

Graywood Tigersharks



Swim Team Packet – 2018

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Dear Parents and Swimmers,

Welcome to the Graywood Tigersharks Swim Team! This is our fourth year to have a summer league swim team. The Tigersharks will compete against other local swim clubs within the Lake Charles Summer Swim League (SSL). It's going to be a really wonderful summer at the pool and we're so glad to have your family on our team!

In this packet please find the following:

- Parent Information
- Team Mission Statement
- Registration Documents (due May 15th)

Head Coach:

Kent Shepherd

Phone: 337-274-4869

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Assistant Coaches:

Hannah Cole

Logan Duhon

Swim Board:

Shelli Barrett

Trisha Bolton

Lacey Guillory

Daphne Letlow

Christa Puckett

Heather Rashall

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Parent Information

Overview

- The 2018 swim season lasts from June 1st to July 31st.
- Children must be ages 5-18 as of Jun. 1st. Copy of birth certificate required for registration with LC-SSL.
- We adhere to the Ward 3 Rec. Summer Swim League Rules and Regulations Manual (v. Mar 2015).
- Email/Group text is the primary source of communication. If you require another contact method, let us know asap.
- Practice - We offer 4 practices per week with night and morning options. See separate calendar. Swimmers are welcome to attend all 4 practices.
- Inclement Weather – If storms are in the area, check your email before you head to the pool. If it's only raining, we're still training. If we have to cancel practice due to lightning, we will likely reschedule it to Friday and notify by email.
- Meets - There are 4 regular season meets planned prior to the City Championship Meet (see separate calendar).
- Ribbons - Swimmers will receive their ribbon from meets at beginning of the following Monday or Tuesday practice.
- In order to qualify for championships, swimmers must swim in at least 1 meet.
- Social Events - Swim team is not only about practice! We will have socials and pep rallies to get the whole team together for fellowship and fun before meets! Then we will finish the season with an End of Year Banquet and Awards Ceremony (TBA) to recognize all of our swimmers for their efforts.
- All swimmers will receive a t-shirt and swim cap with their enrollment. Additional t-shirts are available to order.

Volunteering

- **Parents are required to volunteer at swim meets.** It takes the whole village to put on a swim meet. We need timers, stroke and turn judges, ribbon writers, runners, etc. Sometimes we will have to show early or stay late. We can't do this without you. We won't need every person every time, but please be prepared to help out if you get the call. Thank you!
- Stroke and turn clinic – June 5th at Ward 3, 6-7:30 pm. Tigersharks needs 2-3 parents to attend this clinic. It teaches you how to be a stroke and turn judge so you can fill this role at the meets.
- Canopies and sun shades. If your family owns a canopy or large sun shade, please consider bringing it and setting it up for the kids in our designated team area at University Pool.
- Registration - Please keep pages 1-6 of this packet for your personal use over the summer. Page 7 are the required registration docs. Please fill out page 7 and return to Graywood Sportclub with a copy of birth certificate no later than May 15th.



Supplemental Swim Lessons

- Individual swim lessons are available through the Tigersharks organization for any swimmer who wants additional practice or for siblings who want to learn the sport. Half hour lessons are \$20 each. Please contact Coach Hannah Cole or Coach Logan Duhon to schedule.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- The Graywood Tigersharks Swim Team is a non-profit entity. We are grateful to be hosted at the Graywood Sports Club but we operate separately from the club and do not receive any financial support from them.
- As such, we are funded solely from the swimmer registration fees and from donations from businesses and individuals.
- All donations are considered tax deductible for the donors. The Graywood Tigersharks Swim Team will immediately provide donor with receipts for tax purposes.
- We also offer advertising opportunities at certain levels of donations, such as logo placement on our team banners or handbooks. It's a great way to showcase your business in the community. Please see the Sponsorship Packet for further details.

High School Student Volunteer Opportunities

- Some local high schools require students to log summer community service hours. What better place than the Graywood pool! Give back to the community, build leadership skills, and set the example for the next generation of Tigersharks.
- Students can log as few or as many hours as they would like at our 10 & under practices. If a student commits upfront to fulfilling at least 10 hours of volunteer coaching, he/she will receive a heavily discounted swim team fee.



Tigersharks Mission Statement

The Mission of the Graywood Tigersharks Swim Team is to provide opportunities for up to 50 summer swimmers to foster a love for the sport, swim competitively, and learn the valuable lessons of teamwork, integrity, dedication, and hard work.

The Graywood Tigersharks Swim Team expects and recognizes excellence at all levels of our team structure, including athletes, parents, coaches, and board members. We take pride in being a “hard working team” where athletes are challenged to become better teammates, leaders, and swimmers, and coaches work hard to the benefit of each athlete. We truly want kids to just keep swimming, no matter what their ability level or if they treat swim team as recreation or competition. It’s a great sport that can be done for life. It can also be a lifesaver.

Coaches, parents, and board members supply the support and environment necessary for the organization to foster personal growth and to allow our athletes to prosper both in and out of the pool. The Graywood Tigersharks contributes to and supports the community in which we swim.



Practice Groups

We use practice groups to help your children receive a more specialized practice experience. The coaches will assess each new swimmer on the first day of practice and will assign him/her to a group. It is possible for your child to be promoted to another group throughout the summer. Remember, each child learns at his/her own pace, so the groups are only established to work with a swimmer's skill and comfort level.

Group I (30 minute practice)

- Swim at least 25 yards unassisted
- Work on basic freestyle and backstroke technique, diving, and relays
- Emphasis on teaching technique on all strokes
- Swimmers in this group will need to purchase their own flippers

Group II (60 minute practice)

- Swim at least 25 yards unassisted
- Shows mastery of basic freestyle and backstroke technique
- Work on swimming 50 yards unassisted, breaststroke and butterfly technique, and relays
- Emphasis on cutting time while improving technique
- Swimmers in this group will need to purchase their own flippers

Group III (60 minute practice)

- Swim at least 50 yards unassisted
- Shows mastery of freestyle, backstroke, and diving
- Shows mastery of basic breaststroke and butterfly technique
- Work on swimming 100 yards consistently and refining breaststroke and butterfly technique
- Emphasis on cutting time while improving technique

Group IV (90 minute practice)

- Swim at least 100 yards unassisted
- Shows mastery of all four strokes and diving
- Emphasis on increasing endurance and speed
- Each member of Group IV will swim the 100 yard IM in at least one meet
- This group will mostly consist of older swimmers preparing to join a high school team.



Tigersharks Swim Team 2018 Registration

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES! NEW MEMBERS ONLY!

MOM- NAME _____

EMAIL _____ CELL _____

DAD – NAME _____

EMAIL _____ CELL _____

ADDRESS _____

GRAYWOOD SPORTS CLUB / GRAYWOOD POOL MEMBERSHIP # _____

Swim Team Fees

■ Swim Team Fees are \$100 for first child, \$75 for second, and \$65 for each additional.

Swimmer Name	M/F	Age	Birthday	Birth Cert (If New)	Registration Fee
Total					

Swim Suits will be ordered by email per parent/guardian through D&J Sports.

Solid Suit with Graywood Tigershark Logo:

Female Suit + Cap + Shirt: \$49.95

Male Suit + Cap + Shirt: \$39.95

Volunteers Welcome

Volunteer Name	stroke and turn judges	timer/runner

By signing below, I acknowledge that I will agree to abide by the Graywood Tigersharks Swim Team Guidelines and that one adult member per family shall be available to volunteer at meets IF needed. By signing this release, I understand that I indemnify, release, and hold harmless Graywood Sports Club, Graywood Tigersharks Swim Team, its coaches, staff members, and employees, from any and all injuries and damage of any kind sustained by me / my child during the use of facilities belonging to or utilized by these entities.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____