

WELCOME TO
SUMMER 2024



PARENT MEETING AGENDA

- General team information
- Parent Board introductions
- Volunteering
- Registration
- Gear purchases
- Questions and Answers



TEAM PHILOSOPHY

- We want to help every swimmer develop a love for the sport of swimming.
- We believe that it is important that we expose all the swimmers to all of the strokes and encourage everyone to try every event.
- We focus on quality and not quantity.
- We want to encourage communication with the coaches. This includes issues such as leaving meets early, questions about DQs and what is going on at practice.

PRACTICE TIMES AND GROUPS FOR 2023

- Broken up by abilities instead of ages
- It's up to the parents to decide what group your swimmer belongs to.
- Price reflects not only time, but number of coaches on deck.
- We will work with parents to make sure all the swimmers are in the correct group.

GOLD GROUP

- Gold AM time- 6:20 am to 7:40 am Monday-Friday
- Open to swimmers 13+. Special permission can be granted by the Head Coach for younger, advanced swimmers
- 2-3 coaches on deck
- Swimmers should expect to swim around 2500 meters a day

PURPLE GROUP

- Purple AM time- 7:40 am to 8:40 am Mon-Friday
- ***We are adding 2 lanes of Purple 6:40 to 7:40***
- Open to all ages, recommended for intermediate swimmers and swimmers in the 9-12 age group (swimmers who can swim for the whole hour)
- Since this is our biggest group, if you are flexible please consider going to the Gold group or in the evenings. Especially in the first couple of weeks.
- 5-6 coaches on deck
- Swimmers swim approx. 1500 meters

GREEN GROUP

- Green AM time- 8:40 am to 9:30 am Monday-Friday
- Open to all ages, recommended for beginning swimmers and younger (8 and under) swimmers *must be able to swim a 25 without touching the side*
- 5-6 coaches on deck
- Distance depends on swimmers ability

INTRO TO MARLINS GROUP

- Tues/Thurs PM time- 5:30pm to 6:15 and 6:15 to 7:00pm
- Restricted to age 10 and under, recommended for beginning swimmers or swimmers looking to check out what summer club swimming is all about.
- 2 coaches per lane
- Limited to 12 swimmers per group (6 per lane)
- Hopefully, the swimmers will feel comfortable trying out 1 meet.
- Distance depends on swimmers ability

TUES/THURS NIGHT PRACTICE

- Tues/Thurs PM time- 5:30 to 7:00 pm
- Open to all groups for swimmers who want to work on technique or make up practice.
- 6 lanes will be split into stroke work and regular practice depending on needs of the swimmers
- 3-4 coaches on the deck
- Distance depends on swimmers ability

SPLASH AT FOSSIL TRACE

- We rent the pool from the City of Golden. Which means we will follow the City of Golden rules.
- Pools are going to have very different rules. Just because AK can do something doesn't mean we can.
- We need to remember that the Marlins are just one of the patrons of pool. We have a great relationship with them and we want to keep it that way.

WEATHER

- Colorado weather is hard to predict.
- We won't cancel practice unless we are 100% certain Splash will be closed.
- It can be pouring rain at 5:30 and sunny at 6:00 (this has happened more times than I can count.)
- The pool is heated, so we will have practice regardless of the outside temp.
- We respect you as a parent to decide if the weather is ok for your swimmer.

MEETS

- State has been moved up one week this year. So it is July 19th - 21st.
- You will still sign your swimmer up for events using the website. (For more info, see “Parent’s page” on our website.
- Most meets are Saturday morning. They start early and are done before noon. The official schedule is on the website.
- Meets take a lot of people to run smoothly (and quickly). We need lots of parent help.

SOCIAL EVENTS (JENN GOMER AND ASHLYN MUNSON SOCIAL CHAIRS)

- Mock Meet & Ice Cream Social, Thursday 5/30
 - Swimmers can participate in races and grab some ice cream
 - Great for new swimmers who haven't yet been to a regular season meet
- Pancake Breakfast, TBD
 - Swimmers and families are invited to have a full pancake breakfast when their practice session finishes
- Swim Olympiad and BBQ Cook-off, TTBD
 - Evening at Splash to have dinner and participate in races, both serious and silly
 - Families are all invited to participate in races Earn volunteer hour credits by bringing 5 lbs of your own BBQ to share.
 - We will have a vote for the best BBQ - winner receives an extra volunteer credit!
- End of Season Team Party, Tuesday 7/16
 - Evening at Splash with pizza, treats, & time to swim and play on the slides
 - Swimmer recognition with medals and coach appreciation

PARENT BOARD

- I'm the face of the Marlins, but these are the people who get all the work done.
- Amanda Strouth- Communications, Volunteer Tracking
- Ruth Brocko- Gear
- Ashlyn Munson - Social Events
- Jenn Gomer - Social Events
- Laura Waldrop - Treasurer
- Cains, Cathy Hitch - At Large
- Interested? Please contact one of the Board members.

VOLUNTEERING

- The Marlins are great because of our Parents.
- Best way to see your kid swim is to volunteer at swim meets. (Officials get to see every event!)
- There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer if you can't volunteer at meets. Check the website.
- Each family is required to volunteer for 3 sessions.
 - One session is a timing shift, concessions shift, setup/cleanup shift, etc.
 - Full season opportunities are also available
 - Officials, heating, volunteer coordinator, etc.
- To make sure everyone does their part, we ask that every family writes a \$250 "check" (We use your saved credit card). We only charge the card the end of the season if the family does not complete the volunteer requirements.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 10th: 7:00am: Registration for returning members opens
- April 11th: 7:00am: Registration for new members opens
- Team store is open now.
- April 22nd: Team Store closes. ****Important****
- May 20th: First Batch of Volunteer positions open
- May 20th – May 24th: First week, evening practice
- May 37th: First regular morning practice, team gear included with registration will be distributed
- May 30th Mock Meet
- May 31st Last day for refund
- June 1st: First Meet!
- July 12-14: League Meet
- July 16th: Team Banquet
- July 19-21: State Meet

REGISTRATION

- Register on the website using the “Registration” button in the upper right.
- Discounts for multiple athletes from the same family. No discounts for the “Intro to Marlins” program.
- Does not include gear.
- No additional fees for meets.
- Fees:
 - Gold, Purple, Green Groups: \$235, \$35 discount per sibling
 - 1st swimmer: \$235, 2nd: \$200, 3rd: \$165, etc.
 - Intro to Marlins: \$160, no sibling discount
- No Refunds after May 31st.

REGISTRATION

- Opens Wednesday, 4/10, at 7:00am for returning families. “Returning Family” status is by family, not swimmer. New swimmers from returning families can register on 4/11.
- Opens Thursday, 4/11, at 7:00am for new families.
- Please provide and verify your cell phone number. This is how we can contact you in case of an emergency.
- We will close registration when we fill up. We want to make sure that everyone on the team has a positive experience. So, we want to keep the number of swimmers per lane manageable.



Team Gear



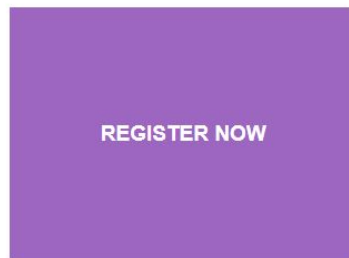
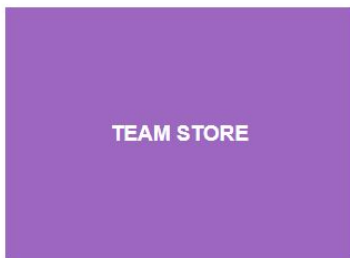
- Required Gear
 - Goggles and swimsuit. Team suit is strongly encouraged but not required.
 - Swim cap is included with registration.
- Optional Gear
 - Fins. Strongly encouraged for 8 and Unders.
- Spirit Wear
 - T-shirt included with registration.
 - Sweats, hoodies, etc. available at online store. **The deadline is firm** – please do not delay if you are interested in gear.
- When is the deadline?

April 22nd!!

TEAM STORE IS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE WEBSITE



April 23rd!!



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INTERESTED IN SUMMER 2023? START HERE!

For summer, we will have a parent meeting on April 2nd at the Golden Community Center. We will have a short presentation that covers everything you need to know for the season. Our gear supplier will be on hand so kids can try on suits and everyone can look at all the team gear we have available. The meeting starts at 12:00pm and lasts for 30 minutes and then the Board and Coaches will be around to answer questions until the Community Center closes at 2:00pm.

Registration for the summer will open on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00am for returning members, Wednesday April 5th at 7:00am for new members.

The registration page may not match these dates. We have to adjust the dates so we can control the **time of day** when registration opens. For new members, registration will open on April 6th right up until it opens on April 5th at 7:00am. Sorry for the complexity but we don't want anyone thinking they need to stay up until midnight to register.

Practice information page has been updated for 2023 and can be found [here](#).

Please send us a message using the "Contact Us" button below to get your name added to our database so you can receive updates from the Golden Marlins!

Finished!



Questions & Answers