

SHARK BITES

2022 Season, Newsletter No. 4



Volunteer Policy Deposit Checks

Volunteer Policy deposit checks are due on Wednesday, May 25. A collection table will be set up in front of the pool during practice this week. Checks can be given to any Board Member. This \$250 deposit check (one check per family) was explained and agreed to during the registration process. No swimmer will be allowed to participate in any team function after May 25 until it is collected. Checks will be destroyed (or returned if requested) at the end of the season once all volunteer requirements have been met. Please refer to the team's [Volunteer Policy](#) posted on the website. Checks should be made out to "Smoky Hill Sharks Swim Team".

Big Shark/Little Shark

We are excited to announce the return of our The Big Shark/Little Shark program this season. Big Shark/Little Shark 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 team members to participate in this amazing program. New this year, each swimmer on the team will be assigned as a "Big Shark" or as a "Little Shark". We will reveal Big Shark/Little Shark partners at our first Friday Fun Night, Friday, June 3.

Please contact Darcy Schenden at president@shsharks.org by May 31st if you would like to opt your swimmer(s) out of the program.

Stroke and Turn Judges

The Stroke & Turn officials are critical to conduct a fair and clean meet. This in-depth training uses videos to help teach what to look for in a swimmer's stroke to ensure proper league regulations. We highly encourage parents to attend the Stroke & Turn Training conducted by Paul Otto on Wednesday, May 25 from 6:30-8:00 PM or Tuesday, May 31 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Smoky Hill Clubhouse.

If you have already received Stroke and Turn certification, we highly encourage you to continue your training in Referee and/or Starter certification.

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

Cancellation of Practice

Weather in Colorado is always changing. For the safety of the Smoky Hill Swim Team, practices may need to be cancelled due to weather. Notifications will be sent as an email and a text message. Please make sure you have logged into your account and verified your email and SMS/text notifications. You do not want to miss these important messages. There are no refunds for cancellations due to weather. A copy of the [Practice Cancellation Policy](#) can be found on the website.

Parent Meeting

The Smoky Hill Sharks Board will be hosting a parent meeting on Wednesday, May 25th from 6:00-6:30 PM. Come to meet the coaching staff, learn more about the season, and get answers to all your summer swim team questions. We will also be collecting Volunteer Checks! We hope to see you there!

Concessions Team Lead

We are in need of a Concessions Team Lead. This crucial position purchases inventory for meets, maintains cash, sets prices, sets up and manages concessions during home meets (3). This volunteer position fulfills all volunteer commitment for the season. All interested volunteers should email Kathy Spears at VolunteerCoordinator@shsharks.org.

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.

Practice Schedule

Below is the schedule for the first week of evening practices. You may also access the full schedule by clicking [here](#). 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 Victor at headcoach@shsharks.org.

5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27
PM Practice Only				
Practice cancelled due to weather.	Practice cancelled due to weather.	Minis 6:00 - 6:45	Minis 6:00 - 6:45	There will be no practice or Friday Fun Night on May 27
		TS 6:00 - 6:45	TS 6:00 - 6:45	
		MS 6:45 -7:30	MS 6:45 -7:30	
		HS: 7:30 – 8:45	HS: 7:30 – 8:45	
		GWS 7:30 – 8:45	GWS 7:30 – 8:45	
Shark Age Group Key				
Minis: 8 & under				
Tiger: 9-10				
Mako: 11-12				
Hammerhead: 13-14				
Great White: 15-18				

Below are a few expectations for practice this year.

- Only swimmers and coaches are allowed within the gated area of the pool during practice. Parents will need to remain outside of the pool area.
- Bring your own, properly labeled water bottle (already filled).
- All personal belongings need to be labeled with swimmers' name.
- Sign up for SMS notifications to receive last minute notifications of canceled practices in the event of weather.

Mock Meet

During the evening practice on June 2, the team will run a mock swim meet. This will allow everyone to have a chance to see how a meet works. Timers will get the chance to use our new Dolphin Timers for the first time. This is a great way to learn more about all the volunteer positions and the role you signed up for that weekend. More information about this event coming soon.

Friday Fun Night – June 3

Our first Friday Fun Night will be held on Friday, June 3. During this fun event, Big Sharks and Little Sharks will get together for the first time. The evening will include team pancake dinner in honor of our first meet's theme: pajama day! Volunteering for this evening will count towards your social event. Watch your email and the website for a volunteer sign up. We can't wait to see you!

New Parent Coordinator



Jen Burleson is our New Parent Coordinator. She is here to help new Shark families become acclimated to the team. Look for Jen at practices and Friday Fun Nights. Jen will also be managing the Sharks Exchange. The Shark Exchange is a collection of lightly used Shark items or swimming gear donated by members for others to use. Have a question for Jen, please contact her at jaburl79@outlook.com

Season at a Glance

May 25: Evening Practices begin (NO morning practices)
May 25: Parent Meeting 6 PM @ Smoky Hill Clubhouse
May 25: Stroke and Turn Training 6:30-8 PM @ Smoky Hill Clubhouse
May 31: First Day of AM Practice
May 31: Stroke and Turn Training 6:30-8 PM @ Smoky Hill Clubhouse
June 4: @Piney Creek (theme: Pajama Day)
June 8: Team Pictures 7PM at Smoky Hill Pool
June 11: HOST Tallyn's Reach (theme: College/Sports Team)
June 18: @ Cook Creek (theme: Superhero)
June 25: HOST Wheatlands (theme: 80's/Neon)
July 9: HOST Stroh Ranch (theme: Patriotic)
Week of July 11: Prelims - exact dates TBD
July 16: Championships and End of the Season Party
Week of July 18: All Stars practice (am only)
July 23: All Stars

Eat with the Sharks

Eat with the Sharks are fundraisers held by the team at local restaurants that donate a portion of the proceeds back to the team. These donations help maintain the quality of the Smoky Hill Sharks program. Donations are used to help offset operation expenses, support coaching staff, and overall help keep our registration fees low. We hope you can attend a few and maybe even find a new family favorite!

Just make sure to mention the **Smoky Hill Sharks Swim Team!**

Mark your calendars:

Parry's Pizza

Wednesday, June 1 from 5-9pm

12501 E. Lincoln Ave
Englewood 80112

<https://parryspizza.com/>

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.

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