# Mako Sharks Newsletter

**Orientation Meeting 2011**

## Welcome

Welcome swimmers and parents and thank you for your interest in the Mako Sharks Swim Team. Newsletters will be available on a periodic basis to keep everyone informed of important information.

## About the Team

The Mako Sharks swim team will begin its summer season May 30, 2011. This team is an excellent opportunity to see if your child/children will enjoy the sport of swimming. All new swimmers will be taught the latest in stroke technique that will last them a lifetime whether or not they decide to become competitive swimmers. Our goal is to have them learn the basics of the 4 competitive strokes, learn about the sport of swimming and have lots of fun in the process.

Becoming part of the Mako Sharks does not require excellent swimming skills. We use swim fins with all new swimmers to aid in the ability to do the strokes correctly. If a young child is comfortable in the water, can swim some on their back as well as stomach, they are welcome to try our team.

**About the Team (cont'd)**

Our team has been Berks County Champions 9 of the last 13 years. We use both the Boyertown Area YMCA Daniel B. Boyer Center and the Borough of Boyertown Community pools for our practices. Our home dual meets are held at the Borough of Boyertown Community Pool. Our team competes in the top division of the Berks County Swimming Association and all dual meets are conducted within the county. We will have approximately 4 to 5 dual meets (one pool vs. another pool) and they are typically held on Monday nights and each child will swim in 2-3 events at each meet. The dual meets usually are scheduled from the end of June through the month of July. The championships will be the end of July and the first full weekend of August. We also attend several invitationals which are optional but do offer each child the ability to choose what events they like to swim and also the opportunity to swim for awards if your child/children are interested.

Our goal is for the swimmers to improve their swimming ability and to have a great time doing it. Our coaching staff is very experienced, made up of 3 of the Boyertown Area YMCA Navy Seals swim team coaches and also several very elite collegiate swimmers who came up through the Navy Seals programs. And we have some of the fastest swimmers in the state of PA on our team so your child will also learn from watching the best. We hope you will give swimming a try and become a Mako Shark!

## Team Wear, Suit and Equipment

Schuylkill Valley Sports will have team suits available for purchase at both scheduled registration opportunities. A competitive racing suit is required for all swimmers on the team but the purchase of the team suit is optional.

Schuylkill Valley will also have team wear fins, practice suits and goggles available for purchase during the registration sessions.

All swimmers must have their own fins, goggles and a competitive swim suit.

## Escrow Account

Each swimming family is required to establish an escrow account with a minimum deposit of $25 per family due at registration. From this account, all entry fees, and any other assessed fees will be deducted.

### Team Fundraising

Fundraising for the Mako Shark summer team will be discussed and voted on at the June 5th parent meeting. Fundraising will support the end-of-season family picnic and swimmer team gift.

### Parent Meeting

The initial Mako Shark Parent meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 5pm in the Multi-purpose room at the Boyertown Area YMCA Daniel B. Boyer center.

## Mako Shark Swim Team Orientation/Informational Meeting

**Consider joining the Mako Shark swim team and make new friends, learn teamwork, gain confidence and self-esteem, and reach new goals. An orientation for new/prospective members will be held on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30pm at the Boyertown Area YMCA Daniel B. Boyer Center.**

## Mako Shark Registration

**Registration will be held on Sunday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 25, 2011, from 6 to 7:30pm at the Boyertown Area YMCA Daniel B. Boyer Center. Attendance at these registration sessions is necessary.**

**Team fees and development of a family escrow account are required at registration; in addition a membership for the Boyertown Community Pool is required. This membership should be purchased at the member service desk at the YMCA prior to June 1, 2011.**

**Registration by 5/25/11:**
Team Fee for YMCA Members: $100
Team Fee for Community participants: $130

**Registration after 5/25/11:**
Team Fee for YMCA Members: $125
Team Fee for Community participants: $ 155

**Family Escrow Initial Deposit: $25**

**Borough of Boyertown Community Pool Membership:**
**Fee range $90 - $220+**