



# Tiger Sharks

## Information Meeting





# Agenda

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- Meets, Practices, Team Events
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# Why should I join the swim team?

- Help your kids learn to be strong swimmers.
- Be part of a close knit community within the CTC. There is no better place to get to know your neighbors!

➤ Opens up the door to future opportunities. Many of our current and former CTC swimmers have:



- Continued swimming throughout the year and received scholarships to swim in college.
- Earned a substantial amount of Student Service Learning hours required for high school graduation by serving as Junior Coaches.
- Have been hired as lifeguards at our own CTC pool and other pools in the area. Our very own pool manager is a former Tiger Shark!
- Have been offered jobs as swim instructors.
- Have returned to coach the Tiger Sharks!

- Break up the summer slump. Being a part of the team gets the kids active every day.
- Provides the kids a chance to interact with peers in the neighborhood. These friendships last well into middle and high school!
- Fun meets, spirit nights, and activiites. We've got so much FUN planned for this this season.

# Background Information

- Tiger Sharks are in the Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL) division O.
- The team is open to CTC residents ages 5 - 18. Non-residents who were on the team last year and pay the pool membership fee are also able to join.

➤ Prior swim team experience is not necessary, but swimmers need to meet the following guidelines for their age group:

- 15-18 must be able to swim **50 meters of freestyle and 50 meters of backstroke** without stopping.
- 13-14 must be able to swim **50 meters of freestyle and 50 meters of backstroke** without stopping.
- 11-12 must be able to swim **50 meters of freestyle and 25 meters of backstroke** without stopping
- 9-11 must be able to swim **50 meters of freestyle and 25 meters of backstroke** without stopping.
- 8 & under must be able to swim **25 meters of freestyle and 25 meters of backstroke** without stopping.

# Registration

➤ Registration is done via the team webpage

➤ Registration fee is **\$175** per swimmer. The fee covers all practices, regular meets, team t-shirt and spirit events at the pool. Payment is accepted via credit or debit card only.

➤ How to register:

- Returning families **login** to [www.ctctigersharks.com](http://www.ctctigersharks.com) and go to Register Now button.
- New families go to [www.ctctigersharks.com](http://www.ctctigersharks.com) and select Register Now.





# Swim Meets



➤ There are 5 "A" meets and 5 "B" meets per season.

➤ B meets are on a weekday, usually Wednesday evenings. "A" meets are on Saturday or Sunday.

➤ We will have 4 home meets and 4 away meets. All meets are in Montgomery County.

➤ There is a weekly theme at every meet. The themes make the meets festive and build up team spirit. This season's themes are:

- Dress like a granddad or someone dear
- Superhero
- Red, white, & blue
- Jungle safari
- Favorite decade





# Swim Practice



- Practices are held weekdays at the pool. There is no practice on Wednesdays due to the B meets.
- Practices are at 5, 6, or 7 pm in the evening, depending on the age group.
- For children under 13, swimmers must be in the care of responsible adults at all times while at the pool. Children ages 13-15 must have a parent sign a Parental Authorization form for them to be at practice unattended.
- If the pool is open, practices and meets will continue as scheduled. In the case of bad weather, the pool manager is the one responsible for making the decision to close the pool. Sign up for text and email alerts through your account on Team Unify. There are instructions on the webpage.





# Team Events

## ➤ Spirit Nights

- Occur on Friday nights to get team pumped for the meets.
- Float nights, movie nights, fire pit, etc.

## ➤ Meet and greets prior to the start of the season







# Parent Volunteers

The CTC Tiger Sharks is a **parent-run organization**. We depend upon parent volunteers to run the team and perform the many required roles during the meets.

Each family is required to fulfill a certain number of volunteer hours. There are many jobs that need to be filled to run a swim meet. Families who do not meet the volunteer requirement will be assessed a **\$250 fee** at the end of the season.





# ! Volunteer Activities

Examples of volunteer jobs at the meets:

- Working at the concession stand
- Timing the events
- Setting up the pool deck
- Entering times into the computer system
- Walking the timer papers from the lanes to the computer operators
- Lining up the kids for the events during the meet







# Trained Officials



Every team needs to have trained officials to help run the meets.

## Required Officials

- Stroke and Turn judge
- Referee
- Advanced Referee
- Starter

Training dates are in May/June. Volunteers will be credited for time spent in training. **Our team desperately needs trained officials to help run the meets. Without them, there is no team! More trained officials = less work for everyone. A 15% discount is offered to parents who commit to being an official.**





Q & A

