2024 New Parent Meeting



March 20, 2024





About the Wyndham Tidal Waves!

- There is a place for everyone on our team and the goal is to have fun!
- Division 1 team within the Greater Richmond Aquatics League (GRAL)
- Comprised of kids 5-18 years old
 - Swimmers must be 5 years old on June 1
- Swim meets occur on Tues or Wed evenings
- > 5 coaches with extensive swimming background

Being a part of a summer swim team is a great way to become a better swimmer, build confidence and have FUN!

New Swimmer Evaluations

- New swimmers to the team must be evaluated by the coaches for placement on either the regular competition swim team or the Development team
- New swimmer evaluations to be held at Shady Grove YMCA on Sunday, April 28 from 2 - 4 PM
- A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the date
- Coaches will ask children to attempt to swim a lap or two
- Swimmers who cannot complete a length of the pool or who are not yet ready for competitive meets will either be placed on the Development team or recommended for additional swim lessons

If you are not a member of the YMCA, create a "Non-Member" account to participate in evaluations.





Development Team

- Development team "Mini Meets" are held on Saturday morning at 8 AM
 - Typically last about an hour
 - Low stress environment for swimmers to get used to competing and build confidence
- ► At the discretion of coaches, Development Team swimmers will be asked to participate in the regular meets in the last third of the season











Swim Meets - Competition Team

- Typically occur on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings
- Six meets per season (3 at HOME and 3 AWAY)
- Swim meets begin at 6 pm with check in beginning at approximately 4:30 PM and last until 10 or 11 PM
 - Younger swimmer events are done earlier in the evening
- Coaches pick events that your swimmer is ready for
- Several days before the meet, you will receive an email asking whether your swimmer will participate in the meet
 - You must declare your intent to swim/not swim at each meet or you will not be placed in the meet
- Swimmers can participate in up to three individual events plus one relay
 - New swimmers will typically start with two events depending on abilities

See MEET SURVIVAL GUIDE on website for more information on what to bring, etc.





Champs Meet

- Saturday, July 20 (12 and under), Sunday, July 21 (13 and up)
- Held at Collegiate School Aquatics Center (SwimRVA)
- Time Standards, JV and Faster (listed on website under "Meet Central")

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Volunteering

- Parental participation is KEY to the success of the Tidal Waves!
- Home meets require over 100 Tidal Wave volunteers and Away meets require about 80 Tidal Wave parent volunteers.
- Each family is required to sign up for at least four swim meet shifts prior to June 1 or you swimmer will not compete.
 - This include both the Competition Team and Developmental Team - NO EXCEPTIONS
- Each volunteer shift is roughly 3 hours and typically covers ½ of a swim meet.
 - 1st Half is approx. 5:45 PM 8:00 PM and 2nd half is about 8:00 PM 10:00 PM.
- If you cannot complete your shift, you are required to find a reliable replacement.
- A list of teen volunteers is available for you to hire. You will need to make the arrangements and arrange for payment.
- Signups for shift will be available at (or shortly after) registration and on the website (wtwswim.com)

When signing up for volunteer shifts, sign up with same account as your registered swimmer







Practice Schedule

After school (5/20 - 5/30) (Mon-Thurs)

4:30 - 5:15 PM: Ages 9 - 10 5:15 - 5:45 PM: Ages 7 - 8

5:45 - 6:15 PM: 6 & under and Development Team

6:15 - 7:00 PM: Ages 11 & up

7 - 8 and 6 & under attend Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs

Summer (6/3 - 7/9)

AM Practices (Mon - Thur except days after meets)

8:00 - 8:30 AM: 6 & under and Development Team

8:30 - 9:15 AM: Ages 7 - 8

9:15 - 10:00 AM: Ages 9 - 10

10:00 - 10:45 AM: Ages 11 - 12

10:45 - 11:30 AM: Ages 13 & up

NEW Friday AM Clinics (topics to be announced)

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Ages 10 & under 9:00 - 10:00 AM: Ages 11 & up

PM Practices (Mon – Thurs except meet days)

4:00 - 4:45 PM - Ages 8 & under

4:45 - 5:30 PM - Ages 9 - 12

5:30 - 6:15 PM - Ages 13 & up

Fun Practices (Day after meets at 9 - 10 AM)

6/6, 6/13, 6/19, 6/27, 7/3, 7/10

Champs practices begin 7/11 for qualified swimmers

No practice on Memorial Day or 4th of July.





What You Need

- Team swimsuit strongly encouraged but not required
 - We select new swimsuits every two years
- Swim cap strongly encouraged by not required
- Goggles
- Swimsuits, goggles and caps will be available for purchase at our Suit Fitting and Season Kick Off
- Additional Spirit Wear will be available for purchase online or at NOVA Regency





Suit Fitting and Season Kickoff

Wed, May 1 - 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the Wyndham Clubhouse

- Meet the coaches and tie dye new team shirts
- Swimsuits, goggles and caps will be available for purchase
- Additional Spirit Wear will be available for purchase online or at NOVA Regency







Stay Up to Date

- wtwswim.com Regular updates, announcements, etc.
- Facebook (Wyndham Tidal Waves)
- Instagram (wearethetidalwaves)

- General questions wtwpresident@gmail.com
- Coaches wtwcoaches@gmail.com
- ► Parent Reps wtwparentrep@gmail.com
- Question about Volunteering wtwvolunteers@gmail.com

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Registration Opens March 25 - May 6



- Register at wtwswim.com
 - Ages 5-14: 1st Swimmer \$150; additional swimmers in same family \$125
 - Ages 15-18: All swimmers \$75
- You can wait until after Swimmer Evaluations on Sunday, April 28th to register
- Include family members to be included on our e-mail list during registration



