

Welcome to the Sun Prairie Piranhas! We're so glad you decided to join us!

To many new parents, the first part of the season can feel quite overwhelming. It may seem like everyone was naturally born speaking this strange language, knowing how to read heat sheets and knowing how to sign up for meets. Rest assured, we've all been in your shoes and we're all willing to help. Just ask! Within a short period of time you'll start to get the hang of it and soon after you'll feel like an old pro!

Below are a few frequently asked questions. If you don't see your question answered, please feel free to ask a board member (emails listed on the website) or make new friends with an experienced swim parent and they'll be more than happy to help. No question is a silly question!

How do I sign up for a meet?

You will need to sign up for a meet using the Sun Prairie Piranhas website. You must sign up for all meets before 9 days prior to the meet. On the website, look in the lower-right-hand corner of the home screen for the "Events" box. Click the "Swim Meets" tab and click the "Attend this Event" button. Select swimmer's name and declare either "Yes" or "No".

What events will my swimmer swim?

Each swimmer can swim up to 4 events. You may select two individual events you want to participate in when you declare your status. Coaches will do their best to honor these requests, but will place swimmers based on availability and need.

How long are the meets?

Meets last approximately 4 hours. Morning meets start around 8am and last until about noon. However, your swimmer will need to be there earlier for warmups. The Head Coach will send out the arrival time prior to the meet so you will know when to get there. Evening meets will vary in start time and still last approximately 4 hours, unless there is a time limit set by the team prior to the meet. All evening meet durations and start times will be posted on the website and arrival times will be communicated by the Head Coach.

Where are the meets held?

The pool locations are listed on the Piranhas website under the "[Pool Locations](#)" tab.

How do swimmers get to away meets?

Bus transportation for swimmers is provided on the way to all away swim meets. It is not required that your child ride the bus, but it is a fun way for them to bond with the team, make some new friends and learn all of the Piranhas cheers. Bus departure times will be provided by the Head Coach for all away meets. Parents are responsible for meeting the bus and the meet and are responsible for driving swimmers home after the meet completes. There is no bus transportation back to the FAC.

Are meets required?

A minimum of 4 meets are required in order for a swimmer to be eligible to swim in the season end Conference swim meet.

How is a swim meet scored?

The last heat of each event is the “Points Heat.” Points are awarded to each team based on their swimmers’ finishing positions in that heat. All other heats are “Exhibition Heats” and do not count for team points.

Will there be ribbons? Pins?

Swimmers are awarded a Piranhas Pin for every personal best time. Ribbons are given for: 1st-6th place in individual point-scoring heats 1st-3rd place in relay point-scoring heats 1st-3rd place in individual exhibition heats

What is the parent volunteer commitment?

Families are required to fulfill a minimum of one volunteer shift per home meet that their child is swimming. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the swimmer not being allowed to swim in the next meet he/she is committed to. If you are unable to volunteer, please make arrangements to have a friend or other family member fill in for you.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tR2SnGQuQRs>

I don't know much about swimming. How will I know how to work at a swim meet?

No experience is necessary for any of our volunteer positions. We will teach you everything you need to know! Volunteering is a fun way to be involved in your child's swim adventure and an even greater way to get to know other swim families.

How do I read a heat sheet?

Now, what do I need to write on my swimmer's arm again...?

Event Number	Heat Number	Lane Number	Stroke
#23 Girls 15-18 50 SC Meter Freestyle			
Lane	Name	Age	Team
Heat 1 of 2	Finish Starts at 07:30 PM		Seed Time
1	Kennedy Ezell	16	PRC-GA
2	Jenny Herbert	17	CSP-GA
3	Erin Hodell	15	PRC-GA
4	Emma Nelson	15	CSP-GA
5	Sarah Knapp	15	PRC-GA
6	Elizabeth Cuper	17	CSP-GA
Heat 2 of 2 Final Starts at 07:32 PM			
2	Caroline Dekle	15	CSP-GA
3	Maggie Kate Mosley	15	CSP-GA

How do I mark my child's arm?



Swim meet essentials

- Water and Gatorade -- Stay Hydrated!
- Healthy snacks
- Towels
- Swim cap
- Goggles
- Sunscreen (don't apply to your arm until after your events are marked)
- Insect repellent
- Money for concessions (and/or pack your lunch/dinner) and heat sheets
- Highlighter and/or pen
- Folding chair
- Books or games to enjoy between events
- Blanket to spread out
- Robe or sweats to keep swimmers warm between events
- Pop up tent for shade (optional)
- For rainy meets, bring extra towels and rain gear for the parents
- Label EVERYTHING with your name!
- If you are bringing non-swimming siblings to a meet – bring toys/activities/snacks.

What should my swimmer bring to practice?

- Suit, goggles, swim cap, towel, water, change of clothes, sun screen

Where are practices held?

- Preseason practices are at Sun Prairie High school pool located at 888 Grove St. Sun Prairie
- Once school is out, all practices are held at the Family Aquatic Center (FAC) located at 920 Linnerud Dr. Sun Prairie

How do I know when my child practices?

The practice schedule is located here:

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