



## 2024 SWIM TEAM SEASON

**Head Coach** - Macie Sparks

**Assistant Coach** - Emma Cox

**Junior Coaches** - Peyton Hatfield  
Brady Smallie

We would like to welcome all new and returning swimmers for the 2024 season. Our goal is to provide a positive experience for ALL who participate. All levels of swimmers are welcome; previous swim team experience is not required.

### **SWIMMER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Swimmers must be 5-18 as of May 30, 2024.
- Swimmers should have basic swim experience - specific swim strokes will be taught to new swimmers. Swimmers must be able to swim across the pool and back with no assistance.
- Must have stock and a summer/family membership at Paddlers Swim Club. Membership must be paid in full before attending the first practice.

### **SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION:**

The following paperwork must be completed before your swimmer can participate:

- 2024 Registration: <https://forms.gle/M26xs7PRNTR96Wju7>
- Swim/Dive Team Code of Conduct
- SWISA Membership Registration Form



### **SWIM TEAM FEES:**

The swim team fees for the 2024 season are as follows:

**\$160 for the first swimmer, \$80 for each additional swimmer.**

**Swim team fees must be paid in full before attending the first practice.** The first week of practice may act as a trial period for children. Fees will be refunded for any child choosing not to continue swimming at the end of the first week.

## **PRACTICE TIMES:**

Practice will begin on Monday, June 3rd. Practices will be held Monday-Friday each week. Practice times are listed below, but may be subject to slight changes along the way. Any changes will be communicated through the remind app (text @padpirates to 81010 to join) and on the Paddlers Swim and Dive Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/paddlerspiratesswimanddive>).

<b><u>8:30-10 am</u></b>	<b><u>10-10:45 am</u></b>	<b><u>10:45-11:45 am</u></b>
15-18	6 & under	9-10
13-14	8 & under	11-12
winter swimmers	new swimmers	older swimmers with time conflicts

Group placement is always at the coaches' discretion. If your swimmer doesn't meet the above criteria, Paddlers Swim Club offers group/private swim lessons.

## **SWIM MEETS:**

Our club is a member of the Southwestern Illinois Swimming Association (SWISA). Our team will compete in four dual meets and other SWISA events during the summer. SWISA events include the Novice Meet, Relay Meet, JV Championship Meet and the SWISA Championship Meet. Your swimmer must participate in two meets in order to be eligible for the SWISA Championship Meet.

### **Here is the swim meet schedule for 2023**

**June 13th** - Home Meet v. Gators - 5:30 p.m. warm-up

**June 15th** - Novice Meet @ Montclair - 8 a.m. warm-up

**Novice Meet** - this meet is designed for a first year swimmer or swimmers who are "aging up". The purpose of this meet is to provide more exposure as to what a swim meet is all about and to gain experience in competing in a swim meet. Coaches will decide which swimmers qualify to participate in this meet.

**June 20th** - Away Meet @ Summers Port - 5:30 p.m. warm-up

**June 22nd**- Metro East Summer Pentathlon @ Highland - 7:45 a.m. warm-up

**Metro East Summer Pentathlon** - this meet is a meet where each swimmer is encouraged to swim 5 races (fly, back, breast, free, and IM). This is simply an extra opportunity for swimmers to compete with other competitive Metro East swimmers. There is an additional \$20 fee for this meet.

**June 24th** - Relay Meet @ Sunset Hills - 5 p.m. warm-up

**Relay Meet** - this meet is relays only. Not all swimmers will swim this meet because we are limited to 1 relay per age group for each event. The coaches will notify swimmers if they are swimming in this meet the Friday prior to the meet.

**June 27th** - Home Meet v. Montclair - 5:30 p.m. warm-up

**July 11th** - "FUN"draiser Meet @ Paddlers - 6 p.m.

**"FUN"draiser Meet** - this meet has a dual purpose: 1) as the name states for the kids to have fun! 2) to raise some extra funds for awards and the banquet 😊 This meet is open to ANYONE you do not have to be on the swim team to participate. There is a \$20 per person donation required for each swimmer if registered by July 10th. On July 11th registration is \$25.

**July 12th** - Lollipop Meet @ Paddlers - 11 a.m.

**Lollipop Meet** - this is a fun meet for new swimmers. Older swimmers will swim in the earlier time slots. More information will be shared prior to the meet.

**July 16th** - Home Meet v. Sunset Hills - 5:30 p.m. warm-up

**July 21st** - SWISA Championship Meet @ Chuck Fruit Aquatics Center (Edwardsville) - TBD

**SWISA Championship Meet** - most swimmers will swim this meet. It is very important that you let the coaches know if your swimmer cannot attend. Swimmers will know if they are swimming this meet by Thursday prior to the meet. To be eligible, swimmers must swim 2 meets, and volunteer hours must be met!

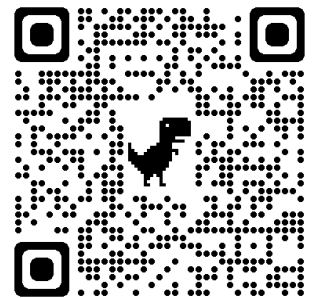
**July 22nd** - JV Championship Meet @ Paddlers - 5 p.m. warm-up

**JV Championship Meet** - Swimmers that do not compete at SWISA Champs are encouraged to compete at this meet. Also any swimmer that did not place in the top 6 at SWISA Champs are also invited to compete.

**\*\*Please complete the swimmer availability form:**

<https://forms.gle/yzTe9pQ1MMntonj57>

In case something changes and your swimmer will not be able to attend the weekly meet, please communicate with the coaches by the end of practice on **MONDAY**.



### **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:**

Our meets are run solely by parents who volunteer their time. To help make these meets run smoothly, **ALL families are required to work 2 swim meets!** Please sign up for the meet(s) your swimmer/swimmers attend. Job sign-ups will be posted through a sign-up app. However, if all positions are not filled before the deadline, to ensure we have enough volunteers to run the meet, we will assign any open positions. The best way to ensure you receive your preferred position is to sign up ASAP. Links to sign up are posted on the team website and team Facebook page.

Our team is in need of swim officials. Each meet needs 3 officials (a starter and 2 judges). A basic understanding of swim strokes is preferred, but can be taught! There will be a short training for interested parents before the start of the season. Please contact Chad Roseman or one of the coaches if you're interested.

**TEAM SUITS:**

Suits will be available for purchase through B&B Aquatics. We will have them at the sign-ups on Tuesday, April 30th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**TEAM PHOTOS:**

John Locus will be at Paddlers on June 28th to take individual and team photos. Individual photos will begin at 9 a.m. and a team photo will be taken at 9:30 a.m. Older swimmers will still practice once the team photo has been taken.

**2024 PADDLERS SWIM TEAM BOARD:**

Please feel free to contact anyone on the board if you have any questions or concerns.

President: Jaime Pamatot

Vice President: Chad Roseman

Secretary/Awards: Kara Mathes

Treasurer: Jaime Pamatot

Volunteer/Event Coordinator: Toni Vorce

SWISA Representative: Jaime Pamatot