

Keeping your Pool Safe and Ready for Family Fun



By Ron Hicks, Pool Scouts of Huntsville

It's the perfect time to dive into your crisp, clear pool while listening to blissful chatter from your family and friends. Just know that your friends at Pool Scouts understand the importance of safety for family and fun. Rocket City has welcomed Pool Scouts of Huntsville for over two years, and we have helped over 200 families to maintain a safe and clean pool all year around. However, during May, we pay extra attention to educating our communities on a few tips to keep their pool safe and ready for family fun.

May is National Water Safety Month, created by the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, to raise awareness about water safety and help everyone have safe, fun experiences in and around the water. According to the CDC, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages four and under. To reduce the number of drowning deaths and eliminate this statistic, Pool Scouts partnered with **Hope Floats Foundation** (<https://www.hopefloats.foundation/>) to raise money to assist in providing swim lessons for underprivileged children who may not have an opportunity to learn how to swim.

Last year Pool Scouts donated **over 30k dollars** to the Hope Floats Foundation. This May 2023, we will donate \$1 towards Hope Floats to provide scholarships to children for swim lessons in our community for every pool service in May. We are honored to partner with Hope Floats and believe we can help save lives in our community.

Pool Scouts supports families to ensure that safety comes first. Our technicians are happy to provide pool owners a basic overview of their equipment and upkeep. The scout's team is also available to teach classes about water safety to HOAs, and other recreational organizations to decrease childhood drowning within Alabama. Our education highlights that drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children; over 3,960 fatal unintentional drownings across the United States annually (Avg. of 11 drownings per day). Fencing around household pools at home reduces childhood drowning by 83%.

Safety can include year-round pool cleaning, maintenance, pool school 101, and chemical water balancing. You must maintain a cleaning regimen to prepare your pool for belly flops and toe-dipping events. Your pool highly recommends cleaning your pool at least once a week. Having your pool walls, steps, and floors brushed periodically will remove dirt and debris from your system. Ensure the pool water surface is skimmed to remove leaves and other items regularly. It is essential to have your filters checked to ensure the water is circulating correctly. Verifying if your pool chemical balance and PH levels are safe will allow you to enjoy your pool on those sunny days. Focusing on these tips will decrease bacteria and algae growth for those days of relaxation. Although May is national water safety month, these simple practices will keep your pool in great shape all year round. Your family will be ready for fun, fun, fun! Your friends at Pool Scouts of Huntsville are here to assist you in keeping your family safe while bathing in the sun.

Pool Scouts is the #1 industry leader in cleaning and equipment maintenance for residential pools and HOA Pools. We provide ongoing, recurring pool cleaning and maintenance to residential pool owners giving them back their precious time to enjoy family and friends while leaving the hard work to us. The principles of Pool Scouts as an industry leader are their certifications, quality of service, advanced technology, text notifications, pre/post service photos and reports, and the Scout's Guarantee. Pool Scouts offer multiple packages that include kick-start services, opening and closing, and weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly services vital to ensuring your pool is swim-ready throughout the summer.



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