SHARK BITES

2022 Season, Newsletter No. 8

Meet no. 4 on June 25th – Home Meet Smoky Hill Sharks vs Wheatland Sharks

This week's meet is hosted by the Smoky Hill Sharks. The theme is 80s. Come dressed like you rocked it back in the day; don't forget to wear your tie-dyed shirt.

5405 S. Telluride Street Centennial, CO 80015

You must register your swimmer(s) by Tuesday, June 21st. 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 Sign Up 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 redirected 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 80s Theme.
- 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.
- Please help take down at the end of home meets.
- Bring any questions you have to Friday Fun Night.



Swimmers of the Week:

Congratulations to the Swimmers of the Week!

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Eat with the Sharks-June 22

Freddy's Frozen Custard Wednesday, June 22 from 4-8 PM 15705 E. Brigrwood Cir. Aurora 80016

Beat the heat with a cool treat and tasty burgers. 15% of all earned sales will be donated back to the team. When you place your order, you must show the flyer (electronic or printed).

Freddy's Frozen Custard Flyer

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

Final Steps to Make Your Tie-Dye T-Shirts

- Wear gloves to remove the shirt from the bag.
- Rinse the shirt in cold water until the water runs clear.
- Cut off the rubber bands.
- Wash and dry the t-shirt separately. Use a small amount of laundry soap. Be careful the dye can stain.
- Wash separately for the first few washes.
- Wear your shirt to our meet on June 25th.

Swim-a-Thon, Tuesday June 21

The swim-a-thon is a *FUN*draiser 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. 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.

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 lane 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 <u>sign your swimmers up</u> 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,

<u>Swim-a-Thon FAQ</u> <u>Swim-a-Thon Form</u>

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.

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Season at a Glance

Our season is swimming by fast! Don't miss any of these dates:

June 21: Swim-a-Thon, both AM and PM

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

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

Sold out! Thank you to everyone for signing up for this event. We will see you on Sunday. "To infinity, and beyond!"

Movie Tavern Aurora

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

THANK YOU!

A huge "Thank you" to the Boskovich, Coyne, and Dao Families for their generous donations of new pop-up tents for the team. These new tents are much needed for the success of our home meets. They will replace the broken tents at cover the Scoring table and the Heating areas.

There are other team-owned equipment needs. If you are interested in learning more on how you may be able to help, please contact Darcy Schenden, president@shsharks.org.

Lost and Found

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

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.

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.

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.

New Board Members

The Smoky Hill Sharks Board of Directors has several openings for the 2023 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

Denver Athletics updated us this past week that our team order is still in process. They have informed us that the "supply chain is still struggling to get things out and delivered in a timely-fashion". We will keep you posted on its process.

Coaches Concerns

All questions and/or concerns regarding coaches need to be directed to Melissa Houlne, Coaches Representative: coachesrep@sharks.org.

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Please help us raise money for Smoky Hill Sharks Swim Team



2022 Board Members:

Darcy Schenden, President: president@shsharks.org

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Natasha Vulikh, Meet Manager: meetmanager@shsharks.org

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