



HOUSTON SWIM CLUB

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME

Welcome to Houston Swim Club! Houston Swim Club, formerly known as Phill Hansel Swimming Academy, was started in 1953. University of Houston head coach and U.S. Olympic coach Phill Hansel developed the successful teaching method that is still used by us today. This method combines a safe and positive environment with over fifty years of professionalism to offer students a proven method to achieve personal swimming goals. After managing HSC for eight years, Bonnie Howe purchased the facility from Phill Hansel in 1994 and has carefully maintained the quality teaching standards. In June of 2001 we opened our second location in Sugar Land and in July of 2006 we opened our third location in Katy. At Houston Swim Club you will find a warm, nurturing, and highly effective program stressing skills, safety, and fun!

THE LEARNING PROCESS

We are happy to be the instructors in your child's swimming education. Your child has been placed in a class with children of similar age and swimming ability. They are a top priority to us as we are committed to making a difference in their lives. We hope that both you and your child enjoy swimming and are equally pleased with the progress made!

During the past 50+ years, we have taught over a quarter of a million students. We are professionally confident in our teaching methods and abilities. Please leave the teaching to us. Our policy is to teach with love and joy in a happy, positive, and structured atmosphere.

While continuous progression is ideal, we are aware that all children excel at different rates. Please do not be worried if it seems that your child has reached a plateau at a certain class level. It is common for children to appear to make no progress at all in some stages. Our instructors work hard to build a trusting relationship with each child, as this makes the learning process much easier. We cannot tell you ahead of time how long it will take for your child to swim, but we will do our best to make progress as rapid as possible. Please keep in mind that learning to swim requires time and patience and is an ongoing process. It is important that we all give the children positive reinforcement. Reinforcing negative behaviors makes it harder for the instructors to teach your child.

Group classes have a maximum of four children. Parent Child classes have a maximum of six children. If you pay for a group class and your child is alone for some reason, then he/she will receive a 20-minute private lesson. We feel that smaller class sizes are more beneficial and allow your child to receive more personalized attention.

Please attend classes regularly and be on time. Our classes run consecutively each half hour. They start and finish on time; so your child misses valuable class time when you are late. If you arrive late for a class and your teacher is not in the pool, please notify the office.

WE DO SWIM WHEN IT RAINS!

INSTRUCTORS

We take pride in the quality instructors we keep on staff! Instructors must meet the following criteria before teaching a class:

- CPR/First Aid
- Water Safety Instruction (Red Cross)
- 40+ hours of in the water training in the Phill Hansel method

Instructors are trained to know when a child is genuinely afraid or strong-minded. Please allow them to decide and to focus their teaching so that your child will get the most from each lesson. We ask that you wait **OUTSIDE** the pool area in order to avoid being a distraction to your child. Observation rooms are provided for parents and visitors. The windows are mirrored so that children cannot see their parents. Please do not remove your child from his/her lesson before it is over, as this will only reinforce any anxieties he/she has about swimming.

All instructor requests will be considered, but may not always be honored due to scheduling constraints and class availability. When an instructor is absent, a substitute will be provided. Please be open-minded about new instructors/substitutes so that your child will be as well. We strive to maintain consistency among all instructors. We are trained in the same methods and teach the same curriculum for each class level. Swimming with a different instructor will not hinder your child's progress.

CLASS LEVELS

Starfish 1 (Parent Child; babies new to our program)	Swordfish (width of pool, advanced side breathing)
Starfish 2 (Parent Child; advanced babies)	Marlin (beginning length of pool, side breathing)
Guppy (Beginner Class; 4 and under)	Kingfish (length of pool, side breathing)
Goldfish (width of pool; back floating)	Patch (upper level skills)
Dolphin (4 and under; beginning side breathing)	T-Shirt (learning all 4 strokes)
Catfish (Beginner Class; 5 and up; beginning side breathing)	Stroke 1, 2, 3 (preparation for competitive swimming)
Stingray (width of pool; intermediate side breathing)	Swim Team (summer or year round)

* Please visit the office for a more detailed handout on our class levels and award system.

AWARD SYSTEM

All students enrolled in an Everyday session will receive a certificate and the appropriate award at the end of the session. Students enrolled in maintenance lessons will receive progress reports on a monthly basis and level certificates as they are earned. Please contact the office for schedule changes following a promotion.

CHECK-IN SYSTEM

Each student must be checked in prior to entering the pool for class. Please check your student's name off on the attendance sheets and take the appropriate colored chip, which will be given to the instructor. All instructors are color coded (chips & toy baskets), so please take the appropriate colored chip.

Please have children use the restroom, discard gum, and remove band-aids before entering the water.

Each lesson is guaranteed.

If you are not satisfied with a lesson, then please notify the director immediately and we will gladly provide another lesson at no charge!

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