



DFMWR 2026 Swimming Pools Operations Information Paper

The 2026 season at the JBM-HH Swimming Pools will follow a structured schedule designed to balance lap swimming, recreational use, and special programming throughout the summer. The pool will open for the season on Saturday, May 23, 2026, kicking off Memorial Day Weekend, and will remain open through Monday, September 7, 2026, closing after Labor Day. Weekend hours will run from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with recreational swimming.

During the early portion of the season, from May 23 through June 12, weekday operations will include dedicated lap swim from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. using only the 50-meter pool, where all lanes will be reserved for lap swimmers. Recreational swimming will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m. across all pools. The final hour of the day, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., will return to lap swim only in 50M pool. Throughout this period, the 25-meter pool will close daily at 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Beginning on June 15 and continuing through September 7, weekday operations will shift slightly. Lap swim will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. using only the 50-meter pool, followed by recreational swimming from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the 50-meter, 25-meter, and figure-eight pools. As in the early season, the final hour of the day will be reserved for lap swim using only the 50-meter pool. The 25-meter pool will continue to close at 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season, all pools will be open for recreational swimming from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This consistent weekend schedule ensures families and recreational swimmers have ample access to all pool areas.

A major feature of the summer will be the return of Wibit Weekends, during which inflatable water features will be set up in the 50-meter pool. These events will take place May 23–25, June 20–21, July 4–5, July 25–26, August 15–16, and September 5–7. During Wibit Weekends, recreational swim will run from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. To prepare for these events, the 50-meter pool will close at 6:00 p.m. the day before each Wibit Weekend for setup and will close again at 6:00 p.m. on the final day for breakdown. Participation in Wibit activities will require a wristband, available for \$3.00 for a single day or \$5.00 for two days. Wibit will be free on Holidays- May 25, July 4 and September 7.

The 25-meter pool will also serve as a venue for pool party/gathering reservations, swim lessons, and other MWR programmed events which are available exclusively to DoD-eligible patrons and their guest. When reserved, the 25-meter pool will **not** be open for general use, ensuring pool reservations, swimming lessons and MWR program events have full access during their scheduled time. Calendar of events will be posted at the Pool Complex and updated as needed.

2026 Summer Season Schedule & New Pool Pass, Pool Reservation Options

Quick Reference

Season Dates & Hours

- **Opening Day:** Saturday, May 23, 2026 (Memorial Day Weekend)
 - **Closing Day:** Monday, September 7, 2026 (after Labor Day)
 - **Weekend Hours (Sat–Sun):** 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
 - Recreational Swim: 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
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May 23 – June 12 (Monday–Friday)

- Lap Swim Only: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (50M pool only, all lanes)
 - Recreational Swim: 1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. (50M, 25M, Figure-8)
 - Lap Swim Only: 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (50M pool only, all lanes)
 - 25M Pool closes at 5:00 p.m.
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June 15 – September 7 (Monday–Friday)

- Lap Swim Only: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (50M pool only, all lanes)
 - Recreational Swim: 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. (50M, 25M, Figure-8)
 - Lap Swim Only: 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (50M pool only, all lanes)
 - 25M Pool closes at 5:00 p.m.
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Wibit Weekends

- **Dates:** May 23–25, June 20–21, July 4–5, July 25–26, Aug 15–16, Sept 5–7
 - Recreational Swim: 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
 - Wibits located in the 50M pool
 - 50M Pool closes at 6:00 p.m. the day before each event for setup
 - 50M Pool closes at 6:00 p.m. on final event day for breakdown
 - **Participation Bands:** \$3 (one day) / \$5 (two days)
 - **Free on Holidays:** May 25, July 4, and September 7
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Pool Party/Gathering Reservations

- 25M pool available for private reservations
- Open to **DoD-eligible patrons only**
- 25M pool close to general use when reserved

2026 Pool Passes and Daily Rates

Summer Season Passes (Available March 16)

Single Summer Season Pass (Ages 18+)

- E1–E4: **\$185**
- E5 & Above, DoD Civilians, Retirees: **\$225**

Family Summer Season Pass (Up to 6 Household Members, Ages 4+)

- E1–E4: **\$286**
 - E5–E9: **\$462**
 - CW1, CW2, O1–O3: **\$518**
 - CW3–CW5, O4 & Above, DoD Civilians, Retirees: **\$574**
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Monthly Pool Passes (Available June 7 – DoD Card Holders Only)

Single Monthly Pool Pass

- E1–E4: **\$125**
- E5 & Above, DoD Civilians, Retirees: **\$160**

Family Monthly Pool Pass (Up to 6 Household Members, Ages 4+)

- E1–E4: **\$275**
 - E5 & Above, DoD Civilians, Retirees: **\$375**
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Daily Admission Rates

- E1–E5: **\$6 per person**
- E6 & Above, DoD Civilians, Retirees: **\$8 per person**
- Children 3 and under: **Free**

Pool Reservation Overview

A pool reservation at JBM-HH Patton Pool Complex transforms any celebration into a relaxed, sun-soaked experience where families and friends can enjoy exclusive access to the 25-meter pool during normal operating hours. With dedicated lifeguards ensuring a safe and welcoming environment, your group can spread out, splash freely, and enjoy a private space within one of the installation's most popular summer destinations. Guests can elevate their event even further with on-site catering from Spates Hall (not included in the Pool Reservation) and convenient equipment rentals—from canopies and tables to outdoor games—making it easy to create a festive, comfortable setup tailored to your gathering. Whether it's a birthday, unit event, or family celebration, a pool reservation offers a fun, memorable, and stress-free way to bring people together in the heart of summer.

Pool Reservations (During Normal Operating Hours Only)

Location: 25M Pool (exclusive use for your group) **Availability:** During posted operating hours **Minimum Reservation:** 2 hours

Pool Reservation Pricing

- **E1–E6: \$125 per hour**
- **E7 & Above, Officers, DoD Civilians, Retirees: \$175 per hour**

Includes:

- Exclusive use of the 25M pool
- Lifeguard staffing
- Access for 6 household members plus up to 19 additional guests. Additional Guests: \$3–\$5 per person (Exceeding 25 total guest requires additional Lifeguards)

Pool reservation request is required and can be made by Visiting JBMHH.ARMYMWR.COM

Catering Options

Spates Hall Catering offers convenient, on-site food and beverage service to enhance your pool party experience.

- Party platters: sandwiches, wraps, fruit, vegetables, desserts
- Hot food options: burgers, hot dogs, chicken tenders, wings, nachos
- Beverage packages: bottled water, sports drinks, sodas, lemonade
- Kids' packages: pizza bundles, snack packs, juice boxes

Catering option is not included in the reservation. For pricing and availability visit Spates Hall. All catering orders must be placed through Spates Hall Catering. Outside food and beverages (other than water) are not permitted.

Equipment Checkout Program

Additional equipment is available through the JBM-HH Equipment Checkout Program to elevate your event.

- Canopies and pop-up tents
- Folding tables and chairs
- Coolers

- Portable speakers
- Outdoor games: cornhole, giant Jenga, ladder toss, ring toss
- Sports equipment: volleyballs, footballs, frisbees

Equipment Checkout option is not included in the reservation. Equipment availability may vary; reservation request is required and can be made by Visiting JBMHH.ARMYMWR.COM.

Optional Add-Ons

- Party Pavilion / Patio Space: \$25–\$50
- Additional Guests: \$3–\$5 per person (Exceeding 25 total guest requires additional Lifeguards)
- Wibit (Swing and Lilly Pad Course) Add-On (when available): \$75–\$150 flat fee
- Extended Time: Standard hourly rate applies

Reservation Notes

- Reservations are first-come, first-served.
- The 25M pool will be closed for general use during all scheduled parties.
- All guests must follow posted pool rules and lifeguard instructions.

Aquatics Programs Overview – JBM-HH Patton Pool Complex

Children’s Group Swim Lessons – July Sessions

The July Children’s Group Swim Lessons provide a fun, structured environment where young swimmers build confidence, learn essential water safety skills, and progress through appropriate instruction. Certified instructors guide each session with a focus on technique, comfort in the water, and positive reinforcement. With a blend of weekday evening and Saturday classes, families can enjoy a flexible schedule that supports steady skill development throughout the month.

Program Details

- **Dates:** July 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28
- **Make-Up Dates:** August 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15
- **Times:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 1700–1900; Saturdays 0800–1700
- **Program:** Children’s Group Swim Lessons (10 sessions)
- **Eligibility:** All eligible Fitness Center patrons
- **Cost:** \$275
- **Registration Opens:** TBD

NAUI Open Water Scuba Certification – July Sessions

The July Scuba Program offers participants the opportunity to earn their NAUI Open Water Scuba Certification through hands-on instruction and guided in-water training. Led by certified NAUI instructors, this course introduces essential diving skills, equipment uses, underwater communication, and safety procedures. Whether

preparing for future open-water adventures or exploring a new challenge, participants receive professional-level training in a supportive environment.

Program Details

- **Dates:** July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
- **Time:** 1700–1900
- **Days:** Mondays & Wednesdays
- **Program:** NAUI Open Water Scuba Certification
- **Eligibility:** All eligible Fitness Center patrons
- **Cost:** Active Duty \$175; All Others \$250
- **Registration Opens:** May 4, 2026

Kayak Lessons with Team River Runner – June Sessions

In partnership with Team River Runner, these June kayak lessons introduce participants to paddling fundamentals in a safe, controlled pool environment. Designed to support veterans, active duty service members, and their families, the program offers hands-on instruction that builds confidence, technique, and water safety awareness. With expert volunteers leading each session, participants enjoy a welcoming, no-cost opportunity to join the fun to explore a new skill and connect with the community. Participants without a pool pass will be required to pay the Daily Pool Fee to enter the Patton Complex for the lesson.

Program Details

- **Dates:** June 3, 10, 17, 24
- **Time:** 1700–1900
- **Day:** Wednesdays
- **Program:** Team River Runner Kayak Lessons
- **Lesson Cost:** Free, Pool Pass or Daily Fee is Required
- **Eligibility:** All eligible Fitness Center patrons
- **Registration:** Same-day registration available

Dive-In Movie Night – August 2026

Dive-In Movie Night invites families and friends to enjoy a relaxing summer evening at the Patton Hall Pool Complex. Guests can float in the water or lounge at the poolside while watching a family-friendly movie on the big screen. This event blends the fun of a movie night with the comfort of the pool, creating a memorable end-of-summer experience for all ages.

Event Details

- **Date:** August 28, 2026
- **Time:** 1800–2000
- **Day:** Friday

- **Event Description:** Family-friendly movie shown poolside and in-water
- **Cost:** \$5:00 per person
- **Eligibility:** All eligible Fitness Center patrons
- **Registration:** Same-day registration available

Patton Pool Complex – Pool Rules

General Facility Policies

- DFMWR may close pools or designated areas at any time for special events, weather, maintenance, or safety concerns.
- Patrons may not enter or swim when the pool area is closed.
- No refunds will be issued for pool closures due to inclement weather.
- Strollers must remain at the shallow end of all pools and be positioned at least four feet from the water's edge.
- No coolers, outside food, glass, or breakable items are permitted within the DFMWR Pool Complex boundaries.
- All patrons must check in at the front desk or designated entry point before entering the facility.
- Only authorized patrons and their guests may use the facility; ID checks may be required at any time.

Equipment & Flotation Devices

- DFMWR does **not** issue swim noodles, kickboards, life jackets, or similar equipment.
- Inflatable rafts, floats, and inner tubes are **not permitted** in any pool.
- Only swim noodles and **U.S. Coast Guard–approved** flotation devices are allowed.
- Snorkels, fins, and masks may be restricted during peak hours or at staff discretion.
- Personal toys (balls, squirt guns, etc.) may be limited based on crowding or safety concerns.

Supervision & Age Requirements

- Children **12 years and under** must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian who is **16 years or older**.
- Children **12 years and under** must pass a swimming test to use the diving board, water slides, or deep-water areas.
- Children **12 years and under** who have not passed the swim test must remain **within arm's reach** of a swimming parent/guardian (16+) in shallow water only.
- All non-swimmers must be actively supervised by a parent/guardian (16+).
- During **Adult Lap Swim**, no one **17 years old or under** is permitted in the pool area or seated on the pool edge. Parents/guardians may not sit on stairs or in the water holding children during this time.
- Babysitters must be at least **16 years old** and capable of supervising children in the water.

Health & Hygiene

- Shower before entering the pool.
- Do not swim if you are ill, have open wounds, or have experienced gastrointestinal symptoms within the past 24 hours.
- Children who are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers and properly fitted plastic swim covers.
- Diaper changing is permitted only in designated changing areas, not on the pool deck.

- Spitting, nose-blowing, or urinating in the pool is prohibited.
- Patrons must wear proper swim attire; no street clothes, denim, or loose garments are allowed in the water.

Safety & Behavior

- All patrons must always follow the instructions of lifeguards and pool staff.
- Lifeguards are responsible for safety and emergency response; they are not a substitute for parental supervision.
- No prolonged breath holding, hyperventilation, or underwater challenges.
- Running, pushing, rough play, and horseplay are not permitted.
- No sitting, hanging, or climbing on lane lines, lifeguard stands, or safety equipment.
- No diving in shallow water; diving is permitted **only** in water that is **9 feet or deeper**.
- Running entries, flips, or acrobatic maneuvers from the pool edge are not allowed.
- Patrons must exit the water immediately when a whistle blast or emergency signal is given.

Lap Swim & Recreational Swim

- Lap lanes are reserved for continuous lap swimming; recreational play is not permitted in lap lanes.
- Swimmers must follow circle-swim etiquette during shared lap swim times.
- Recreational equipment may be restricted during peak hours or special programs.
- During crowded conditions, staff may limit the use of toys, balls, or flotation devices.

Facility & Event Policies

- Diving boards, slides, and special features may close at any time due to weather, staffing, or maintenance.
- Wibit and special event equipment may only be used during scheduled times and with proper wristbands.
- Patrons must use locker rooms and restrooms appropriately; photography or video recording is prohibited in these areas.
- Lost and found items will be held for a limited time; DFMWR is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

DFMWR Swimming Pools (Behind Patton Hall Community Club)

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DFMWR Pool House (Memorial Day Saturday to Labor Day Monday): (703) 522-5932