

DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM



Mark Your Calendars:

- Tuesday, May 26 6:45 am Morning Practices Begin
- Tuesday, June 2 6:30 pm New Parent Orientation
- Thursday, June 4 6:30 pm Parent's Timer Clinic
- **Friday, June 5** **No Evening Practice**
- Saturday, June 6 8:30 am 1st Swim Meet at Riverpoint

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Morning Practices:

Morning practices start on Tuesday, May 26, 6:45 am – 8 am. All swimmers should report to the NW corner of Johnson Field (directly adjacent to the UNM Olympic Pool), with running shoes (no flip-flops) for stretching, running, etc... - **promptly at 6:45 am**. This will insure that we are able to maximize our time in the water. Wear shorts & tee shirt over your swim wear so you can discard your clothes quickly and get into the pool at 7 am.

UNM PARKING

UNM has provided the Dolphins with an opportunity to park in the Cornell Parking Structure. The parking fee is included in the Dolphin Swim Team Fee, so there is no additional cost to our team members. Parking codes (and instructions) will be made available to every family that has turned in their completed registration paperwork and paid their swim team fees, or made payment arrangements on those fees. Parking is available from 6am – 8:30am and 6pm – 8pm, Monday – Friday. If you have not received a parking code, or you have any questions or problems with the parking arrangements, see Kim Berling.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:

There are still swimmers that have not turned in their registration paperwork or made payment arrangements. Please get both the Dolphin's paperwork and the Sundance registration paperwork back to Kim Berling or Michelle Seaver by Friday, May 29.

We have several new families that have had their children practice with the Dolphins during the month of May, to see if the team was a good fit for them. We invite and encourage all new families to take advantage of this opportunity during May. But the end of May is upon us, and we will need to submit paperwork to the Sundance league by June 8. So if you would like your children to continue to swim with the Dolphins for the rest of the season, please go onto our website (www.dolphinsswimteam.net) and print out the registration forms and get them back to us as soon as possible. You can also pick up copies of the registration paperwork from Kim Berling at any evening practice. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Berling at 505-410-3646 or berling.k@gmail.com.

New Parent Orientation:

Volunteers are needed at every meet. We encourage all parents to help out. We will offer a **New Parent Orientation on Tuesday evening, June 2nd at 6:30pm**. We will meet at the SE bleachers (near the locker rooms) in the Olympic Pool area – the same area where the pot luck was held. We will hold a second session or make-up session the following Tuesday evening, June 9th, for those parents who cannot make the June 2nd meeting.



Parent Clinics:

One of the more important jobs (at every swim meet) is the position of “Timer”. We need our parents to time every one of our lanes during every event at every meet. We will hold a **Parent’s Timer Clinic on Thursday evening, June 4 at 6:30 pm**. We will meet at the SE bleachers (near the locker rooms) in the Olympic Pool area – the same area where the pot luck was held. The clinic will provide you with the information necessary to volunteer for one of these important positions at the meets. We encourage all parents to attend. We will hold a second session or make-up session the following Thursday evening, June 11th for those parents who cannot make the June 9th meeting.

ALL general communication is done through Yahoo Groups. If you have not already signed up for Yahoo Groups, please do so immediately using the following link:

https://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/dolphinsswimteam_abq

Once your yahoo account is set up you can redirect (or forward) all the e-mails to the e-mail account of your choice. Please be sure to check your e-mail prior to all swim meets to ensure that no last minute changes have occurred with times or arrival instructions.



Isotopes Baseball Game:

The team will be attending the Isotope’s ball game on Friday evening, July 3rd. Tickets are \$12.00 each. The team has purchased 25 advance tickets for this game, to insure we can all sit together. These tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. To date, 8 tickets have been spoken for. This leaves 17 remaining tickets available.

You do not need to pay for the tickets right now, but if you want to attend the game (and sit with the team), you need to let me know as soon as possible. I have the opportunity to purchase additional tickets in the same area, but those seats will go quickly. This game is anticipated to be a “sold-out” game. So what we really need to know right now is how many people in each family (both kids & adults) would like to attend the game, so if we need to purchase additional tickets, we can do so immediately. If you have any questions, or would like to reserve tickets, please contact Kim Berling by or before Friday, May 29th, at berling.k@gmail.com or 505-410-3646.



New Mexico Games:

New Mexico Games will be on Sunday, June 28. We need to get all registration materials in by the second week of June. The registration information, list of events and entry form are attached to this Newsletter. Every participant needs to fill out a separate entry form. Each participant must also fill out a separate Waiver of Liability form. The Waiver of Liability form is also attached to this Newsletter. You can print additional copies of both the entry form and the waiver form as necessary. You can also pick up additional copies of these forms at any evening practice. Just see Kim Berling or Michelle Seaver. These forms are also available on the homepage of our website (www.dolphinsswimteam.net), where you can download them and print them out.

New Mexico Games is an opportunity for the whole family to participate in a swimming event. There are age and gender groups from 8 & under to 80 & over, so all swimmers, along with their siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and neighbors can participate together. Everyone swims within their own age group. As the age groups advance, there are not as many swimmers. So all you 30's, 40's and 50+ somethings should still jump in and participate. Even if you don't feel you would do very well, you could still win an award, as there may be only a half dozen swimmers in your age group! In addition to having a great time, you would help the Dolphin's score points!

Team Swim Suits:

Streamline Swimming offered everyone the opportunity to try on (and/or order) new team suits on Monday, May 18th. If you missed this opportunity, and would like to purchase a new team suit, you can call or go by **Streamline Swimming's retail store** to place your order. Their address is **6901 Gruber NE, 87109**, and their phone number is **(505-503-7460)**. The team suit this year is very similar in



style and design to the suit we've used the last two years. So, if you purchased a new suit for your swimmer last year, and it is still in good shape, there is no need for you to purchase another new suit this year. The cost of the new team suit is \$65.00 for the girl's suit and \$50.00 for the boy's suit. If you would like to purchase a new suit for your swimmer, but you need financial assistance, please contact Kim Berling.

