstairs for co-ed situations. Please be sensitive to those changing issues and please treat the facilities with respect and care.
8. Goggles and caps are not required but highly recommended. Anti-fog lenses, soft gaskets and comfortable silicone caps for kids with hair that comes over their eyes will definitely raise children’s level of comfort in the water as well as expedite the learning process. Please take advantage of our FCA swim shop, which will be set, up poolside every Saturday.
9. **Please park in the main lot. If this lot is full, please use the lower lot which is accessed by turning right after you enter the main entrance. DO NOT park at the top of the circle or behind the pool. Finally, DO NOT use the Lankenau Hospital driveway for drop-off or pick-up.**
10. Do not switch class time. If there is an extenuating circumstance that affects a number of classes, please call the FCA office.
11. There are no make-up classes unless the facility closes. If snow is an impending issue, please call the FCA Swim School line for an announcement which is usually made Saturday morning between 8:00-9:00AM.
12. There is absolutely no eating or drinking (except water) in the pool area.
13. Please **do not** prop open any of the pool doors.