

SHARK BITES

2021 Season, Newsletter No. 4

1 more week!!!

2021 Preseason Clinic: CANCELED

Due to an inclement forecast for the week of May 17, the 2021 Preseason Clinic has been canceled. Our regular season will begin Monday, May 24. Please see the updated practice schedule. The weather for the week of May 24th is on the cool side. Make sure to send swimmers with warm clothes. Please note, the showers will not be available this season.

We will work on getting the Sharks back into a CCSD indoor pool (or other indoor pool option) for the 2022 preseason. If anyone has a contact in CCSD administration, we would appreciate any assistance with this.

Practice Schedule for Week 1: May 24 – May 28

Remember there is a separate schedule for our first week of practice since most swimmers will still be in school. The coaches understand if swimmers cannot attend this week or cannot attend every practice this week. It is a crazy busy time for us all. If you are going to miss practice, please email Coach Mary at headcoach@shsharks.org.

5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27	5/28
PM Practice Only				
Minis 6:00 - 6:45	Minis 6:00 - 6:45	Minis 6:00 - 6:45	Minis 6:00 - 6:45	Friday Fun Night 7:00 – 8:00 Big Shark/Little Shark reveal
TS 6:00 - 6:45	TS 6:00 - 6:45	TS 6:00 - 6:45	TS 6:00 - 6:45	
MS 7:00 - 7:45	MS 7:00 - 7:45	MS 7:00 - 7:45	MS 7:00 - 7:45	
GWS 8:00 - 9:00	GWS 8:00 - 9:00	GWS 8:00 - 9:00	GWS 8:00 - 9:00	
Shark Age Group Key				
Minis: 8 & under				
Tiger: 9-10				
Mako: 11-12				
Great White: 13-18				



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Virtual Team Meeting: Webinar Wednesday Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30pm

We will be hosting another online webinar this Wednesday. This webinar will be a "Q & A" for all parents to get any questions or concerns answered before we begin on May 24.

Please note, we will NOT have a Webinar Wednesday on May 26 since we will be swimming. The webinars will continue June 2, when we will be discussing our first swim meet!!!!

A webinar invite will also be emailed to you.

Topic: Smoky Hill Sharks Webinar Wednesday
When: May 19, 2021 07:30 PM Mountain Time
Webinar ID: 811 4857 6097
Passcode: 718514

Seeking Officials: Stroke & Turn Training

We are seeking individuals who are interested in becoming a Stroke and Turn official this season. The stroke and turn positions are essential to running a fair and clean meet. You also get the best "seat" in the house to view the races! The process of becoming a certified official is simple. You will need to attend an in-depth 1.5-hour training session (schedule is on MHS.org under Calendar, or see below), where you will use videos to help teach what to look for in a swimmer's stroke. You will not have to communicate with anyone else but your fellow officials; NO making children cry. The MHS has lowered the Stroke and Turn Judge age to 15. This is a great chance for other family members to get involved, and maybe even earn school required volunteer hours. If you have already received Stroke and Turn certification, we highly encourage you to continue your training in Referee and Starter certification.

- **5/16 - Stroke & Turn In-person, 7-8:30 PM @ Littleton HS Pool**
<https://signup.com/go/kRaVHQa>
- 5/22 - Stroke & Turn Virtual, 4-5:30 PM **Please EMAIL parentrep@shsharks.org to get on Zoom meeting list**
- 5/23 - Meet Ref/Starter In-person, 6-7 PM @ Littleton HS Pool **
Please EMAIL parentrep@shsharks.org for more information
- 5/23 - Stroke & Turn In-person, 7-8:30 PM @ Littleton HS Pool
<https://signup.com/go/kRaVHQa>
- 6/2 - Meet Ref/Started Virtual, 7-8 PM **Please EMAIL parentrep@shsharks.org to get on Zoom meeting list**

Please contact Jill Dawes, Board Parent Representative,
at parentrep@shsharks.org, for more information or questions.

Big Sharks/Little Sharks: Calling all BIG SHARKS!

There is still time to sign up for Big Shark/Little Shark. We have many eager swimmers who want to be a part of this amazing program, but we need more Big Sharks! Any returning swimmer 11 years or older can sign up to be a Big Shark.

The Big Shark/Little Shark program is designed to partner young/new swimmers on the team with older/more experienced swimmers to provide guidance, support and to be a team resource. We highly encourage all new members to sign up for this amazing opportunity.

To sign up, please complete the form located on our website "About/Big Shark Little Shark" by May 25th. We will reveal Big Shark/Little Shark partners at Friday Fun Night, Friday, May 28.

Swim Cap Orders

We are still accepting personalized swim cap orders. Our vendor requires a minimum order of 25 caps. If you would like to order (registered after May 3) or would like to purchase additional caps, please contact Monica Burgeson at treasurer@shsharks.org. Monica is keeping track of requests, and once we have at least 25 or more, she will contact you about finalizing payment (via Venmo).

Commemorative cap **\$13.50**,
Personalized cap **\$16.50**,
Personalized cap twin pack **\$31**

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.

MHSL Division B Swim Meet Schedule

Make sure to print your own copy of the Meet Schedule from the Sharks website, "Documents/2021 Meet Schedule".

June 5 - @ Castle Pines Crocs, 7306 Oxford Dr, Castle Rock, 80108
June 12 – HOST Wildcat Ridge
June 19 – HOST Foxridge Foxes
June 26 – HOST Holly Park Sharks
July 3 – No meet
July 10 - @ Southglenn Country Club Gators, 1489 E Easter Ave
July 12 – Prelims @ Wildcat Ridge, 10511 Serengeti Dr, Lone Tree
July 13 – Prelims @ Castle Pines Crocs, 7306 Oxford Dr, Castle Rock
July 17 – Championships @ Holly Park Sharks, 6651 S Krameria Way

Other Ways to Support the Sharks

King Soopers Community Rewards Program – Use your King Soopers (or City Market) loyalty card to help raise funds for the SH Sharks! Registration is easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Sign up or Login to your King Soopers Account. <http://www.kingsoopers.com>.
2. Visit the Kings Soopers Community Rewards page.
3. Click "Enroll Now" on the Community Rewards page and "Smoky Hill Sharks Swim Team INC" either by name or by using code "QK234", then click enroll.

Amazon Smile – switch from amazon.com to smile.amazon.com and earn .5% for the team! This is another easy way to contribute to Smoky Hill Sharks with purchases you already make. Remember, only purchases made at smile.amazon.com (not amazon.com or the mobile app) generate AmazonSmile donations.

Eat with the Sharks

Don't miss our next "Eat with the Sharks" this Wednesday, May 26 at



Chick-Fil_A, 5600 S. Parker Rd
(Parker Rd & Chambers Rd)

5:00-8:00pm – Order via app, drive thru, or in the restaurant. Just make sure to mention **the Smoky Hill Sharks Swim Team!**

Other upcoming Eat with the Sharks are:

Coloradough Pizza, 15430 E. Smoky Hill Rd (Smoky Hill Rd & Chambers Rd)

June 2 from 3:00-9:00pm – More information will be shared closer to this date.

MOD Pizza, 23890 E. Smoky Hill Rd (Smoky Hill Rd across from Southlands)

June 23 from 10:30am-9:00pm – We need 20 commitments for this event by June 20.

<https://www.groupraise.com/event/s/186697-smoky-hill-sharks-swim-team-inc-at-mod-pizza>

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, 15705 E. Briarwood Cir (Arapahoe Rd & Parker Rd)

July 8 – More information will be shared closer to this date.