

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I have to provide a credit card?

A: No. You can also mail payments each month. Having a credit card gives you a \$5/month discount though.

Q: Are practices offered year round?

A: Yes. Other than a short break for the holidays, we offer practice every week of the year. You can suspend your account at any time, however.

Q: Are there discounts if I have multiple swimmers on the team?

A: Yes. Each additional child from the same family receives a \$10/month discount.

Q: Can I pro-rate a month if my child only swims a few times?

A: No. We do offer 10-pass cards that are good for 3 months, though.



Locations and Site Leaders

AG High School: Rich Firman 805-704-1807

Avila Bay Club: Mitch Emerson 805-595-7600

Atascadero Kennedy: Karen Neil 805-704-5082

SLO Kennedy Club: Jud Clark 805-709-7946

How To Join Puma

1. Swim Assessment

Assessments are offered at all pools and will ensure your child is in the right group. Please bring the following items to the assessment:

- Completed assessment form from website
- Check for \$64 to "Southern California Swimming"
- Copy of birth certificate for age verification
- Towel, goggles, swim suit

Call the site lead to schedule an assessment. Assessment times are as follows:

- **Atascadero:** M/W/F at 3:30pm
- **Arroyo Grande:** Monday to Friday at 6:30pm
- **Avila:** M/W/F at 4:00pm
- **SLO:** Tuesday/Thursday at 3:20pm

2. Free Week Trial

Your swimmer can try out the team for one week at no cost. At the end of the trial, if you decide not to join, your check will be returned. If you decide, it will be applied to the US Swimming Registration cost.

3. Join The Team!

- Go to www.pumaswim.org and click "Online Registration"
- Fill out your info and click "Add Member" to add your child.
- **Add your credit card for discounted dues!**
- **Verify that you have joined by bringing the sign-up coupon on the other side to your site leader**

Your registration will be in "Pending" status and you will receive an e-mail verification when your site-leader activates it.



*The Premier Swim Club
on the
Central Coast*

Come in for a free assessment and get a free 1-week try-out period to "test the waters."

See how swimming can change your life!

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About Puma Swim Team

Puma is a year-round swim program that offers a fun, challenging, and goal-oriented experience for swimmers 5 years and older. Swimmers can participate recreationally or they can also choose to compete in swim meets at any level from the complete beginner to Olympic Trials.

Our Core Values

- **Stroke technique:** Priority is always given to learning how to swim correctly, rather than on doing endless laps.
- **Self-Improvement:** Whether the goal is simply improving a stroke or setting a national record, swimmers are encouraged to set achievable goals that help them improve.
- **Fun:** We believe that it is important to have fun while working hard. When swimming is fun, it will stick with kids for life.



What Does Puma Cost?

Swimming is a relatively low-cost sport to participate in compared to other team activities. We offer 7 different levels so that any child from a complete beginner to a seasoned athlete will fit in. The monthly cost for each group is listed below:

Cubs	\$85/month
Bronze	\$95/month
Silver	\$105/month
Gold	\$115/month
Platinum	\$120/month
Junior	\$130/month
Senior	\$140/month

In addition, there is a one-time \$50 start-up fee per family, and an annual US Swimming Registration cost of \$64/year. Sign up for automatic monthly dues payments and receive a discount of \$5/month. Multiple swimmer discounts are also available.

Puma Practice Times

Practices are offered up to 6 times per week for the Bronze and above, or 3 times per week for Cubs. Swimmers can participate at any of our 4 locations in Arroyo Grande, Avila Bay, San Luis Obispo, and Atascadero. Practice times in **Arroyo Grande** are as follows:

(see website for times at other pools):

Cubs	5:30 – 6:00pm on Tue/Thu/Fri
Bronze	5:30 – 6:30pm on Mon-Fri
Silver	5:30 – 6:45pm on Mon - Fri
Gold	5:30 – 7:00pm on Mon - Fri
Platinum	5:30 – 7:15pm on Mon - Fri
Junior/Senior	5:30 – 7:30pm on Mon – Fri

Saturday morning practices are available to all groups at 8:00am in AG when pool is available

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Q: What is the youngest age for Puma?

A: Most kids are over 5. The minimum requirement is that swimmers must be able to comfortably get across the pool (25 yards) on their stomach and on their back.

Q: Does my child have to compete?

A: No. While competition is encouraged, it is not required.

Q: Do I have to register with US Swimming even if I don't go to meets?

A: Yes. The US Swimming registration also provides insurance to Puma and to your child and helps us keep our monthly fees down.

I'm Ready To Join!

Swimmer _____

Parent _____

I have filled out a US Swimming form, and provided a check for \$64 to "Southern California Swimming" with a copy of my child's birth certificate.

I have registered at www.pumaswim.org.

I am attaching a check for \$50 to "Puma" for a start up fee...

OR

...bill my account for the \$50 startup fee.

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