

May 2025

4 Parent Meeting and Pool Party Kickoff 6-8pm	5 Practice: 7-8s: 4-5pm 9-10 Boot Camp: 5-6pm 11-12s: 6-7pm 13-14s: 7-8pm 15-18s: 7-8 pm No 6 and unders	6 Practice: 7-8s: 4-5pm 9-10 Boot Camp: 5-6pm 11-12s: 6-7pm 13-14s: 7-8pm 15-18s: 7-8 pm No 6 and unders	7 Practice: 7-8s: 4-5pm 9-10 Boot Camp: 5-6pm 11-12s: 6-7pm 13-14s: 7-8pm 15-18s: 7-8 pm No 6 and unders	8 Practice: 7-8s: 4-5pm 9-10 Boot Camp: 5-6pm 11-12s: 6-7pm 13-14s: 7-8pm 15-18s: 7-8 pm No 6 and unders	9 Practice: 7-8s: 4-5pm 9-10 Boot Camp: 5-6pm 11-12s: 6-7pm 13-14s: 7-8pm 15-18s: 7-8 pm No 6 and unders	10
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25	26 Memorial Day no practice	27 Meet- no afternoon practice NST @ Crowfield	28 Practice: 6andU: 4-5pm 7-8s: 5-6pm 9-12s: 6-7pm 13 and up: 7-8pm	29 Practice: 6andU: 4-5pm 7-8s: 5-6pm 9-12s: 6-7pm 13 and up: 7-8pm	30 Last Day of School- pool open all day. No practice.	31

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1	2 Morning Practice begins: 13 and up: 7-8 am 9-12s: 8-9am 8 and unders: 9-10am	3 Practice 7-10am Hobcaw at Newington	4 Practice 7-10am	5 Practice 7-10am	6 Practice 7-10am	7
8	9 Team Picture Day (no regular practice) Arrive 7:30 am; Pic at 8 am Breakfast and Pool Party After	10 Practice 7-10am NST at Parkshore	11 Practice 7-10am	12 Practice 7-10am NST at Northbridge	13 Practice 7-10am	14
15 VBS Week	16 Practice 7-10am	17 Practice 7-10am Snee Farm at NST	18 Practice 7-10am	19 Practice 7-10am	20 Practice 7-10am	21
22	23 Practice 7-10am	24 Practice 7-10am Daniel Island at NST (senior night)	25 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only and six and unders Swim with the Sharks Camp	26 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only and six and unders Swim with the Sharks Camp	27 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only and six and unders Swim with the Sharks Camp	28 Six and under Mega Meet possible date
29	30 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only	1 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only	2 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only	3 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only	4 Practice 7-9am City Meet Team Only	5

6 City Meet	7	8 Banquet				
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FAQs

1. **When does swim season officially begin?** May 4th will be our parent meeting at the gazebo at the park with a fun pool party for swimmers. Lifeguards will be present at the pool party.
2. **What is the practice schedule like for summer swim?** Please see the attached calendar. With the growth of our team, we have added an additional hour of practice during the month of May to provide more space in the lanes for practice.
3. **Do I need to tell you if we are missing practice?** Nope. We understand that the last month of school and summer have numerous conflicts. Do your best to be at every practice but life happens, and that's ok. The only thing I need to know is whether a swimmer is missing a meet and I need at least 48 hours heads up.
4. **What is 9-10 Boot Camp the first week?** Arguably the hardest transition is moving from 7-8s to 9-10s which requires 2 laps AND flip turns. The first week we will work solely with 9-10s in small groups to help teach proper technique on turns and strokes.
5. **When the summer begins, we have Bethany/ Summerville Baptist VBS; can we switch our practice times?** We will get creative with practices that week of VBS so that 8 and unders aren't missing a whole week.
6. **We are going out of town; do we need to let you know?** ONLY if you are going to miss a meet. The sooner you can let me know for meets, the better. I do not need to know if you will be missing practices. Meet heat sheets require hours of work. We need to know at least 48 hours ahead of time if you will not be able to be at a meet.
7. **How do meets work?** Every swimmer swims at least twice every meet. We believe that every time a swimmer races, whether points or exhibition, it is an opportunity for swimmers to earn a faster time. Every race matters. Relays for points are always reserved for the fastest four swimmers. This is because points for relays are 7 pts for 1st place and 0 pts for 2nd place. The exception to this rule is that if we are winning the entire meet by a significant amount, we will reverse points and exhibition relays to give additional swimmers a chance at a points race. All split times for each swimmer's 50 still count. We strive for every swimmer to swim in points races a minimum of 1-2 times. For larger age groups, this is more difficult than smaller age groups.
8. **How will parking work for home meets?** Parking will be limited. Carpool if you can (even the coaches arrive in one car). We ask that we do not double park on the main road (park on the pool side street only) and that we refrain from parking on neighbors' grass. We will also have a golf car shuttle service from the elementary school parking lot.
9. **Anything fun that happens after home meets?** After home meets, many families meet at the Ye Ole Fashion on Trolley Road and enjoy some ice cream and fun

10. **How can we see our swimmers' times?** After a meet, we will post times on the Tigershark wall. These times reflect the fastest time achieved during the season so if the times don't change after a meet, then it was the fastest time a swimmer has gone.
11. **Does everyone go to City Meet?** The city meet takes place on July 7. You must swim for points at least 2x in a season to swim at City Meet. Only the fastest 2 per event will compete at city meet. After the final dual meet, swimmers not swimming in the city meet no longer need to attend practice.
12. **Are there volunteer requirements?** Oh, yes! We will have parent volunteer opportunities and every family is required to volunteer 2 times per season. Many hands make light work.
13. **Can we order suits/ caps/ shirts?** All swimmers receive a T-shirt. Caps will be available at the parent meeting or ordered through Meredith Buddin. Suits that were previously ordered can be picked up at the parent meeting or the first couple of practices. Shirts for parents and other Tigershark fans can be ordered through Meredith and are due May 13th. Meredith will also have some vintage shirts for sale for \$8 at the parent meeting.
14. **We have extra practice suits that my kids can no longer wear that are in excellent condition, any ideas on what to do with them?** At the parent meeting bring any suits that are in good condition that your swimmer can no longer fit into. There will be a table at the parent meeting that you can donate/ sort through because let's be honest- kids grow fast and suits are expensive. Contact Erica Malachowski with any questions.
15. **What if I have some questions throughout the season?** We have some designated long time swim parents who can help answer ALL the swim mom/dad questions. We will introduce them at the parent meeting and they will be at most practices.
16. **What is Swimming with the Sharks Swim Camp?** Each summer, we host (in conjunction with ARHS swim) a free swim camp for students with special needs in the area. Tigersharks interested in volunteering must be at least 13 years of age or older to be assigned a buddy. More details to follow.