



# Getting Ready for the 2023 Season!

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*There may be snow outside, but here at club central, things are abuzz with planning for the upcoming season. We have a number of things to look forward to in 2023, including a new swim team, new trees, our lineup of nearly unlimited drop-in swim and tennis classes, Camp Copoco, a 2023 Membership Challenge and more!*

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## Membership Challenge 2023!

**We are pleased to announce our 2023 Membership Challenge! We are encouraging each family to convince one other family to join. Get your family in soon, because by the time we reach our goal, the club will be at its membership limit!** Enrolling is easier than ever, and people can find [information](#) and [enroll](#) online.

Our esteemed Membership Chair, Catherine D'Ambruoso, is recruiting a small team of members to be available to answer questions or provide tours to prospective members. **If you are interested in volunteering for the Membership Committee, please [sign up!](#)**

## New this Year! Developmental Swim Team

COPOCO's developmental swim team will meet on Monday late afternoons and evenings. The objective of this team is to introduce kids to competitive swimming with activities geared toward helping children improve their stroke technique, endurance, and to introduce flip turns and dive starts. The course is also intended to help kids have fun in the water, challenge themselves, learn about swimming for fitness, and learn about being on a team. The course is geared towards 8-14 year olds in two hour-long sessions grouped by age and ability. This is a special program and members are requested to register kids in advance and pay the program fee.

**Coach:** *Liz MacBride*

### **Practice Schedule (Mondays, June 26-July 31, August 7 rain date)**

**4-5 pm:** Ages 11-14

**5-6 pm:** Ages 8-11

**Member registration:** Opening in late February - [Stay Tuned!](#)

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## Tree Planting and Tree Committee

This spring, we are planning to plant new trees at COPOCO to replace those that have died or are dying due to disease, age, and storm damage. Trees under consideration include the water-loving red maple and willow, varying types of flowering trees and shrubs and dwarf evergreen such as spruce and white cedar. We envision these trees to be augmented by some lovely perennials.

**WE NEED A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS to begin work immediately on the design and selection of these trees and plants, and organize for their planting (in May) and ongoing care.** We've worked out some of the details such as a species list, prices, and possible planting by contractors but we need help in the design and final species decisions. We are also considering a kid's event surrounding Arbor Day (provided the soil is ready) to plant saplings in the landscape. The work of the Tree Committee will begin immediately and the committee will be most active through planting in May. [Click here to Sign Up](#) and we will plan our first meeting ASAP.

## Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign has launched and is underway, thanks to generous year-end contributions by some of our members. It's not too late to contribute! **We are now launching our limited time “[Sponsor-a-Tree](#)” initiative.** Members are invited to sponsor a tree that will be planted this spring at COPOCO. In doing so, you will cover the costs of the tree and its planting, as well as contribute vital funds to our Capital Fund for the future pool improvements and tennis fence. To acknowledge your contribution, we will provide a plaque with your family or dedication name near the tree. **For more information and to contribute, click [here](#).**

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We are also recruiting a **Capital Campaign Event Planning Committee** to plan a fun fundraising event at COPOCO this summer, preferably late July or early August. The committee will begin with a kick-off meeting in February. Click here to [Sign Up](#).

## Camp COPOCO

**Camp COPOCO will run this summer during the weeks of July 3 and 5-7 & August 14-18.**

The camp is for member kids entering grades 1-6. It will run from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM and include tennis and swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, and good old-fashioned summer fun. Get in early, as spots are secured on a first-come first-serve basis. Registration will be coming out in late February, so stay tuned to our [COPOCO Facebook group](#).

## WiFi @ COPOCO

WiFi is coming back to COPOCO in a bigger and better way this summer, and we are on track to install fiber. If all goes as planned, we should have reliable WiFi around the pool house, which should enable basic communications including text and cell over WiFi, and access to email and internet. This service is intended primarily to improve communications.

Remember that a parent or guardian is required to watch their swimmers at the pool!

## Member Survey

Members, we are interested in hearing your feedback on programming for the 2023 season. Topics include:

- Pool opening hours
- Adult swim club
- Kids evening or weekend tennis classes
- Outdoor yoga
- General ideas for 2023

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey [here](#).

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## Staff Recruitment

We are recruiting staff for 2023! We are seeking [lifeguards, swim instructors](#), and tennis instructors. Interested individuals can reach out to us at [copococlub@gmail.com](mailto:copococlub@gmail.com) with a resume. Lifeguarding is a great first job! Strong swimmers that have not lifeguarded before can get training through [Swim NH](#).

## Volunteering

One of the pillars of the COPOCO membership is the opportunity to be stewards of this wonderful property! Each season, we encourage our members to roll up their sleeves and lend a hand to get the pool, tennis courts, and grounds ready for another year of experiences and memories. See the [volunteer section](#) of our website for information about volunteering at COPOCO, [updates on opportunities](#) throughout the season, and how to sign up. We already have a list of volunteer opportunities that will help us to get Summer 2023 off to a great start, including many preseason opportunities!

**Pool Prep 2023.** Mark your calendars! This year's pool prep will be held on the evenings of **May 2nd and 3rd**. You can pick an evening and sign up [here](#). If you can't make these dates, there will be other [pool prep opportunities](#) in May. Note that all Full Members (except those in their first season) are required to participate in pool prep to help us open for the season.

## Upcoming Dates

- **Pool prep dates:** May 2 and 3
- **Opening day:** May 27
- **First day of Tennis Classes:** June 19
- **First day of Swim Classes and Swim Team:** June 26
- **Camp Copoco, Week #1:** July 3 and 5-7
- **Camp Copoco, Week #2:** August 14-18