

SHARK BITES

2023 Season, Newsletter No. 5



Congratulations to our Swimmers of the Week

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

Minis: Lucy Olech

Tigers: Braelyn Bouknight

Makos: Skylar Haas

Hammerheads: Salvatore Giaccone

Great Whites: Alayjah Yearby

Friday Fun Nights

Friday Fun Nights (FFN) are the team's weekly meeting, from 7:00 – 8:00pm. They take place in the grassy area in front of the pool; we do not swim on Fridays. Instead, the coaches provide team updates, share pertinent information regarding the next day's meet, and present weekly swimmers' awards. Then there is a social team building event for all swimmers to participate in. (Sometimes we need parent volunteers to help with these.) We have scheduled food trucks for each week for families to buy dinner.

Friday, June 2: [HipPops](#) (my kids' FAVORITE) and [K&D Kitchen](#)

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 your 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.

So Much To Know, Not Enough Time to Know It

Every year there is so much information to share with the team, especially to the new families. Thank you for everyone's patience. There are Board Members at every practice, please feel free to speak to any of us with any questions or concerns. We're here to help!

Next week, we will be available at all the practices with laptops to help families register for our first swim meet (Saturday, June 3 at the Smoky Hill Pool.) We can also help with explaining/ selecting a volunteer position for that meet.

Big Shark/Little Shark

Thank you to everyone who signed up to be a part of our Big Shark/Little Shark program this year. A list of all the pairings will be posted on the "Shark" board next to the lifeguard office.

This program is designed to be a mentorship program between young/new swimmers on the team with older/more experienced swimmers to provide guidance, support and to be a team resource. There is no monetary obligation to this program.

Communication Box



At each practice, there will be two clear boxes placed outside the pool entrance gate. These boxes are where families can collect ribbons from previous meets in addition to other materials such as awards and recognitions from the previous Friday Fun Night. We understand that your children, especially the younger and new to the team ones are excited about their ribbons. Please plan on your ribbons being ready the Tuesday following a meet. We also know that the older kids might or might not clear out their family folder each week, we will not remove any items from folders until after the Championship party. All families will get one last chance to come to the pool to pick up items in July before we put the parent box up until next season.

The Shark Exchange

Back by popular demand! Clean gently used Shark gear and swim gear can be donated to the team for other members' use. The "exchange" tote will be placed outside the gate during practices.



Team Suit and Shark Store Orders: Ready for Pick Up

Families who ordered in April, your order will be available for pick up throughout this week during practice. A table will be set up in front of the pool. Please contact [Darcy Schenden](#) or [Paul Otto](#) if you need to make other pick up arrangements.

The Shark Store has reopened: Limited Time



Denver Athletics has reopened the [Smoky Hill Shark Store](#)! The online store closes TONIGHT, Sunday, May 28 at 11:59pm. All orders are custom-made and will be ready for pick up (again, fingers crossed) at the June 14th Friday Fun Night. (A representative from the team will pick up all orders from DA.) Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.



Deposit Checks

Volunteer Policy deposit checks were due on **Friday, May 26**. Your swimmer(s) will be allowed to participate in any team function after **May 26** until it is collected. Please contact [Elizabeth McFadin](#) immediately to make arrangements regarding this issue. This \$250 deposit check (one check per family) was explained and agreed to during the registration process. Team swim caps will be given once your check has been 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".

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Getting Ready for our First Swim Meet!

Swim meets are what summer swim team is all about! However, they are very intimidating to new families on the team. Don't worry, we are here to help. Be on the look out for an email from Kelly Mullin titled "Event Deadline Approaching – Dual Meet SH Sharks vs. Southglenn Gators". This email will step by step instructions on how to register your swimmer(s) for this meet. Speak with your coach if you are unsure which events to sign up for. Also please make sure to add in the comments area if you would like your swimmer to be considered for a relay team.

Meet no. 1 @ Smoky Hill on June 3rd

You must register you swimmer(s) by Tuesday, June 1st. 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.

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. The following [link](#) will directly 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 Sign-Up System will require you to login into your team account.

Some reminders and tips for you for the upcoming meet:

- The theme for the meet is Hawaiian.
- Warm ups are at 6:30am
- 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 summer we will have a Coffee Truck and Kona Ice at all of our home meets!

Eat with the Sharks (EWS) and other Socials!

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on these exciting events:

June 7: Team Pictures at 7pm

June 7: EWS at Imagrifik, 5 – 9pm

June 15: Movie in the Park (we found the remote!)

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. We will see Elemental!

July 5: EWS at Slim Chickens, 3 -7pm (Smoky Hill & Himalaya)

July 15: End of Season Pool Party