

SHARK BITES

2023 Season, Newsletter No. 7



Meet no. 3 on June 17th Smoky Hill Sharks vs Wildcat Ridge Tiger Sharks

This week's meet is hosted by Wildcat Ridge Tiger Sharks

10511 Serengeti Drive
Lone Tree, CO 80124

Sharks' Warm up time: 7:25 -7:50 am
Meet starts: 8:00 am

You must register your swimmer(s) by Tuesday, June 13th. A Guide to Swim Meets can be found under the FAQs tab. In this presentation you will find out everything you need to know for swim meets including how to register! Please use this resource to help you. Click [HERE](#) to access this resource.

Volunteers Required:

Every meet requires volunteers in order to run efficiently and successfully. Your participation in the available jobs for this upcoming event is critical. **If you have a kid swimming you must sign up to volunteer. Click [HERE](#) to connect you to the available jobs for this upcoming event.** Remember it is a first come, first serve event, so don't delay. Access to the Job SignUp System will require you to login into your team account. If there are no volunteer positions remaining, email Elizabeth McFadin, volunteercoordinator@shsharks.org.

Some reminders and tips for you for the upcoming meet:

- The theme for the meet is sport/team spirit.
- Map and directions are found under the Maps tab.
- Bring a sharpie marker! Your child's name and age are written on the back side of their right shoulder.
- Bring towels, sunscreen, water, and snacks.
- Meet program will be made available online. Look for it on Friday late afternoon.
- When you arrive, check in your swimmer(s) and check in for any volunteer positions.

Swimmers of the Week:

Swimmers of the Week are individuals the coaches recognize for their team spirit, attitude and/or determination throughout the week's practices. This week's recipients are:

Minis: Lance Coyne
Tigers: Owen Ryan
Makos: Alexxa Dorow
Hammerheads: Collin Eichelberger
Great Whites: Austin Zhang

T-Shirts Needed – June 16

On Friday, June 16th, the swim team will be tie-dying t-shirts for Friday Fun Night. Each swimmer will need to bring a white t-shirt to participate in the event. The t-shirt needs to be pre-washed and dampened. The team will provide the dye for this favorite event. On June 24th we will wear our t-shirts at the meet. Volunteers will be needed for this social event. Please sign up on the Smoky Hill Shark Website.

Venmo

You can now Venmo the Smoky Hill Sharks Swim Team for many payment needs @SmokyHill-Sharks. Venmo is a mobile payment service that you can download and set up on your smart phones. Swim Meet concessions, donations, and other miscellaneous team charges can all be done now in the palm of your hand!

Relay Commitments for Swim Meets

The Coaches want to stress the importance of honoring relay commitments and to inform everyone of the consequences of last-minute changes. Relays promote team spirit and camaraderie, and it's vital that we honor our commitments to foster a positive experience for all swimmers. Each time a swimmer drops from a relay, it jeopardizes the chance for three other swimmers to swim that relay. Our coaching staff winds up spending their time during the meets trying to track down replacements rather than watching their swimmers' events. Going forward, if a swimmer is removed from a relay on the day of the meet without prior notice, they will be scratched from the entire meet. This may also affect the level at which they can participate in future meets.

Indicate in the notes section during meet sign-up if your swimmer cannot participate in a relay. This allows us to adjust relay lineups in advance and ensure a smooth meet.

Swim-a-Thon

Swim-a-thon takes place on Tuesday, June 20. The swim-a-thon is a *FUN*draiser for the Smoky Hill Sharks. Money raised from the swim-a-thon finances the purchase of equipment such as lane lines, timers, and scoring computers. This year we are focusing funds raised on new pull buoys for the swimmers. And we are still in the middle of a multi-year fundraising push to pay for new starting blocks. Swimmers get pledges from family, neighbors, and others prior to the event. Not only is the swim-a-thon an excellent fundraiser, but it also provides a fun team social event. The pledge form and more can be found on our website.

Swimmers are limited to a maximum of one continuous hour in the water. Each swimmer will swim as many pool lengths as possible during this one hour. For the safety of the swimmers each lane is supervised by the coaching staff and parent volunteers.

Swimmers can swim in the morning or at night. Times can be found on the FAQ below. Breakfast and dinner will be provided to the swimmers after they swim. Be sure to sign your swimmers up so we can have an accurate count for food.

The Smoky Hill Sharks is a 501.c.3 non-profit organization, so all donations to the team, specifically to the swim-a-thon fundraiser, are fully tax deductible. If you desire, we will provide you with a written letter/receipt for your taxes

Movie in the Park June 15 at 7:30 PM

Grab your blankets, pillows, and chairs and join us for an outdoor movie on June 15. This year we will be featuring *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*. We will be watching a movie out on the grass on the big screen. Popcorn and snack will be available for purchase. Movie will start as soon it is dark enough to see the screen. **There will be NO evening swim practice this evening.**

Movie Tavern Aurora June 25 at 2:00 PM

Come watch **Elemental** with the team and coaches. This is an event for the whole family. Coaches will be in attendance, but you are responsible for your own children at this event.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Space is limited! The cost is \$14 per ticket and you may pay by cash, check, or Venmo! Write Movie Tavern in your memo if paying by Venmo. Payment is due by noon on June 16 so we can secure the theater for the team.

If payment is not received by June 16 your tickets will be released for other families to sign up.

Movie Tavern Aurora
Sunday, June 25 at 2:00pm
18605 E Hampden Avenue,
Aurora, CO 80013

Email & SMS Verification

Don't forget to update your account information! Quick communication with all Shark families is critical throughout our season. Whether we need to send a SMS/text notification of a weather cancellation or an email with a practice update, you need to verify your account to receive these.

To verify, log into you team unify account (www.shsharks.org) then go to "My Account". Above the email and SMS number it states "unverified", click that and it will say "resend verification email (or SMS) now?" Click "yes". Then, go to your email or text messages and follow the instructions to verify. Please provide an SMS number for your account (you can have more than one email and SMS number).

Team Pictures and Retakes

Our team pictures are available to view and order: [Smoky Hill Swim Team](#), Access Code: PGVE67725.

Individual retakes will be held Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 on deck at the Smoky Hill Pool.

Season at a Glance

June 15: Movie in the Park @ 7:30, Super Mario Bros. Movie
June 16: Friday Fun Night – Tie Dye (white t-shirt needed)
June 20: Swim-a-thon
June 21: EWS at Red Robin Cornerstar, 5 -9pm (Arapahoe & Parker)
June 25: Movie with the Sharks at Movie Tavern, 2pm. **Elemental!**
July 5: Individual picture retakes @ 7:00pm
July 5: EWS at Slim Chickens, 3 -7pm (Smoky Hill & Himalaya)
July 11: PRELIMS @ Castle Pine, 8 & U, 13-14, 15-18
July 12 PRELIMS @ Lone Tree Wildcat Ridge 9-10, 11-12
July 15: Championships @ Castle Rock, Butterfield Crossing Park and End of Season Pool Party
Week of July 17: All Stars practice (am only)
July 22: All Stars @ Cast Rock, Butterfield Crossing Park

Private Swim Lessons

Private swim lessons are available with the all coaches and team captains between 9:30-10:00 AM. Email the coaches directly to schedule (emails can be found on the team's website.) All our coaches/team captain are very knowledgeable about swimming and proper technique. More information about the Smoky Hill Coaching Staff can be found under the [Coaches & Board](#) tab on the homepage of the Smoky Hill Sharks' website.

Shark Communication Box

The Shark Communication Box is where families can collect ribbons, awards, recognitions from the previous Friday Fun Night, and all other team related notifications. Ribbons from the previous meet are ready to be picked up by the following Tuesday. Please check your folder weekly. Items will remain in your family's folder until after the Championship party at the end of the season. This box is placed outside the pool gate during practices and Friday Fun Nights.