Hello Clover Hill Hurricanes!

Welcome to the 2023 Hurricane Season! Please see below for important dates, team suit and spirit wear information.

We can’t wait for this season to start!

**Team Suits:**
Team suits are encouraged but not required for swim meets. They are available for purchase at Pools, Patios, and Porches. While you can purchase them on the website, we highly encourage your swimmer to visit Pools, Patios, and Porches for a suit fitting, as competitive swimsuits must fit properly. If you choose to purchase on the website, you can visit <https://ppppool.com/teams/summer-swim-teams/chh/> The team password is: 23Hurricanes

**Caps:**

Caps will be for sale at our parent meeting and welcome picnic for $10 each.

**Spirit Wear:**
Show your team spirit by purchasing Team Spirit Wear! A portion of all sales is returned to the team. Available for purchase now at <https://cloverhillhurricanesswim.itemorder.com/shop/sale>
There are also multiple opportunities to purchase t-shirts this season:

1. Team Shirt: This is a gift from our team to you upon registering for the season!
2. Divisionals T-Shirts- these will be for sale 1-3 weeks prior to Divisionals and will have All Division teams on it
3. All Stars T-Shirts: If your swimmer qualifies, they will be eligible to purchase an All Stars shirt which will be available for purchase the week of All Stars (after the official season ends)

**Important Dates:**

*Please see below for the complete schedule for the summer. Please make a special note of the following dates:*

**Sunday May 21, 12-5pm:**  Pool cleanup day

**June 1, 4-5pm:** Pre-team tryouts

**Sunday June 4, 3-4pm:** Second Pre-team tryouts

**Sunday June 4, 4-5pm:** Parent meeting Clover Hill Park Pavilion

**June 7:**  Team Photos and Team swim night! Individual line up starts at 4:15, team line up at 5:15

**June 8:** Team Photo and Team Swim Night Rain Date

**Thursday June 15, 6-8pm:** Welcome Picnic, Clover Hill Park Pavilion

**Sunday July 23, 5-8pm:** End of season picnics and party!

**Volunteer Positions:**
As a reminder, each family is required to complete 8 hours of volunteering (please refer to the volunteer agreement from registration and at the end of this email). If you already know you will be missing several meets, please reach out to the board via cloverhillswim@gmail.com, as we have some preseason volunteer opportunities (like pool clean up day, ribbon box prep, fundraising, etc.). The team is also looking for volunteers to take on fun and rewarding leadership roles. If you would like to fulfill some of your volunteer hours by filling a leadership role on the team, please email: cloverhillswim@gmail.com

**Swim Practice Schedule for Summer 2023:**

**Before FCPS dismisses:**

| **Groups** | **Last name begins with** | **Dates** | **Time** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Middle & High School | All last names | May 30, 31 | 3:30 |
| Elementary School | A-M | May 30 | 4:15 |
| Elementary School | N-Z | May 31 | 4:15 |

**Practice Schedule after FCPS lets out** **starting June 5th:**

| **Group** | **Time** |
| --- | --- |
| Category 1 (Pre-Team) |  11-11:30 am\*\*\* |
| Category 2 | 10:15-11 am |
| Category 3 | 9:15-10:15 am |
| Category 4 |  8-9:15 am |

**The 2023 summer swim season runs May 30-July 22. Practices run Mondays-Fridays. If your swimmer cannot make a morning practice, make-up practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm starting June 6th. Meets will be held these Saturdays: June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, and July 22. Those swimmers qualified for All Stars will practice the week of July 24-28th, concluding with the All Stars meet on July 29.**

**\*\*\*Pre-Team is a 5 week session. Practices begin June 19 and will meet weekly Mondays-Thursday until Thursday July 20th.**

**Note: We will have a special All Team Practice July 4th for fun and games from 10-11am.**

**What To Expect at Practice:**
Swimmers should wear a swimsuit (one piece or jammers), goggles, swim cap or hair tie for long hair.  Swim shirts are discouraged. Swimmers should bring a towel and a water bottle to practice.  Please be sure to put sunscreen on your swimmer prior to practice.

**Pre-Team:**

If your swimmer signed up for Pre-Team, mandatory assessments are on June 1st from 4:00-5:00pm at the Clover Hill Pool OR on June 4th from 3:00-4:00pm at the Clover Hill Pool. Pre-team practices begin on Monday, June 19th at 11:00am.  Practices are Monday-Thursday.

**Team Meet and Social Calendar:**
**Sunday, May 21, 1:00-5:00pm:**  Pool Prep Day

**May 30:** 1st day of summer, swim practices 3:30-4:15, 4:15-5pm

**May 31:** afternoon practice swim practices 3:30-4:15, 4:15-5pm

**June 1, 4-5pm:** Pre-team evaluations

**Sunday, June 4, 3-4pm:** Second Pre-team evaluations

**Sunday, June 4, 4-5pm:** Mandatory new parent meeting, returning families encouraged to attend- Clover Hill Park Pavilion

**June 5:** morning practices start 8am-11am (see FAQS for directions on how to know which practice group your child is in)

**June 6/8:** 7:30-8:30pm, Tuesday/Thursday evening make up practices start- every Tuesday Thursday until July 20

**June 7:**  Team Photos and Team swim night! Individual line up starts at 4:30, team line up at 5:15

**June 8:** Team Photo and Team Swim Night Rain Date

**Thursday June 15:** Welcome Picnic/Pep Rally, 6-8pm Pavillion

**June 17:** MEET: Clover Hill @ Landsdale

**June 19:**First Day of Pre-Team practices (Mondays-Thursday 11-11:30)

**June 23:** Pep Rally Front Lawn

**June 24:**HOME MEET Mt. Airy (RSST) @ Clover Hill - HOME

**July 1:** Bye (no meet)

**Tuesday, July 4 9:30-10:30am:**All Team Fun Fourth of July Practice

**July 8:** MEET: Clover Hill @ Hood College

**July 15:** HOME MEET- Lake Linganore @ Clover Hill - HOME

**July 22:** MEET: Divisionals @ Hood College

**Sunday, July 23:** End of season picnics and party 5-8pm

***July 24-28:*** *All Stars Practices for those who qualified*

***July 29:*** *All Stars Meet for those who qualified at YM*CA

**Honoring Your Senior**

We would like to ensure your senior is honored this season! Please email your senior’s bio (how long they’ve been swimming with the Hurricanes, their favorite stroke and event, where they plan to be next year, etc.) and to cloverhillswim@gmail.com

**Looking for Personal or Business Sponsors**

Swim Team is hoping to make some big improvements to the pool for next summer! Any extra costs beyond the normal season must be covered by fundraising dollars. If you/your business would like to sponsor the Hurricanes with any donation amount, or if you know of a business or person who would like to help sponsor the swim team, please contact one of our members today!

**Introducing the 2023 Hurricanes Board Members:**

Please reach out to these folks with any questions you may have!

Co-Chairs: Anne Landon, Elizabeth Midgette, and Alexandra Edwards

Treasurer: Sara Caddy

Secretary: Allie Wilkins

FSSL Reps: Mike Goodman and Mike Gibeau

IT: Mark Carlson

**More team information:**

We invite you to visit our FAQ Page! Here you will find information on…

* How to register
* How to know which practice group your child is in
* Practice Times
* What to bring to practice
* Inclement weather policy
* How to commit your swimmer to participate in a swim meet (this must be done by midnight the Tuesday prior to a meet)
* How to sign up to volunteer
* How to know which events your swimmer is swimming
* How to write your swimmer’s events on their arm
* Information on practice attendance
* How to find your swimmer’s meet results

And much more!

We are so excited for the 2022 Summer Swim Season and can't wait to see you at the pool!

***\*Clover Hill Hurricanes Volunteer Agreement:***

Frederick Summer Swim League swim teams are run by parent volunteers.  By registering your child(ren), you are agreeing to volunteer throughout the Clover Hill Hurricane 2022 season.  Each family is required to commit to a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer time for the 2022 swim season.  This can include time volunteering at meets and social functions.  Volunteer hours will be tracked throughout the season through the team website.  It is critical families ensure they have received credit for their hours worked.

At the end of the season, families who have gone beyond the minimum requirement will be entered into a raffle to win a variety of prizes.  The credit cards of families who do not meet this requirement will be charged a pro-rated volunteer fee at the end of the season.

0 volunteer hours = $160 charge

2 volunteer hours - $120 charge

4 volunteer hours - $80 charge

6 volunteer hours - $40 charge

8 volunteer hours - No CHARGE!!

Volunteering throughout the season is critical to a successful season.  On the CHH website you will see an Events tab. When clicking that tab, each swim meet is listed with two options:  one to register for the meet and the other to select a volunteer assignment.  When you select the "Jobs Sign Up" button, you will see a list of all available jobs.  If you are interested in a specific job or time, make sure to register early.  Once the job slot is filled, you cannot sign up for it.

At the end of the season, we will notify families who have not met their volunteer hours.

For those swimmers qualifying for and attending the FSSL All Star Meet, each family must provide one volunteer for their swimmer to be eligible to compete in this meet.  This meet does not count toward the 8 hour team minimum.

Registering your child(ren) is acknowledging and committing to this volunteer agreement