

HAMMOND HILLS HAMMERHEADS

March 2017 Newsletter



Let's Spring into Summer Swim!

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Can you believe it's already March?!?! We are so excited for this month's upcoming registration and the season ahead. This month's edition of the Hammerhead Newsletter includes interviews, pricing, meet dates, and more! Hope you enjoy!

CONGRATULATIONS IAN, JAMES, and KATELEIGH!



A huge congrats to Ian Cannell, James Jackson, and Kateleigh Ponds – who have recently been selected as our 2017 Junior Coaches! These longtime hammerheads submitted essays and attended in person interviews as part of the hiring process. We were so impressed by their preparation, dedication, and commitment to this team. Please help us in congratulating these amazing new coaches!

Swimmer to Coach: Blossoming in 2017

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1. **NAME:** Kateleigh Ponds
2. **SCHOOL/GRADE:** Riverwood/Grade 9
3. **Why did you apply to be coach at Hammond Hills?** “I wanted to be a coach at Hammond Hills to give back to my community that I have been apart of for so long. I wanted the kids to have the same experience I did when I was growing up”.
4. **What are you looking forward to most about being a junior coach?** “Watching the kids improve within the six short weeks we have together, and watching the techniques of the seasoned coaches.”
5. **What do you believe is one of the most important qualities of a coach?** “Good Listener. Coaches need to know what's going on so they can help....Good Listeners include connecting with the kids on a personal level to the point where they are comfortable talking to you.”
6. **What is one of your favorite memories at Hammond Hills?** “One of my best memories happened last swim season when my brother started to swim. I was proud of see him improve so quickly to the point where he finished before another swimmer in his event.”
7. **If you could pick three words to describe Hammond Hills Swim Team, what would they be?** “Determination, Family, and Heart.”

2017 Calendar has hatched: MEET DATES are here!

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1. *Tuesday, May 30st or Wednesday, May 31st
2. Tuesday, June 6th
3. Tuesday, June 13th
4. Tuesday, June 20st
5. *Monday, June 26th or Tuesday, June 27th

MAKE-UP MEETS (if necessary) are planned to take place the day after the scheduled meet. Example: If there is inclement weather on a Tuesday Meet, the make-up meet would take place on Wed.





JUNIOR SHARKS:

The Official Feeder Team of Hammond Hills

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Our feeder program is designed for young swimmers who are unable to swim 25 yards or less. Through the program, our Junior Sharks are taught survival and basic swimming techniques by Coach Laney and Coach Gabby. If a Junior Shark is able to swim 25 yards before the end of the season, parents have the option to move their young swimmer to the 6 and Under age group and swim in the remaining meets. Junior Sharks practices will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 4:30PM. Space for this program will be limited.

Rain or Shine: REGISTRATION and BATHING SUIT FITTINGS!!

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Saturday, March 25th (9AM-1PM)
Sunday, April 30th (2-5PM)

We HIGHLY recommend coming to this month's registration if possible! After April 1st, there will be a \$5 late fee. Not to mention, the earlier you come, the more likely you will be able to walk away with your bathing suit(s) from the fitting. Click [here](#) for a printable flyer containing 2017 dates and practices times.

Shining like the sun: March's Superstar FRANNIE MCNERNEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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1.Name: Frannie McNerney

2.Grade: 4th Grade

3.What's your favorite part about being a Hammerhead? I like that we get to practice different things. We practice our stance, diving into the water as well as all the strokes. I also really love the coaches!

4.What would you tell someone who is joining our swim team for the first time? If you're nervous, don't be because the coaches will take you through everything step-by-step and you will know exactly what to do.





ONLINE REGISTRATION SPROUTS MARCH 17TH

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Online Registration will open on March 17th, 2017 at 10AM. If you registered online last year, you will receive an email with a link to register for the 2017 Season. If you are new to the team, you will need to go to our website hhsta.swim-team.us. There will be a button on the homepage that says "ONLINE REGISTRATION!" All you need to do is click the button to begin filling out the online paperwork. Swim Team fees may be paid by card online or a check/cash can be brought to the registration/bathing suit fitting date on Saturday, March 25th between 9-1PM. If you have trouble signing up online, don't fret! Come to the registration/bathing suit fitting at Hammond Hills and we will walk you through it on our computer.



Singing their praises: Sponsors 2017!

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We love partnering with our surrounding community! From corporations to local businesses, we have strived to create sponsorship packages that offer authentic exposure and support from our team. We are happy to announce our 2017 sponsors thus far: Rebekah Barr (Keller Williams Realty 678-488-6711 - Platinum Sponsor), Roxanne Ponds Photography, British Swim School, Michelle Robinson (Ansley Atlanta Real Estate), Georgia Grinders/NaturAlmond, Jolyn Clothing/Bathing Suit Company, Barberitos, and Pizza Crosta (the new home of our after-swim meet dinners). It is our goal to have at least 10 sponsors this season! Therefore, if you have any suggestions for potential sponsors, please email Coach Laney at laneyhhswwimteam@gmail.com. We want your help! :)



Money doesn't grow on trees: Pricing 2017

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Swim Team Member Fees:

- \$135 for first swimmer
- \$110 each additional swimmer
- Junior Sharks - \$110

Swim Team Non-Member Fees:

- \$100 Non-Member Fee per family
- \$155 for first swimmer
- \$130 for additional swimmer
- Junior Sharks - \$110

*A fee of \$5 per child will be added after April 15.

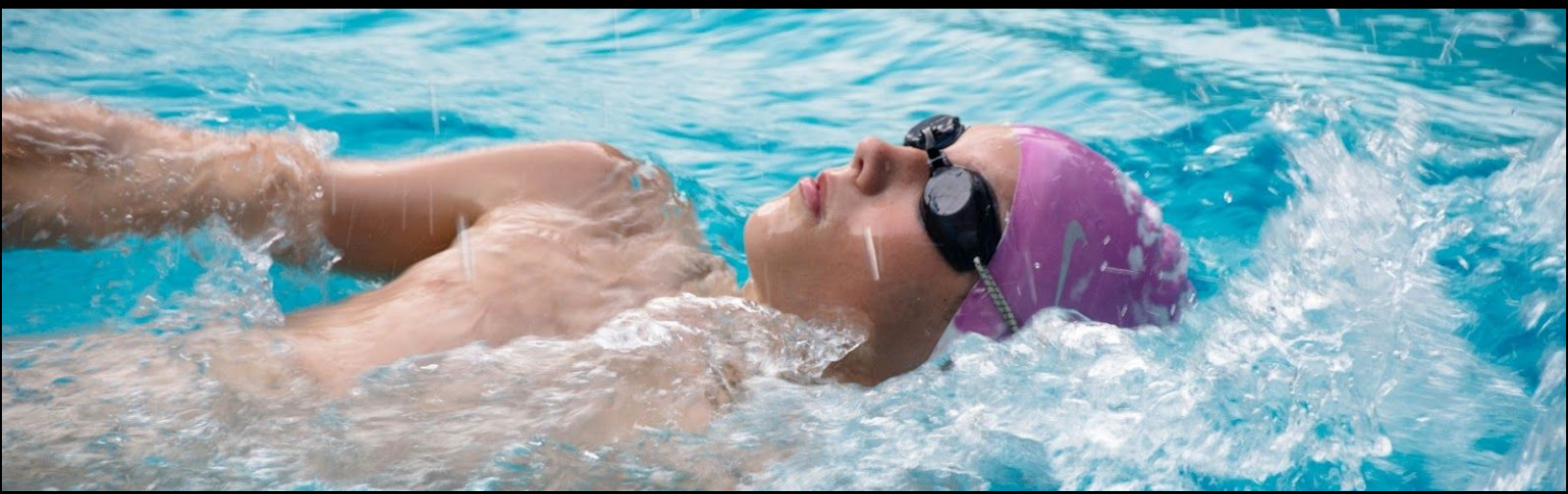
Pool Membership:

Click [HERE](#) to download the HHSTA 2017 Membership Application.

- Certificate Dues (\$550.00) *Certificates can be purchased for \$275.00.
- Seasonal/Family Membership (\$650.00)(Increase to \$675.00 on May 1, 2016)
- Couples Membership (\$350.00)
- Single and Senior Membership (\$300.00)
- Tennis Only Membership (\$200.00)
- \$25 New Member Fee

*Now Accepting Credit Cards via Paypal (+3% CC processing fee)

If you have any questions about pool membership, we encourage you to email HammondHillsSwimGA@gmail.com.



Planting seeds for communication!

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Our website works as our registration hub, but it's also a great place to check the calendar, email updates, and our sponsors' information. Feel free to explore and share our website at the following link: <http://hhsta.swim-team.us> Our facebook group is a hub for swim team updates, meet information, and season reminders. In addition, it will be a place for us to promote our sponsors, share pictures/videos with the Hammerhead community, and celebrate our swimmers! The group is closed, therefore you must request invitation. Click [here](#) to join the group today.

A fresh idea: TEAM POOL PARTY!

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Mark your calendars, Hammerheads - we are starting a new tradition! We understand there is a need to ask questions in person before the season really gets rolling, but we also understand that the majority of the information we talk about in the parent meeting could be in an email. Therefore, in our very Hammerhead way, we decided to have a party. The party will be from 1-3PM at Hammond Hills Pool with ice cream sundaes for the kids. But mostly, it's an opportunity for the kids to play with their teammates, parents to hangout by the pool, coaches to introduce themselves, and for you to ask the coaches any questions that are on your mind. Plus it's a pool party before the pool even opens for the season - how fun is that?!

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact one of our coaches or our team representative (Mary Dodd Walker) at marydoddwalker@gmail.com.