

CAMPOLINDO

Swimming

2026

Parent Meeting – January 13, 2026



Leadership Teamwork Selflessness	Creating a bridge, a link, from the past to the future, from senior to freshman.
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Go Cougars – Cougar Pride

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 season for Campolindo High School Swimming. We are pleased to have the opportunity to coach another swimming season at Campolindo. We as coaches are fortunate to have been at Campo for many years. The continuity of coaching is important to provide stability in many areas, in particular, the team's attitude and expectations.

Our experience at Campolindo has been extremely rewarding and enjoyable beyond measure. We are grateful to the parents, the administration and to the swimmers for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this outstanding school and this special program.

We are truly excited to be coaching this year's team. We have outstanding young talent and tremendous upper-class leadership. In our program, leadership is invaluable to the team's success and to the process of maintaining our **tradition of excellence**. Furthermore, the entire group, from freshmen to senior, is extremely mature. Both our Men's and Women's are looking to stay one of the top teams in NCS again this season.

While we have had much success on a competitive level over the years, our primary objectives have included much more than achieving competitive goals. Our intention throughout has been to instill values that will have a lasting effect on our athletes long after they leave the program. We believe that our student athletes have much to learn about themselves and about life through the sport of swimming.

It is our commitment to these values that has set the foundation for our success. And it is our intent to remain steadfast in our commitment to these values. Ultimately, we believe that each of us will, individually and collectively, be better off for being a part of Campolindo Swimming. Cougar Pride lives on.

Our team has won fifteen NCS titles in the last 20 years. We have also won the unofficial Combined North Coast Team Title 14 teams of the last 20 years. Beyond all this, we see our greatest achievement to be the growth in character and leadership skills that our athletes take with them from this program. We have been blessed with a talented, dedicated and enthusiastic group of student athletes and we look forward to the possibilities in the season to come.

Note to the parents

We greatly appreciate your support throughout the season. The success of this program is a reflection of your continued dedication. We rely on you at meets and with activities. If you have questions on how you may help please contact the team's lead parent volunteers, (Mark Chiarucci). **Your time and energy are greatly appreciated!!!**

Sincerely,

Ronnie, John, Tiffany and Erika

Coaching Staff

Ron Heidary: Co Varsity Head Coach

Twenty-six years of “rec” coaching (ten County Championships). Ron is Co-Head Coach and Founder of Orinda Aquatics. Ron was voted Pacific Swimming age-group Coach of the Year in 1998, NCS Honor Coach in 2005, and California Coaches’ Association High School Swimming Coach of the Year in 2006. Under Ron and Don’s guidance, OA has won Junior National and Far Western Championships and many of his swimmers have ranked among the best in the United States. This will be Ron’s 34th year coaching high school aquatics: 6 years at Pinole Valley coaching varsity swimming and water polo and 28 years at Campolindo coaching swimming. Campolindo, under Ron, has won 18 North Coast titles, 8 women and 10 men. Ron is a 1984 graduate of UC Berkeley with a major in economics.

John Studebaker: Co Varsity Head Coach, Jr Varsity Support

John graduated Campolindo High School in 2004. He then went to California State University, Sacramento where he received a BS in Kinesiology with an emphasis in physical education and concentration in adapted physical education in 2010. While at Sacramento State John was a member of the men’s rowing team for 4 years. This will be John’s 9th summer as the Assistant Head Coach at Moraga Ranch. Before moving to Ranch, John spent 13 years coaching at Moraga Country Club. He has also coached the Orinda Aquatics high school preseason group, the past 12 years as well as the Polar Bears Program. This will be John’s 16th season coaching at Campolindo. In John’s time at Campolindo the men’s team has won 7 North Coast Titles while the girls have secured 3 Titles. John has also helped oversee the success of the JV program for the past 13 years.

Tiffany Forbes: Junior Varsity Coach

Tiffany will be assisting with the Campo Swim and Dive team for her third season, after a brief hiatus. She is the head coach of the Orinda Moraga Swim Club Orcas during the rec season. She’s also the full-time head coach of the OA Masters adult swim group, and she coaches the introductory junior group for Orinda Aquatics. Tiffany is very excited to be returning to help the Campo JV swimmers!

Erika Berg: Junior Varsity Coach

Erika is excited to return for her second year of coaching, bringing a lifelong passion and a deep commitment to student-athlete development. Erika’s competitive foundation began at eight years old and continued to build at Concord High School (Class of 2014), where she was a standout player for the golf team. She grew up playing golf with The First Tee of Contra Costa and LPGA’s Girls Golf program. She eventually transitioned into a coaching role for the same youth programs that raised her, establishing a foundation in stroke technique and professional etiquette. Her background is further enriched by her time in 4H and Grange, where she raised livestock and competed in fair shows. Erika also serves the Acalanes Union High School District as the Administrative Assistant for the Custodial, Aquatics, and Facility Use Department. Her summers remain centered around the pool, with the Gehringer Park Gators, the rec team, where her niece and nephew both compete. Erika enjoys spending her free time going camping, fishing, and attending rodeos when they happen to be in town.

Coaches Emails

Varsity / Team Questions = varsitycoaches@camposwim.com

JV = jvcoaches@camposwim.com

Workout Schedule

The workout schedule should remain as planned. If there are any changes they will be minor and we will let you know as soon as possible. **The first day of practice is Monday, February 9 at 3:45 p.m. (no water workout)**

Varsity Workout

Competition Pool	PM	Monday & Wednesday	3:30 – 5:15
Competition Pool	PM	Tuesday & Thursday	4:00 – 5:30
Competition Pool	AM*	Friday	6:00 – 7:30
Competition Pool	PM	Friday	3:30 – 5:15

* Morning workouts begin on Feb 20th.

Junior Varsity Workout

Group (s)	AM/PM	Days	Times	Pool
Group A (1)	Same Schedule as Varsity Above			Comp Pool
Group B	PM	Mon & Wed	3:30 – 5:00	Dive Pool
Group B	PM	Tues & Thurs	4:00 - 5:30	Dive Pool
Both Groups	PM	Friday	3:30 - 5:15	Comp Pool
Some JV not all	AM	Friday	with varsity	

- 1) Some Swimmers will be invited to do AM workouts with the Varsity Group. Coaches will inform those swimmers directly.
- 2) Coaches will inform swimmers what group they will be in over the first week of practice.

Special Schedule

Holidays	2/13	Fri (JV & Varsity)	8:00 – 10:00 AM
Spring Break	3/30 – 4/3	Mon - Fri (JV & Varsity)	8:00 – 10:00 AM

Attendance:

The coaches will take attendance daily. You must maintain the 80% attendance rate to stay on the team. ***Your attendance will affect the meets in which you participate.*** The simplest way to deal with the attendance issue is to go to all the practices then there will never be a problem. **If swimmers do need to miss a workout, please let the coaches know in advance.**

2026 Meet Schedule

Day	Date	Team	Place	Time	Comments
Tuesday	March 3	Team Time Trail	Home	4:00	Time Trial
Tuesday	March 10	Clayton Valley	Home	4:00	League
Saturday	March 14	Mission Viejo Invitational	Mission Viejo H.S.	9:00	4 entries per event
Friday	March 20	Northgate	Home	4:00	League
Wednesday	March 25	College Park	Home	4:00	League
Friday	April 10	Acalanes	Away	4:00	League
Friday	April 17	Las Lomas	Home	4:00	League
Friday	April 24	Miramonte	Away	4:00	League Senior Day
Thursday	April 30	DAL Varsity Trials	Soda Center	2:30	Varsity League Championship
Saturday	May 2	DAL Varsity Finals	Soda Center	9:00	Varsity League Championship
Saturday	May 2	JV Invitational	Soda Center	1:00	Varsity League Championship
Saturday	May 2	DAL Diving	TBA	TBA	League Championship
Thursday	May 7	NCS Diving	TBA	TBA	*must qualify
Friday	May 8	NCS Trials	TBA	9:00	*must qualify (max. 4 per event)
Saturday	May 9	NCS Finals	TBA	9:00	Top Sixteen
Friday	May 15	CIF State Trials	Clovis West	1:00	Must Qualify
Saturday	May 16	CIF State Finals	Clovis West	10:30	Top 16

DAL = Diablo Athletic League. **NCS** = North Coast Section **CIF** = California Interscholastic Federation

NCS Entry Information

Each team may submit four individual entries in each event (one entry per relay event). If more than four swimmers qualify for an event, the coaching staff will make the final decision as to which swimmers will be entered in NCS. Criteria in this decision may include and may not be limited to: entry time, shaven or unshaven entry time, attendance, attitude, and commitment to the team. The top 40 times submitted will qualify to swim in the meet. The list of NCS qualifying swimmers will be posted on the NCS website (www.cifnsc.org) in the afternoon of Monday, May 5th.

2026 Other Dates

Date	Day	Event	Time	Who
Feb 3	Tues	Apparel Fit Day @ Soda Center	3:35-5:00 pm	Full Team
Feb 4	Wed	Apparel Fit Day @ Soda Center	3:35-5:00 pm	Full Team
Feb 9	Mon	First Day of Practice No Swimming	3:45pm	Full Team
Feb 9	Mon	Swim Suit Orders Due	9:00pm	Full Team
Feb 11	Wed	Apparel Orders Due	9:00pm	Full Team
Feb 14	Fri	Presidents Day Practice No Monday	8-10am	Full Team
Feb 24	Tues	Team Photo	4:00pm	Full Team
March 30 – April 3	Mon - Fri	Spring Break Practice	8-10am	Full Team
April 29	Wed	DAL Dinner	5:30pm	Varsity Swimmers
May 1	Fri	JV Pasta Feed	5:00pm	JV Swimmers
May 7	Thurs	NCS Dinner	5:30pm	NCS Qualifiers
May 14	Thurs	CIF State Dinner	TBD	State Qualifiers
May 21	Thurs	Awards Banquet	6:00 pm	Full Team

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.” **Unknown**

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.” **Henry Ford**

“When you make a mistake, don’t look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.” **Phyllis Bottome**

Swim Meet Information

Teachers will be notified if swimmers are to be excused from class. ***However, it is the swimmers' responsibility to make up any tests or missed assignments. All student athletes are expected to communicate with their teachers if and when they are to miss class.*** The coaches will make all meet entries.

If you are unable to attend a meet, please let the coaches know, in writing at least 2 weeks prior.

Away Meet Time Table

2:10 PM* Varsity and JV team excused

2:20 PM Meet at Bus

4:00 PM Meet begins±

7:00 PM Approximate return to school

* If meet requires longer travel, swimmers may be excused earlier.

ALL swimmers MUST remain at the pool until the conclusion of the meet.

Acalanes district regulations require all team members to ride the bus to and from the meet. However, a swimmer may ride home with his or her parents. Students are NOT allowed to drive to any meet if there is a team bus.

Order of Events

200 Medley Relay

200 Free

200 IM/100 IM JV

50 Free

Diving (10 minute break)

100 Fly/50 Fly JV

100 Free

500 Free

200 Free Relay

100 Backstroke

100 Breaststroke

400 Free Relay

*There will be at least four heats for each event in the following order:
JV Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys.*

Entries may be limited to 4 or 5 swimmers per team per event.

*Each swimmer may swim up to 4 events but not more than
2 individual events.*

General Information

Team Overview

- For decades, Campolindo has been a very competitive program.
- We have an outstanding tradition of quality swimmers and character athletes.
- We have, and will continue to have, the highest expectations for this program.

Swimmer Expectations (from the coaches)

- **Maturity**
 - (including personality, attitude and language) Be mature in all dealings with coaches, parents and teammates.
- **Responsibility**
 - Adhere to all expectations. Take responsibility for everything.
- **Integrity**
 - Be honest with yourself, with the coaches, and with your parents. Teenagers often justify subtle deception but we would rather have them be honest and accountable.
- **Team Priority**
 - Understand and accept positively that the team, in most situations, comes first.
- **Leadership** (for upperclassmen) – **maybe the most important to the team**
 - Be a role model. Impact the younger swimmers in a positive way. It is more than an expectation, it is a **duty and responsibility**.
- **Excellence as a student/athlete**
 - Try to live up to what would be the highest standards of an outstanding student/athlete.
 - Swimmers are accountable to maintain their studies and grades. Laziness and poor time management are not reasons to miss workout in order to finish homework or study for a test.
 - Swimmers need to understand their priorities and make appropriate choices.
 - Swimmers need to be willing to make sacrifices. **A teenager cannot be a successful student/athlete if they do not.**

A true student/athlete is NOT a great student and a part-time athlete or an outstanding athlete and an apathetic student.

School & Team Logistics

Athletic Clearance

Before you can begin practicing, you must get clearance via sports net. Get your **Athletic Clearance Forms** turned in as soon as possible.

Academic Eligibility

You must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better. This has not been a problem with the prior teams however, if you think you may have a problem with grades please talk to the coach or your counselor. Some students have appealed a low GPA, but you must have a valid reason. You are allowed one appeal in your high school career.

General Information

Promptness

It is your responsibility to **be on time** for all team activities. As a team, we will do things together and that includes being prompt for practices, meet warm-ups, team meetings and social activities.

Objectives

The team will have many objectives. Winning as a team is certainly enjoyable but ultimately it is out of our control. The only thing we can do is **work hard and be as prepared as possible**. Our primary goals will be the following:

- to swim well and achieve our individual and team goals
- to grow personally from the experience of being on this swim team
- to have fun and enjoy the season

*To accomplish the above with any significance you will need **full participation**. Regarding the issue of **having fun, fun** on this team has been realized more through **team success** than from individual accolades. This is not possible to achieve without a commitment to **the team**.*

Training Philosophy

We have had success emphasizing strokework in conjunction with training. In terms of your training, we will work hard and focus on strokework. This should help all the swimmers.

Examples:

- **Fly Stroke Balance – difference between 50 and 100**
- **Underwater technique and speed – all that is involved**

Practice Quality

You should perceive practices as **opportunities** to improve. Every day is a chance to become a better swimmer. Every workout missed is a lost opportunity.

It is your responsibility to let a coach know in advance if you will miss practice.
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Registration Process

There are **5 Steps** you will need to complete to finish the registration process for Campolindo swimming. The first 3 Steps must be completed before we will let your swimmer in the water.

1. **Athletic Clearance** -Campolindo High School Website

www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/campolindo

- Athletics Tab
 - Sports Registration
 - Follow all onscreen directions – This must be done before a swimmer can attend practice.

2. Campolindo Swimming Registration – www.camposwim.com

- **Registration** tab on the far right of the home screen.
 - Follow all onscreen directions and make sure to provide your swimmer's T-shirt size.

3. Team Apparel - www.camposwim.com

- **Apparel** Tab on the far right of the screen.
 - Each swimmer receives 1 Free Team T-Shirt and 1 Free Team Suit.
 - You still need to provide the size your athlete needs for their Team Suit.
 - Girls Suit –Please use \$0.00 Link for your suit unless you are ordering an extra suit.
 - Boys Suit – Please use \$0.00 Link for your suit unless you are ordering an extra suit.
 - All other apparel (Spirit Wear) is optional.
 - Highly recommended that you get a sweatshirt and/or jacket as some of our meets can be on the cooler side.

4. **Athletic Contribution** – Campolindo High schools Website.

- Parents Tab
 - Click on Webstore – Spring Sports – Swimming, OR click on the Contributions Tab on the right side of the www.camposwim.com Home Page.
 - We rely on these contributions to pay for the Coaching Staff, New Equipment, Team Shirt, Caps, Suits, Team Food at dual meets, End of year award banquet, etc.
 - THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR 2026 CONTRIBUTION.

5. **Parent Jobs**

- The Job Signup will be released in early February when we know how many jobs each family will be responsible for filling. Please see the Jobs Tab on the Campolindo Swim Team Website more information.