

# Tiger Shark Times

## Swim Meet Sign-up Deadlines

Meet	Deadline
Minnetonka	November 3
Burnsville	November 17
Foxjet January	December 20
Hastings	December 29
Hudson	January 12
Coon Rapids	February 2
Hopkins C-Finals	February 9
Minnetonka A/B finals	February 16
Rochester, Age group state	February 23

## Fall/Winter Meet Schedule

Nov. 6 & 7: Hopkins  
Nov. 20 & 21: Minnetonka  
Dec. 4 & 5: Black Dog (Burnsville)  
Dec. 19: Chippewa Falls  
Jan. 14-16: Foxjet (A & B++)  
Jan 22 & 23: Hastings  
Jan. 29 & 30: Hudson  
Feb. 19 & 20: Great Wolf  
Feb. 26 & 27: 12 and under C Finals-  
Hopkins  
Mar. 4-6: AB Finals (12 and under) ABC  
Finals-Minnetonka  
Mar 11-13: 12 and under State  
Mar 17-20: 13 and over State

**Foxjet update:** This year, Foxjet has made some changes to the qualifying times. This year it is a B++/A meet (in the past it was a B+ meet). This means the cuts will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way to A times for 50's and 100's. Any event 200 and longer you must have an A time. You can do it!

We tried but were unsuccessful to secure enough interest from other teams in western WI to host at least one meet this winter. The WI conference has really changed the last several years, and as such has other teams' schedules. Based on last year's terrific attendance at our home meet, we believed we could host one if not two days of meets. But to date we did not receive enough interest to even host one day and with regret decided to cancel our annual home meet. We appreciate everyone's support by submitting volunteer checks at registration and will work to get those back to you in a timely manner.

We are excited to announce that Donna Hoialmen booked the team many months ago already for grocery bagging at Family Fresh for two days. We can make about \$600 per day if we get enough volunteers.

We are working on a new team building and fundraising event that the board has considered several times in recent years, a Swim-A-Thon! We are currently working with the Centre to secure a date for this event.

# Parent Meeting

We will be holding a parent meeting on **Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** at both 7:00pm and 8:00pm in the teen center at the Centre. It is VERY important that at least one parent from each family attend, as we will be going over all the information regarding the swim-a-thon. It is also a chance for parents to voice any questions or comments you may have regarding the team.

## Holiday Swim Schedule

Thanksgiving: NO practice November 24-26

Christmas: NO practice December 23 & 24

New Years: NO practice December 30 & 31

A GREAT BIG THANKS to Amy Eastep for all her hard work getting our suits, caps, and parkas ordered. Next time you see her, be sure to tell her thanks!

## Coaches' Corner

We know that many of our parents have swimming or coaching experience. However; techniques, tips, rules and regulations change over the years. So when attending meets, please take that time to be your swimmer's parent and allow Melissa & I to coach. Each child has their own stroke progression and giving advice may cause a set-back from their goals. This team has shown great potential, and I would not want anything to disrupt our team's strong start to the season. And a reminder, per USA Swim regulations, **ONLY** coaches and swimmers are allowed on the pool deck.

Thanks,

Ryan Sherley  
Co-Head Coach

# Swim-a-Thon

Swim-a-Thon is a fundraiser in which participants earn money for their team by swimming lengths of the pool. Swimmers have a two-hour period to swim a maximum of 200 lengths. Participants get pledges from businesses, family, neighbors, etc. prior to swimming. The exciting benefits of this program are that Swim-a-thon is not only an excellent fundraiser, but also an opportunity for teams to combine swimming and a social event. Additionally, Swim-a-thon can boost team spirit and increase community awareness of the team. We are working to make this an event for the entire family! A date for this event will be posted as soon as we have it secured through the Centre. Further details will be provided at our upcoming parent meeting.

## Swimmer Expectations at Swim Meets

In order to help make the most out of your swimmers meet experience, we have laid out some guidelines for swimmers to follow while at meets

- Swimmers need to stay on deck to cheer on their teammates at least 75% of the time. We feel that this will help keep the swimmers focused on the meet by being immersed in the competition. Too often swimmers are distracted by games and other things to do in the gym and racing is an "after thought" It also allows the swimmers to keep a close on when they swim next, not to mention, the coaches can find them.
- No DS or hand held video games are permitted while competing at meets. Swimmers can bring it for before or after your session.
- Eat healthy!
- All swimmers must wear a team cap and a team suit is highly recommended
- Remember that all swimmers need to be on their best behavior at all times. We are guests in other teams facilities and we represent the Tiger Sharks.
- Warm-up pools are to be used strictly for warm-up and cool down per coaches directions.

## Swimmers of the Month

Congratulations to Kayla Swiggum for making swimmer of the month for the Sharks and Tigers groups. Kayla is brand new to the Tiger Sharks but practices like an old pro. She is focused and continually works hard during practice. We hope to get her to a meet soon!

Congratulations to Brady Bennet for making swimmer of the month for the Jr/Sr/Transitions groups. He has shown great drive and dedication which can be seen in the results from the HASA meet last weekend. He gives every race everything he has and is focused on his goals. Keep it up Brady.

A big thanks to our coaches for our mock meet. It was a great event for all the swimmers who participated.

## Team Audit

The swim team audit was recently completed through Guinn, Vinopal, and Zahradka, LLP. We are now in compliance with federal and state tax financial regulations. If anyone wants to see a copy of the audit, please contact Trish.

## Monthly team dinner

Our next team dinner will be held at Pete's Pizza on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We had a great time last month, and look forward to seeing everyone again!

## Grocery Bagging

We are again bagging groceries at Family Fresh in New Richmond. The two dates we have scheduled are Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. In order to make this fundraiser successful, we need volunteers to fill a variety of shifts. You must be at least **12 and over** to participate. We are also in need of adults to both chaperone and bag groceries too. Please contact Lisa at [flyer68c@frontiernet.net](mailto:flyer68c@frontiernet.net). Thank you!

## Fundraising Update

Triathlon: The first year was meant to be a breakeven event for us. Our goal for this year was to use the triathlon as a community building event. We had 55 participants. We are happy to report that the team made approximately \$300.00 this year!

Trollhaugen: A great big thanks to all those who worked this event. We made approximately \$625.00 for our team.

Fundraising checks: Checks will be returned at our next parent meeting.

Wishing everyone a  
safe and happy  
Thanksgiving!

