

SHARK BITES

2022 Season, Newsletter No. 7



Meet no. 3 on June 18th Smoky Hill Sharks vs Cook Creek Wahoos

This week's meet is hosted by the Cook Creek Wahoos. The theme is superheroes. Come dressed as your favorite superhero.

8711 Lone Tree Parkway
Lone Tree, CO 80124

You must register your swimmer(s) by Tuesday, June 14th. 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. Don't worry, if you have forgotten your password, you can click the "Here" link on the login page and you will be re-directed to submit your account email address. Your password will immediately be emailed to you.

Some reminders and tips for you for the upcoming meet:

- The theme for the meet is superheroes.
- 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:

Congratulations to the Swimmers of the Week!

**Ameeta Behere
Dylan Coyne
Kaden Downs
Sadie Jackson
Mason Shutter**

Eat with the Sharks-June 15

Wednesday is the best day for pizza! Come support the team and eat some yummy pizza.

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

Wood Paddle Pizza
Wednesday, June 15 from 4-9 PM
17060 E. Quincy Ave
Aurora, CO 80015
<https://www.woodpaddlepizza.com/>

T-Shirts Needed – June 17

On Friday, June 17th, 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 25th 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.

Register for a Meet

Swimmers can swim up to 3 individual events, plus two relays per meet. Coaches will approve/finalize the individual events. They will also assign swimmers to relays. Swimmers must have their meet entries submitted by Tuesday before the meet. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Directions for Registering for a Meet

1. Login to your Team Unify/Sharks Account.
2. Declare your intention to either Attend or Decline a particular meet.
3. Register each swimmer separately.
4. Select up to 3 individual events.
5. Provide any necessary notes for coaches to review (example: your swimmer is only able to attend a portion of the meet).
6. Check back to confirm the events and relays for each swimmer.

Swim-a-Thon

Swim-a-thon takes place on Tuesday, June 21. The swim-a-thon is a FUNdraiser 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. We are in need of new canopy tents for our home meets. Currently, we are 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 land 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,

[Swim-a-Thon FAQ](#)
[Swim-a-Thon Form](#)

Movie under the Stars June 23 at 7:30 PM

Grab your blankets, pillows, and chairs and join us for an outdoor movie on June 23. This year we will be featuring *Moana*. We will be watching the movie outdoors. **There will be NO evening swim practice this evening.**

Movie Tavern Aurora June 26 at 3:30 PM

Spend time with team while watching BUZZ take on the universe. This is an event for the whole family. Coaches will be in attendance but you are responsible for your own children at this event.

Space is limited! The cost is \$10 per seat and you may pay by cash or Venmo! Write Movie Tavern in your memo if paying by Venmo.

Movie Tavern Aurora
Sunday, June 26 at 3:30
18605 E Hampden Avenue,
Aurora, CO 80013

[Sign up here!](#)

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!

Volunteer Incentive Program

If you sign up by the Tuesday prior to a meet you will be entered in a drawing to win some great prizes. They include a VIP parking spot at the meets, concession vouchers, and Shark swag. Drawings will take place at Friday Fun Night; winners need not be present to win and will be notified via email. Concession stand vouchers and VIP parking are only valid for that Saturday. If there are any questions regarding this program, please contact 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.

Season at a Glance

June 17: Friday Fun Night – Tie-Dye (white t-shirts needed)
June 18: Meet 3 @ Cook Creek (theme: Superhero)
June 21: Swim-a-Thon
June 23: Movie under the Stars @ 7:30 PM
June 24: Friday Fun Night @ 7 PM
June 25: Meet 4 - HOST Wheatlands (theme: 80's/Neon)
June 26: Sharks go to the movies: Lightyear
July; 8: Friday Fun Night @ 7 PM
July 9: Meet 5 - HOST Stroh Ranch (theme: Patriotic)
July 12: PRELIMS @ Eaglecrest HS, 8 & under, 13-14, and 15-18
July 13: PRELIMS @ Eaglecrest HS, 9-10 and 11-12
July 15: Friday Fun Night @ 7 PM
July 16: Championships and End of the Season Party
Week of July 18: All Stars practice (am only)
July 23: All Stars @ Centennial Lifetime Fitness

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.) The cost of a private lesson is \$30/30 min. for Coach Victor and Coach Trevor and \$20/30 min. for the Team Captains. 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.

Lost and Found

A black table was left at the last swim meet. Please contact Darcy at president@shsharks.org to claim your table.

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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Coaches Concerns

All questions and/or concerns regarding coaches need to be directed to Elie Melissa Houline, Coaches Representative:
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2022 Board Members:

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