

Frequently Asked Questions

Mountain Creek Dolphins

Swim Team Information

Summer 2019

Coaches

Head Coach- Abby Cushing

Assistant Coach- Maggie Shelton

Junior Assistant Coaches- Addie Resh and Riley Stahl

Junior Coach- Katie Shelton

Board Members

Coordinator- Beth Moore- mountaincreekdolphins@gmail.com

1. When is the swim team season?

2019 Season: May 8th - June 25th

Swim team runs from mid May and finishes the last week of June. Practice is run by our coaches. There is a party at the end of the season.

2. What are the fees?

2019 Fees:

\$115 - 1st swimmer

\$100 - additional swimmers

\$25 Swimmers 15 and older

Your registration fees cover use pool during practice times, swim coaching, Cobb County Summer Swim League fee, insurance, ribbons, an end of season gift and lots of outside fun!

Parents of swimmers that are 15 and older are not required to volunteer.

To help keep our costs down, we as everyone donate the following:

6 & under- 1 pack of Gatorade/Powerade 12 oz

8 & under- 1 case of water- 16.9 oz

10 & under- 1 case of soda- Coke, Diet, Sprite

3. Is my child old enough to be on the team?

Children who are aged 5 by June 1, 2019, and who are able to swim one length of the pool unassisted (Cobb County Summer League policy) are welcome to join the Dolphins and participate in swim meets. The maximum time is 1:30.

Children who are aged 4 by June 1st and/or who cannot yet swim one length of the pool unassisted may join our Junior Dolphins team. Our great coaches will make tremendous progress with our youngest swimmers in a surprisingly short time. Practices are conducted in small 2-4 person groups with an in-water and hands-on coach. There is a special Juniors meet at our pool the last day of the season. Participation ribbons will be given. Advanced Junior Dolphins (age 5 and up) will gradually work up to a Dolphins level practice regimen and "graduate" when ready. Depending on how many Juniors we have signed up, we may open it up to 3 year olds on a case by case basis.

4. What time is practice?

Practice times are in the afternoon during school days, and then in the mornings once Cobb County schools are closed. More detailed information can found on the website under the "Practices" tab.

5. When and where are the swim meets?

Tues, May 28- home against Chastain Lakes

Mon June 3- home against East Cobb

Mon June 10- home against Chestnut Creek

Mon June 17- away at Holly Springs

Mon June 24- away at Chimney Lakes

Swim meets begin at 6pm sharp. Arrival time at the pool is 4:30pm at home meets and 5pm at away meets. The meet usually ends between 9-9:30pm. Swim meet times and race schedules are determined by Cobb County and the meets are run by a county referee.

6. My child wants to come to swim practice, but doesn't want to do meets. Is that OK?

Yes. There is no obligation to do the swim meets. Please make sure to let the head coach and coordinator know, so the swimmer is not put in any events at the meets.

7. Is it OK if we have to miss a swim meet?

Yes. But please let the coaches know in advance of any dates your swimmer will be missing. Coaches prepare the line up for a meet 48 hours in advance. We count on your swimmer being

there and so does the rest of the team. If an emergency occurs on the day of the meet, please call one of the coordinators directly.

8. My child has changed his mind about swim team. Can I get a refund?

If you change your mind before the first swim meet - yes. There are no refunds after the first swim meet. Refunds will not be made for any prepaid swimwear purchases.

9. Do I need to buy a team suit and where do I get one?

If your child will be swimming in the meets, then we recommend that you buy a team suit. Junior Dolphins will not swim in the regular swim meets and therefore will not need a team suit, but you are certainly allowed to buy one if you wish!

We are keeping the same swim suits as last year. We will be wearing the Dolphin Solid V2 Back for the females and the Dolphin Solid Jammers in Royal Blue.

If you need a new suit, please visit or place your order with the Atlanta Swim Academy. To receive your suit in time, orders are due by May 7th.

732 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta, GA 30068-4225
Phone: 770.973.3120 (call or text)
<https://www.atlantaswimacademy.com>

You may wear last year's suit or another suit.

10. As swim team members, are we allowed to use the pool?

Membership to Mountain Creek's swim team permits you to use the swim facilities only during regular swim team practice hours, team events and meets. Swimming at any other time without home ownership (or without joining MCRA) is not permitted.

Please be aware: The baby pool is closed during ALL swim practices and swim meets. Younger and non participation siblings may not swim during these times. The playground is available for everyone.

11. Will we have practice or swim meets if it's raining?

Practices -As a general rule we will not hold practices if it is thundering or lightning. We will swim in the rain! When possible we will notify swimmers as soon as a decision is made via an email or text. IF you do not hear anything, assume that we will have practice.

Meets- the same applies. If you do not receive notification, come ready to swim! We will try to get the meet in if at all possible, if it is safe to swim. The Cobb County Referee will be the person responsible for making the decision to delay or cancel in the event of inclement weather

during a meet. If we need to stop a meet for bad weather, please do not leave until we have let you know the meet will not continue that evening. We do everything we can to avoid having to reschedule.

12. Are private swim lessons available?

Individual swim lessons will be available from our coaches. See our swim coordinators for details

13. Do I have to volunteer? I have small children / My spouse travels / I can't come to the meet and my child is going with our babysitter/his grandparents.

We will make every effort to help you find an arrangement that works for you. But, yes, if you have a child swimming in the meet, you are required to volunteer 5 times. This can be you, your spouse, a grandparent, a teenage sibling, a babysitter, etc. It takes A LOT of people to make a swim meet run! We appreciate your service so our kids can have a great experience.

14. I signed up to volunteer but something came up at the last minute and I can't make it!

Please call another parent on the team to fill in your spot. Once you have a replacement let the volunteer coordinator know.

15. When and where do I get my ribbons?

Ribbons will be in your file in the file box at the pool the day after the meet.

16. I think there was a mistake with my child's ribbon / I was expecting a ribbon that wasn't in my file. Can I still get one?

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator with questions about ribbons

17. Where should I park during practices and for swim meets?

During practices you can park in the parking lots or on the side of the street as the pool.

18. Will there be a team photograph?

Individual and team photos will be taken during the season and are purchased separately. Picture day is May 20th at 5pm. We will not have practice that day.