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Program Overview and Parent Resource Guide



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Simpkins Sharks Swim Club Overview

Simpkins Sharks Swim Club is a recreational, non-competitive swim team that practices year-round. Our swim team aims to offer both fun and fitness to youth 5 to 15 years of age. The focus of our club is to create a sense of love for swimming through teamwork and sportsmanship, as well as building their endurance and skills.

Registration

Registration is available once your swimmer has passed the tryout. If you have already participated in Sharks, you do not need to retake the swim test. Return Sharks may register by contacting the Swim Club Supervisor.

Swim Club Supervisor (Luke – Luke.Langton@santacruzcountyca.gov) to register.

Prerequisites

Youth ages 5 to 15 may join Simpkins Sharks Swim Club.

Swimmers must be able to pass the minimum requirement to join the swim team. However, each level has a different tryout requirement as follows:

Beginner Sharks (Minimum Requirement)

- i. 25 yards freestyle
- ii. 25 yards backstroke
- iii. 30 seconds of treading water

Intermediate Sharks

- iv. 100 yards freestyle
- v. 100 yards backstroke
- vi. 50 yards breaststroke
- vii. 25 yards butterfly
- viii. 1 minute of treading water

Advanced Sharks

- ix. 200 yards freestyle
- x. 200-yard IM with proper form and good transition turns. In under 4 min.
- xi. 2 minutes of treading water



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Practice

Simpkins Sharks Swim Club is a year-round swim team. Practice is held every Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no practice from Thanksgiving week until the first week of January. It will be a break between summer/fall and winter/spring seasons.

Practice Times:

1. 4:30-5:15pm & 5:15-6:00pm (Beginner)
2. 4:30-5:30pm & 5:30-6:30pm (Intermediate)
3. 6:15-7:30pm (Advanced)

Mock meets are scheduled once a session on Saturdays towards the end of sessions.

Dates

- Fall - Saturday, November 14, 2026
- Winter/Spring - Saturday, May 16, 2027

Please arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of your swimmers' practice time.

We currently have 4 lanes, the Beginner Sharks will have a maximum of 5 swimmers per lane, and the Intermediate and Advanced Sharks will have a maximum of 6 swimmers per lane. As our team grows, we will have the ability to have more swimmers join. In the meantime, a maximum of 68 participants may be on the team at a time.

Fees

Enrollment is season based (Summer/Fall & Winter/Spring). A \$300 fee is due at the beginning of the Summer/Fall season in order to stay active on the team.

Cancellation Policy Fees:

- i. A \$5 cancellation fee will be applied for each withdrawal request.
- ii. More than 3 weeks prior to the start of the program: a \$50.00 cancellation fee will apply
- iii. Less than 3 weeks prior to the start of the program: a 50% cancellation fee will apply.
- iv. After the 2nd practice of the program, no refunds or credits will not be given. If two days are completed and you would like to withdraw, you will pay for the two days of practice, and 50% of the remainder.
- v. No refunds or credit will be given for missed practices. No refunds or credits will be given for cancellations after the second day of the program. No refunds or credits



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will be given for participants suspended or removed from the program for disciplinary reasons.

- vi. Account credits are valid for one year from date issued.
- vii. Credit Card Refunds are subject to a \$10 processing fee.

Uniform/Attire

The swimmer's uniform consists of:

- Athletic Swim Trunks/Shorts/Swimsuit – no color requirement
- Googles

Members of the team will be given a Simpkins Sharks Swim Club sweatshirt and swim cap.

Behavioral Guidelines

Simpkins Sharks Swim Club has set behavioral guidelines that all team members, both athlete and parent, must follow. Our Team Handbook will be given and reviewed with families on their first day of practice.

Violating the code of conduct or any policy may result in suspension or dismissal from the team.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email swimcenter@scparks.com or call us at 831-454-7953.