## Hilltoppers Swim Club 1002 Imbs Station Road / P.O. Box 343 Dupo, Illinois 62239 (618) 286-9790 (seasonal #)

Thank you for being part of the Hilltoppers Swim Club family. Hilltoppers is a <u>member-owned</u> private (very secluded) swim club located atop a beautiful scenic hillside between Dupo and Columbia, IL. We are very lucky to have such a beautiful space to enjoy and create wonderful memories for our kids.

**SPREAD THE WORD!** We have NOT raised our rates again this season as we know times are rough for many families. Times are also rough when it comes to the cost of getting a pool ready to open and maintaining it along with all the other expenses associated with such a great program. In order to maintain balance, we need a favor from each and every member. **PLEASE talk to family and friends and post pictures and comments on all social media platforms about Hilltoppers. Swim team members, please talk to parents about their children joining the Gator swim team program. Please make every <b>effort to bring in just one new family membership to Hilltoppers this season.** Our goal is to increase our membership by 50% this season. Thank you.

The 2024 Hilltoppers membership application is attached. Please complete the attached application, include a check or money order, and mail it to: Hilltoppers Swim Club, PO Box 343, Dupo, IL 62239. Please return your application early. The money is used to get the pool ready for the season. Applications and payment received on or after opening day are subject to an additional \$25 maintenance fee.

Hilltoppers Swim Team application is also attached. Please complete the membership form and then fill out the swim team form and return both along with payment. **Our goal is to increase our swim team by 25% this season**. We want to continue to grow this program and become more competitive with the larger teams in our league.

Upon receipt of your application and fees, you will receive an email regarding scheduled work days. **Each membership is asked to donate two cases of bottled water and one case of the small bottles of Gatorade to kick off the season**. An adult member from each family is <u>expected</u> to attend as many of the following work dates as possible. All work days start at **8:30 am**. We understand due to health issues some members may be unable to attend. If this is the case, a monetary donation is suggested to help cover costs. Work days are as follows:

April 27<sup>th</sup> May 4th May 11<sup>th</sup> May 18<sup>th</sup> May 25th

If you would like to apply in person our Annual Membership Drive: April 16th, 2024 from 4pm-6pm at the Main Street Abbey (outdoor terrace) 340 S. Main Street, Columbia, Illinois. We prefer a payment of cash, check or money order (as credit card fees are soaring). Credit card payments will only be accepted in person. Swim team suits and supplies will be available for try on and purchase during this event.

The pool will close on August 18, 2023. This date is somewhat flexible this year, however, it depends on weather and staffing the lifeguards. Please visit our website at <a href="www.hilltoppersswimclub.com">www.hilltoppersswimclub.com</a> for updated information and download membership forms, etc. Please visit our Facebook page or contact Salle at 618-799-8001 or Heather at 618-447-0641.