



FAIRWAY FARMS

BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

THE FAIRWAY FARMS BARRACUDAS WANT YOU FOR OUR TEAM!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR KIDS AGES 5-18 THAT CAN SWIM THE LENGTH OF THE POOL (OR MOST OF IT!)

Joining the Fairway Farms Swim Team is a great way for your child to be part of a fun and supportive team, meet new friends, improve their swimming skills, and have fun! Please do not feel overwhelmed by all of the information in this packet! If you cannot make it to every practice or every meet, no problem! Have questions about how practice or the meets work? Reach out or come to the meeting May 23rd! We are happy to chat and help figure out a way to make the swim team work for you and your family!

We're excited to have an incredible coaching staff this year! Coach Kara and Coach Blake are returning, and we're thrilled to welcome Coach Connor and Coach Lucy. Each brings valuable experience and a passion for helping swimmers grow...be sure to check out the March newsletter to learn more about them.

SWIM TEAM KICKOFF MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 23RD AT 10:30AM

Our annual swim team kick off meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:30 AM. This is a great time to come learn more about the swim team and see if it's the right fit for your family (we think you'll love it!). You'll have a chance to meet the coaches and coordinators and get all your questions answered!

REGISTRATION & FEES

Please use the [registration link](#) to sign up your swimmers!

All registrations must be completed by May 27th

All payments must be received by June 10th



Payment by Cash/Check

\$75 per swimmer

Family maximum = \$200



Cash or check payments (made payable to Fairway Farms Swim Club) can be placed in the swim team envelope in the clubhouse. Please be sure to include your swimmers' names on the envelope.

Payment by Venmo (@FairwayFarmsSwim)

1 Swimmer = \$78

2 Swimmers = \$155

3+ Swimmers = \$206

Each swimmer will receive a team shirt and swim cap for the season!

We already have the swim caps in hand this year!

Banquet fees for July 26th will be collected separately...more details to come.

TEAM MERCHANDISE

All spirit wear merchandise will be sold online only through our team store. The store will remain open through June 3rd to ensure orders arrive before our first meet. It will reopen for a second round of orders a few days later—stay tuned for updates!

Be on the lookout for a separate e-mail once the team store goes live!

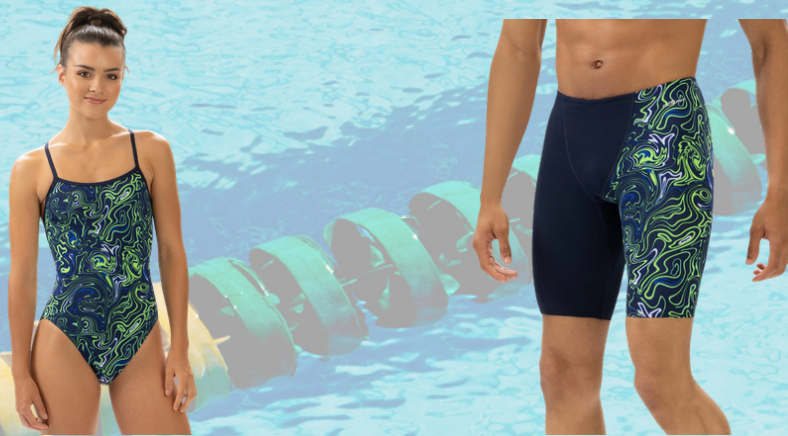


TEAM SWIMSUIT

Different Strokes will be at the club on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00-11:00 am. If you are unsure of your swimmer's size, this is the time to come out as you will be able to try on suits to get the perfect fit! Different Strokes has pre-ordered suits based on last year's roster to have them available to take with you from the suit fitting! They accept cash, check, or card for payment. Suits can also be purchased online (we will send out the link separately!). Team suits are optional but encouraged. Be sure to order by 11:59 p.m. on June 5th to ensure delivery before the first meet.

** New Parents / New Swimmers **

If you are not familiar with the way a competitive swimsuit should fit, please have your child try it on. Different Strokes will be present to assist you with the fit. Competitive swimsuits feel very tight when they are brand new and if your child is not used to it they may feel that it is too small. However, it stretches in the water and you'll find out after your child has worn it once that it is way too big. This is a mistake we see every year, so please ask if you are unsure. If your new swimmer says the suit is comfortable – it's probably too big.



SWIM CAPS

Every swimmer will receive a team cap as part of their registration fee!

All swimmers are required to wear their team cap at every swim meet... that includes our teenagers too! It helps everyone easily identify Fairway swimmers and keeps our team looking sharp. If a cap is lost or torn, replacements can be purchased for \$5 at the concession area during home meets or from a swim coordinator at away meets.

No personalized swim caps will be offered this season.

SWIM CLINICS

Tuesday, June 9th

9:00 am - 11:00 am Freestyle & Backstroke

Wednesday, June 10th

9:00 am - 11:00 am Breaststroke & Butterfly

Thursday, June 11th

9:00 am - 11:00 am Starts & Flip Turns

If your swimmer is on the fence about joining, come to clinic to check out the team!
More information and a sign up will be sent ahead of these dates!

SWIM PRACTICE

Practice Schedule (Monday–Friday) - Starting Monday, June 15th

11 years & older: 8:00–9:00 AM

10 years & under: 9:00–10:00 AM

PRACTICE SWIM MEET

This year we will be running our practice meet during practice on Thursday, June 18! The coaches will plan to go over details of a meet and what your swimmer can expect! We will run relays with our relay team and make sure everyone is as comfortable as possible! Please look for more details to come before this day!



SAVE THE DATE - PICTURE DAY!
FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH 8:00 AM

SWIM MEET TIMELINE

- 4:30 PM – Concessions A workers arrive to begin their shift
- 4:45 PM – Gates open (no entry prior!)
- 5:00 PM – Swimmers should be on deck for warm-ups
- 5:30 PM – Most volunteers/workers should be ready to begin their shifts
- 6:00 PM – Meet begins!

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2026 MEET SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH	AT NORTVILLE
TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD	VS. COLONY
TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH	VS. BURTON HOLLOW
TUESDAY, JULY 7TH	AT NEWBURGH
THURSDAY, JULY 9TH	AT COLONY
TUESDAY, JULY 14TH	VS. NORTHVILLE
THURSDAY, JULY 16TH	AT BURTON HOLLOW
THURSDAY, JULY 23RD	VS. NEWBURGH
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH AND SUNDAY, JULY 26TH LEAGUE MEET AT NORTHVILLE SWIM CLUB	

We need to be informed of any meets your swimmer will be unable to attend! If you already have vacation plans, please indicate them on the registration form!

If plans are made later in the season, you or your swimmer(s) should notify Coach Kara or Coach Blake as soon as possible.

While this is a fun, recreational season, unexpected absences can create last-minute challenges and make meet planning difficult for our coaches.

BAD WEATHER PROVISION

Our league has adopted an Inclement Weather Provision that all teams are expected to follow. Because rescheduling a dual meet creates significant additional work for everyone involved, it will always be treated as a last resort.

In the event of inclement weather, the following process will be followed:

1. There will be no discussion of postponing or canceling a dual meet until 6:00 pm.
2. The latest a dual meet will be allowed to begin is at 7:15 PM. If we are unable to start by 7:15 pm the meet must be rescheduled or canceled.
3. If the meet has been delayed, starting at 9:15 pm – only the point heats will run. No events will start after 9:45.
4. A meet can be considered complete after 29 events have been completed.



LEAGUE MEET

“There’s No Place Like League Meet” will be hosted by Northville Swim Club on Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th.

The meet will be split by age group as follows:

- Saturday, July 25 – Age 12 and under (AM/PM)
- Sunday, July 26 – Age 13 and up (AM)

As we get further into the season, we will share additional details regarding the League Meet, Fire Up Dinner (Friday, July 24) and the Banquet (Sunday, July 26). Stay tuned for more information!

PARENT COMMITMENT

Parent participation is essential to a successful swim season. We ask families to complete a total of **4 volunteer slots** during the regular season, which may include a combination of 1–2 concession donations and 2–3 volunteer jobs.

A “slot” is defined as either a donation or a volunteer job. Concession donations are needed for our 4 home meets. Volunteer positions are needed at every meet (home and away), as well as for the Fire Up Dinner and Banquet. Your four slots should be a mix of both donations and jobs.

Families who do not sign up for and fulfill their required slots will be charged a \$75 non-volunteer fee for the season. If unpaid, this fee will be added to the following year’s balance. This policy is consistent with other clubs and is intended to address ongoing participation gaps from some families in prior seasons.

The Sign-Up Genius for both donations and jobs will be released the week of June 8th, and all families must be signed up by June 15th for the full season. We will confirm the exact release date and time as June 9th approaches. Signing up early increases your chances of securing preferred job assignments.

If you sign up to bring concession items, please deliver them by 4:30 PM or drop them off at the clubhouse **labeled with your name and swim team**. Concession sales help support the cost of the season, and we rely on families to help make this possible. This year, we will only be selling pre-packaged items at meets.

VOLUNTEER JOB INFORMATION & START TIMES

We can't overstate the importance of volunteers reporting on time for their assigned positions...we depend on everyone being in place at the time indicated. Please do not sign up for any job unless you can commit to arriving on time. **All volunteer positions allow parents to still watch their swimmers compete!**

AWARDS

During home meets, six volunteers sit in a designated area and work on ribbons and sort by family as they are completed for the meet.

EVENT CARD PERSON

This person sits on deck in a designated chair and wears a safety vest so swimmers can easily identify them. They distribute event cards to swimmers at both home and away meets.

CONCESSIONS A (4:30-6:30 PM) OR B (6:30 PM UNTIL MEET CONCLUSION)

Responsible for selling concession items at home meets. All concessions workers must have hair pulled back in a ponytail or wear a baseball hat.

HEAD TIMER (BACK-UP TIMER)

At home meets, operates a backup stopwatch in case of issues.

TIMERS

Each team provides timers for the opposing team's three lanes at both home and away meets. This role requires full attention for the duration of the meet - not recommended for parents of young swimmers unless another adult is available to assist the child if needed.

FINISH JUDGES (LINE COUNTERS)

Each team provides one volunteer at home and away meets to record race finishes. One person calls the order of finish, and the other records the results.

RUNNERS

Runners collect cards after each heat and deliver them to the scoring table. They also serve as "on-call" support and may be reassigned during the meet if additional help is needed

SCORER

Each team provides a scorer who sits with the opposing scorer during the meet to track and record the score. Results are delivered to the scoring table after each point event.

STARTER

At home meets, we provide a starter to begin each race. While a USA Swimming official is not required by the league, it is important that this role is filled by a trained individual.

TIMING SYSTEM

We are looking for an individual to run our Dolphin Timing System at all home meets - this job would fulfill all 4 volunteer slots.

BARRACUDA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to our swim team family! We believe a positive, supportive environment is essential for the success and enjoyment of all swimmers. This Code of Conduct outlines expectations for parents and guardians to help maintain a respectful, encouraging, and safe atmosphere for everyone involved.

By having your child participate in our swim team, you agree to the following expectations:

PROMOTING A POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- **Encourage, don't criticize:** Focus on effort and improvement, not just results. Celebrate both big and small successes and offer constructive encouragement after setbacks.
- **Respect coaches' decisions:** Trust the coaches' expertise in training, technique, and meet strategy. Any concerns should be addressed privately and respectfully after a 24-hour cooling period, away from practices and meets.
- **Support all swimmers:** Cheer for all team members, not just your own child. A positive team atmosphere benefits everyone.
- **Model good sportsmanship:** Show respect for officials, opponents, and families. Reinforce that fair play, effort, and respect are more important than winning alone.

COMMUNICATION AND CONDUCT

- **Communicate respectfully:** Direct any concerns or questions to the appropriate coach or team official. Avoid discussing issues in front of swimmers or other parents.
- **Maintain appropriate boundaries:** Do not interfere with coaching, practices, or meet operations. Allow coaches to coach and officials to officiate.
- **Volunteer expectations:** Each family is required to complete four total volunteer slots (a combination of jobs and donations) during the season. Families who do not meet this requirement will be charged a \$75 fee.
- **Follow team policies:** Familiarize yourself with and adhere to all team rules regarding attendance, fees, safety, and communication

SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- **Be punctual:** Ensure swimmers arrive on time for practices and meets and are picked up promptly.
- **Prioritize health:** Do not send swimmers to practice or meets if they are ill or contagious.
- **Supervise siblings:** Any additional children at practices or meets must be supervised and should not disrupt team activities.
- **Report safety concerns:** Notify a coach or team official immediately if any safety issues arise.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

- **Be positive online:** Use social media responsibly and avoid posting negative or critical comments about coaches, officials, swimmers, or the team.
- **Respect privacy:** Be mindful when sharing photos or information online. Obtain permission before posting images of children other than your own.

By following this Code of Conduct, we can ensure a fun, respectful, and enriching experience for all swimmers while building a strong and positive team community. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact your swim coordinators!

Jen Grala and Kelly Evanoff

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