

SHARK BITES

2023 Season, Newsletter No. 9



Meet no. 5 on July 8th Castle Pine Crocs @ Smoky Hill Sharks

Our next meet is a HOME meet.

Sharks' Warm up time: 6:30 -6:55 am
Meet starts: 7:30 am

You must register your swimmer(s) by Tuesday, July 4th.

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 **Patriotic**.
- 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.

This Week

- There is no practice on Friday or a Friday Fun Night this week.
- There is no meet on Saturday, July 1.
- There are no practices on Monday and Tuesday next week, July 3 & July 4.
- Regular scheduled practices return on Wednesday, July 5. The coaches are offering an "open" practice Wednesday evening from 7 – 9pm due to the short week.
- Individual retakes will be held Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 on deck at the Smoky Hill Pool.

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: Lauren Kujawa
Tigers: Noah Servin
Makos: Emma Beswick
Hammerheads: Clarissa Crapo
Great Whites: Adrienne Lam

Team Pictures and Retakes

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

All orders are made directly with our photographer, [Photos by Brian](#),

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Prelims – July 10th and 11th

Championship week (after the 5th dual meet) starts with Prelim qualification swims at the beginning of the week, broken down by age groups over two days, then followed by the Championship meet on Saturday. To qualify for Championships, for individual events only, a swimmer must have a prelim time in the top 16 for that event, additionally two alternates are selected (18 total) for an 8-lane championship pool.

To enter for the prelims, each swimmer can select up to 3 events (same as a dual meet). The prelim meet dates are divided based on age group. On July 10th 8U, 13-14, and 15-18 will participate in Prelims at Castle Pine (7306 Oxford Drive, Castle Pine, CO 80108). On July 11th 9-10, and 11-12 will participate in prelims at Wildcat Ridge (10511 Serengeti Dr, Lone Tree, CO 80124).

For prelims, only individual events are swum - no relays, however there are relays during the Championship Meet. If your swimmer will not be able to participate in Championships, we ask that you not sign up for Prelims. This takes an opportunity away from other swimmers.

Season at a Glance

- 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
- July 16: End of Season Pool Party, 6 – 9pm
- Week of July 17: All Stars practice (am only)
- July 22: All Stars @ Castle Rock, Butterfield Crossing Park

End of the Season Party – Date Change

Celebrate the end of the season with a potluck dinner and a pool party on **SUNDAY, July 16th from 6-9 PM at the Smoky Hill Pool**. There will be dinner and a presentation by the coaches. You will need to bring chairs and a swimsuit for the pool. Everyone will need to bring their own beverages.

Your swimmer(s) will not want to miss this fun evening! More information to come.

[RSVP for the Pool Party](#)

New Board Members

The Smoky Hill Sharks Board of Directors has an opening for the 2024 swim season. The qualifications for these crucial volunteer positions include but are not limited to being at least 18 years of age, any parent or legal guardian of a swimmer eligible for competition on the Smoky Hill Sharks or a person coaching a swim team that is eligible for competition. Directors support the specific mission and objectives of the organization. All Board positions are two, 1-year terms and are limited to servicing two full terms consecutively in the same position. Board members receive two swimmers for a discounted rate, no registration fee except for insurance fee. To learn more about the Board of Directors and the positions available, please speak to any current Director.

Shark Store Update

All Shark Store orders, back orders and new orders are available for pick up. Please coordinate with Darcy Schenden, secretary@shsharks.org to get your orders.

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.

Area Swim Teams and Try Out Information

Fall season registration or try outs are quickly approaching for several year-round swim teams. (Please note, several teams are hosting try outs in the next couple of weeks!) Teams differ in level of competitiveness and commitment. Many Sharks families swim or have competed for these clubs. Let us know if you would like us to connect you to a family to answer questions about a specific club. Click on the links below to find out more about these year-round teams.

[Aspire Aquatics of Colorado](#)

[Aces Swim Club of Colorado](#)

[Aquawolves Swim Team](#)

[Aurora Tsunami Swim Team](#)

[Centennial Herons](#)

[Colorado Stars](#)

[Denver Swim Academy – DSA](#)

[FORM Swim Team](#)

[Mission Aurora Colorado Swimming – MACS](#)

[Parker Phenomena](#)

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