



Making a Splash in August:

LATE SUMMER POOL GAMES FOR LASTING MEMORIES

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As the summer sun begins to set on another season in the Tennessee Valley, Pool Scouts of Huntsville encourages families to make the most of every last splash. August is the perfect time for backyard memories, poolside laughs, and fun-filled games before the routines of fall return. But even in the most joyful moments, safety must come first.

Drowning remains a major concern, with an average of 11 people tragically losing their lives each day in the U.S. However, there is hope—children who participate in formal swim lessons reduce their risk of drowning by up to 83%, according to the National Institutes of Health. That's why Pool Scouts of Huntsville is proud to partner with Swim with Spice, Hope Floats Foundation, and Water Safety USA to advocate for swim education and water safety awareness for families across our region.

Once everyone is properly prepared and safety protocols are in place, it's time to dive into the fun. Here are some of our favorite late-summer pool games to help your family close out the season with laughter and connection:

TARGET TOSS

Float hula hoops or rings in the water and toss soft balls or beanbags to score points. It's simple, safe, and fun for swimmers of all ages.

FLOATIE RACES

Hop onto your favorite inflatable and race to the other end of the pool without falling off. This game brings out everyone's playful side

and sense of balance.

AQUA FREEZE DANCE

Turn up your favorite summer tunes and dance in the water. When the music stops—freeze! It's energetic, silly, and perfect for families or friends of all ages.

MERMAID RELAY

No arms allowed! Swimmers must complete a lap using only their legs or a mermaid tail float. It's a fun, fitness-friendly challenge that sparks lots of laughter.

SOAKING SPONGE TOSS

Trade water balloons for extra-large wet sponges. Players toss them back and forth, trying not to drop or squeeze them. Great for cooling off and encouraging teamwork.

COLD COIN CHALLENGE

Freeze coins or small plastic treasures overnight and toss them in the pool. Swimmers race to collect and "thaw" the icy treasures—a perfect way to stay cool on a hot day.

At Pool Scouts of Huntsville, we go beyond pool cleaning. We're committed to supporting safer, smarter swimming. With trained technicians, cutting-edge equipment, and year-round service plans, we keep your pool pristine and ready for fun.

Whether it's weekly, biweekly, or monthly cleanings, equipment repairs, or preparing your pool for seasonal transitions, our Scouts have your back. And through our partnerships with water safety leaders, we're working to ensure that every child in our community has access to swim lessons—and the peace of mind that comes with them.