

THE POD

Woodstock Dolphins Swim Team Newsletter



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Welcome to Our Summer LC Season 2019!

Hello Dolphin Families! As you can see, this season has brought many new faces to the Dolphins Swim Team!

Our new Head Coach is Sharon Lesniak. She comes to us from McHenry. (more about her later!) Our new assistants include her husband, John, Jessica Lipperer, and Michaela Matthys. We will also be joined by Sarah Lesniak in the summer. In addition, Chase and Phillip Lesniak are also swim coaches and will be used as substitutes.

We had a great turnout at our Try-It. So, in addition to our new coaches, this season we have 17 new members!

We are really excited about this upcoming season. We expect many hours of sunshine and fun.

Upcoming Meets

38th Annual Daniel Jaekel Friendship Classic

Mary 4th and 5th
Hosted by Lake Forest at RecPlex
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin

Bring on the Heat

May 10th – 12th
Hosted by MMMSC at RecPlex
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin

Dundee Pentathlon

June 1st
Hosted by Dundee Dolphins
at Rakow Center, Carpentersville

Upcoming Deadlines

Dundee Pentathlon

Entry Deadline: April 30th
Hosted by Dundee Dolphins

NCISC Conference Meets

Tuesdays, June 4th – 9th
Sign up will be Yes/No only

Dolphin Fun Fact

Dolphins have excellent eyesight and hearing as well as the ability to use echolocation for finding the exact location of objects. Dolphins communicate with each other by clicking, whistling and other sounds.

Fundraising Information

On Thursday, June 27th, we will hold our **Annual Firecracker Fundraiser**. This is a fun day where swimmers participate in wacky relays with their teammates. Afterwards, we have breakfast for them and award prizes for our top fundraisers. Full and Midseason swimmers must raise at least \$100 per family. Those swimmers in Session 1 must raise at least \$50 per family. A raffle fundraiser is also getting researched for this summer.

We also have an on-going fundraiser, our Scrip Cards. You get a great selection of gift cards and the team earns a small percentage of each gift card ordered. These orders will be placed once a month.

These fundraisers will be used to buy new lane lines and blocks for our use at Woodstock Water Works and if possible, updating other equipment.

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April and May Birthdays

April 23 rd	Natalia Piekunko (16)
April 25 th	Alexander Sadowski (13)
May 3 rd	Ben Thuma (18)
	Isabelle Halsall (16)
	Haley Halsall (16)
May 7 th	Bo Beattie (9)
May 20 th	Addison Sobczak (11)
May 22 nd	Maya Hernandez (11)
May 28 th	Trenton Combs (9)

Meet the Coach

Coach Sharon is originally from Wyoming. After high school she moved to Utah to continue her education where she met her husband, John. (You'll hear about him next month!) She moved to Illinois and she and John got married in 1988. She has three children, two of whom you will see on deck as assistant coaches sometime this season.

Sharon has over 20 years of swimming experience that includes coaching and officiating. She's been a Head Coach for USA Swimming, recreation, and high school teams. Numerous swimmers she has helped coach have reached championship-level meets. And many have gone on to swim for college and university teams.

Coach Sharon creates a true family atmosphere for her swim teams. She is looking forward to getting to know all the swimmers and families of the Woodstock Dolphins.

Dolphin Team Events

This summer we are going to plan on going a team outing to the Wonder Lake Ski Club Friday nights shows. Those dates have not been posted, so we will give details as soon as we can.

We've also set a tentative date for our End of Season Banquet – Tuesday, June 17th. Again, we will post more details as we finalize our plans.

What to Look Forward to This Season – NCISC Meets!

Besides our USA Swim Meets, we will also be swimming in the **North Central Illinois Swimming Conference**. We will participate in six meets, including two home meets. There are no costs for these dual and tri-meets. There will be a nominal fee for the big Conference Meet on July 13th. ***In order to qualify for this Conference Meet, your swimmer must swim in at least 3 of the dual/tri meets.***

If you are new to these meets, you can bring a pop up tent, blankets, lawn chairs and dinner/snacks in a cooler. All swimmers will be stationed in one area, with the adults able to hang out with the each other. These meets will give all swimmers a chance to compete with swimmers in their age group. It is a great introduction to swim meets for our novice swimmers and give our more experienced swimmers a chance to practice for their USA meets.

Our conference meets are as scheduled:

June 4 th	Tri Meet at Huntley Stingray Bay
June 11 th	Dual Meet at WNHS against McGuire Aquatics
June 18 th	Dual Meet at WNHS against Rock Valley YMCA
June 25 th	Dual Meet at Rock Valley YMCA
July 2 nd	Tri Meet at DCST Kishwaukee YMCA
July 9 th	Tri Meet at McGuire Aquatics
July 13 th	Conference Meet at DCST Kishwaukee YMCA