

Crestwood Barracudas 2025 Season Swim & Dive Team Parent Information Packet

Affiliation: Berks County Swimming Association ~ Pacific Division

Welcome to the Crestwood Parents Aquatic Club (P.A.C).

Please plan to attend the Parent Meeting on **Friday, June 6 at 6:00pm**.

The PAC is made up of every parent or guardian of the swim and dive team participants. The role of the PAC is to support the swimmers, divers, and team coaches in amateur competitive swimming and diving. This can only be possible with the commitment of team parents to fulfill the volunteer roles. The executive board exists to help organize the parents to fulfill those roles.

Volunteers

Swim & Dive meets would be impossible without volunteers. We will use Sign-Up Genius to facilitate the sign up and tracking of volunteer positions filled. Descriptions of the volunteer roles are included at the end of this packet. A home meet requires approximately 25 volunteers, and an away meet 12 volunteers. We ask that **each family fulfill (3) volunteer positions** throughout the swim & dive season. While needed and appreciated, food donations do not fulfill a volunteer commitment. **If you are unable to fulfill your volunteer positions, you will be charged a \$75 buyout fee per family.**

Available Volunteer Positions (choose 3x over season)

- Announcer
- Concessions 4:00-7:00, 7:00-10:00
- Set Up
- Clean Up
- Place Judges
- Runners
- Scorer
- Timers
- Starter
- Stroke Judge (*must be certified*)
- Marshalls (*these can be SHS students needing volunteer hours as well as count towards family requirement*)
- Home Dive Meet Responsibilities

Fundraising

Crestwood Swim & Dive Team typically hosts two to three swim meets and one dive meet each season. While concession stands are a large source of income for our team, we also rely on Spirit Wear sales, basket raffles, and other seasonal fundraisers to help offset the cost of coaching, BCSA fees, and lifeguards during practice hours. Your contributions towards the success of these events are critical.

Concession Stand

Swim/dive families donate all of the food and drink items for our concession stand during home meets. While needed and appreciated, food donations do not fulfill a volunteer commitment. A food item donation list will be available in advance of the home swim meets on Sign-Up Genius.

Basket Raffle

This event takes place during Crestwood Pool's Game Day festivities and is made possible with parent and area business "basket" donations. Game Day date TBD.

Communication

Head Swim Coach - Colin Pinkerton - colin.toshio@gmail.com

Assistant Coaches - Gabi Istenes
Jack Sahaida

Diving Coaches - Keats Rutherford - George.rutherford@gmail.com

Your PAC Board can be reached by emailing crestwoodpac@gmail.com

President: Jess Streeter

Vice President: Tacy Rutherford

Treasurer: Dorie Jones

Secretary: Brittany Whiteman

If a practice or meet must be canceled, you will be notified through the Band app, email and on the Crestwood Swim & Dive Facebook page. Please be sure to check those places frequently, especially if we are expecting rain. All communication methods will be updated at the same time.

In the event a meet is postponed or paused because of inclement weather, coaches ask that members stay safe but **remain** at the location until the coach announces the meet is canceled or that it is restarting. Leaving without notifying the coach leaves the team struggling to keep all children accounted for as well as leaves the team scratching events for no-shows.

It is extremely important for parents to **notify the coaches 3 days in advance if a swimmer will miss a swim meet**. It is a time consuming and arduous task to create a swim meet roster. There are strict rules for the number of events a swimmer may enter. "Scratching" a swimmer and finding a replacement, especially if the swimmer was part of a relay, becomes a last minute scramble. In the case of a relay, the unexpected absence of a swimmer

directly affects 3 other swimmers who may no longer be able to swim. Please be mindful in this regard.

Please hold any questions, concerns, or comments for the coaches until all practices have finished. The safety and well being of the swimmers depends on the coach's undivided attention.

Diving Schedule

Optional evening practices will be held June 2 & 4 at 7:00 pm.

Practice Schedule - starting Monday, June 9

Practices will take place Monday-Friday. Groups will be assigned before the first practice.

Group 1 10:30am - 11:30am

Group 2 11:30am - 12:30pm

*To prevent disruptive behavior while waiting for their turn on the board, we ask that a parent or guardian stay with any diver 10 and under to supervise them in line. We appreciate your help with making practice a positive experience for all!

Dive Meet Dates - TBD

Pasta Dinner – Thursday, July 24 in the pavilion at Crestwood. This is a family event to carb up before Championship weekend. Anyone on the team is welcome to attend.

County Diving Championship Meet - July 26 & 27 at Green Valley The County Diving Championship Meet is for all divers who are able perform all of the dives for their age-group. The county championship meet will be held on Saturday and Sunday morning. More information will be available at the beginning of the season.

Swimming Schedule

Practice Schedule

Optional evening practices will be held **June 3 & 5**

4:30-6:00 for 11 & over

6:00-7:00 for 9-10 and 8 & under

Beginning **Monday, June 9**

8:00 am - 9:30 am (13 & over swimmers) M-F

9:30 am - 10:30 am (11-12's) M-F

10:30 am - 11:15 am (9-10's) M-F

11:15 am - 11:45 am (8 & Unders) M-Th

Time Trials - June 12 and June 13

Swimmers are timed in each swim stroke. These times are used to show areas for development, individual growth throughout the season, and dual meet (a meet between two teams) placement.

8 & U on Thursday, June 12th during practice time
9 & 10 and 11 & over on Friday, June 13th

Swim Meet Dates

Week 1: June 16 – Home Meet v. Conrad Weiser
Week 2: June 23 – Away Meet @ Shillington
Week 3: June 30 – Away Meet @ Ken Grill
Week 4: July 7 – Home Meet v. Wilshire
Week 5: July 14 – Home Meet v. Bern Township
Week 6: July 21 - Bye Week

Team Pictures – Monday, June 16

This year we will be holding our team pictures before our first home meet.

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Silver Championship Meet - July 25 @ Ken Grill

The Silver Meet is a championship meet for swimmers whose stroke times do not qualify for the County Meet competition. A swimmer may compete in both championships; however, a swimmer who has qualified for a county time in a given stroke may not compete in that event at the Silver Meet.

County Swimming Championship Meet - July 26 & 27 @ Green Valley The County Swimming Championship Meet is for swimmers who achieve a qualifying time for a given stroke.

End of the Year Team Picnic – Saturday, August 2, 5:00-10:00 pm

This is our time to celebrate an awesome completed season and hang out together. Please bring the food signed up for at 5:00 with dinner beginning at 5:30. After a time of eating and some awards and notes from the coaches, there will be a moonlight swim for the team from 7:00-10:00 pm with a DJ.

Invitational Meets

Invitational meets are swim meets with many more teams and swimmers than a dual meet (a meet between two teams). These meets provide swimmers an

additional opportunity to perform in a competitive environment. A swimmer can enter the stroke or relay event(s) of their choice. Each event will cost between \$3-7 as determined by the hosting pool. Payment must be made PRIOR to the invitation entries submission and payment can be placed in the PAC dropbox located in the Pool Office. Invitational dates and details will be emailed once confirmed by BCSA.

Swim meet preparation/expectations

All swimmers are expected to arrive on time (5:15 for away swim meets and 4:45 for home meets). A swim competition usually lasts about 3.5 hours. The time may vary depending upon the size of the pool (number of lanes) and the size of the team.

Each swimmer must come prepared with swimming essentials: team shirt, swim suit, goggles, towels, swim caps.

It is extremely important for swimmers to hydrate themselves throughout the day and during a swimming event.

Swimmers must remain in the pool until all swimmers have completed the event. In the case of a relay, this applies to the last swimmer.

All swimmers must show good sportsmanship and congratulate the swimmers in the neighboring lanes before exiting the pool.

Swimming is a social team sport. Swimmers are expected to cheer and encourage their teammates and build confidence in each other using the power of positive words.

All swimmers are expected to stay with the team throughout the entire swim meet, whether home or away . This rule is very important especially for the marshals who will line up swimmers in advance of their event. It is extremely difficult to find children who are scattered on the playground, pavilion, courts, snack bar, and otherwise engaged in other active play. Swimmers may bring a small low key activity (small game, cards, etc.) that they can use with other teammates to occupy the waiting time and conserve energy for their events.

Also, please see the attached **BCSA Code of Conduct** expected of all parents and swimmers of Crestwood Swim Team.

BCSA Code of Conduct

ATHLETE

The following Code of Conduct should be read and followed by all Berks County Swimming Association athletes:

As a member of the Berks County Swimming Association, I understand and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct at all times while I am representing my BCSA team.

I will:

1. Offer congratulations to my opponents, win or lose, and cheer on my teammates
2. Act and conduct myself with dignity while demonstrating respect for others and the property of others
3. Promote good sportsmanship while striving for positive team spirit
4. Deal justly, kindly, impartially, and honestly with all fellow team members while involved in any Berks County Swimming Association sanctioned meet or practice.

I will not:

1. Cause or threaten physical or verbal harm to another athlete, coach, official, or parent.
2. Possess, use, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals, or illegal drugs.
3. Behave in a manner that in the opinion of my coaches and the BCSA is harmful to the reputation of my pool, team, or the BCSA.

BCSA Code of Conduct for Parents

The following Code of Conduct should be read and followed by all Berks County Swimming Association parents:

As a parent of an athlete of the Berks County Swimming Association, I understand and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct at all times.

1. Practice teamwork with all parents, athletes, and coaches by demonstrating the values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility. 2. Allow the coaches to instruct the team and athletes at practice and meets. Rely on the coaching staff for technique and race strategy. Refrain from coaching my child or any other athlete as it puts them in a precarious situation. Address all questions regarding technique and race strategies to the coaches at a prearranged time.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other athletes, parents, officials, and the coaches at the meets and practices.
4. Maintain self-control at all times. Allow athletes to perform, coaches to coach, officials to officiate, and parents to parent.
5. Understanding that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward the coaches, officials and/or any participating athlete or parent will not be permitted or tolerated, and that I may be asked to leave the pool area.
6. Enjoy involvement with your athlete's team by supporting the athletes, coaches, and other parents with positive communications and actions.
7. Direct all questions or concerns regarding decisions made by the meet officials to a member of your coaching staff. Parents may not address officials.

Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to the Berks County Swimming Association and/or your team, I agree to voluntarily leave the pool area at any meet or practice.

Crestwood Swim Team Volunteer Opportunities

Swim Meet Job	Job Description
Announcer home meet only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announce National Anthem at the start of each homemeet • Announce race, heat and swimmer information • Announce important information as needed throughout the meet
Starter/Referee home meet only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate swimmers to ensure proper position on block • Give starting command • Signal for false start
Timers home AND away meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check stop watch to ensure it is good working order • Pair up with timer from opposing team and select lane • Start and stop time at the beginning and end of each race • Record times and all other race/swimmer information on timesheet
Stroke Judge home AND away meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be familiar with the proper mechanics of all of the strokes, turns and relay exchanges • Must determine disqualification of any swimmer that does not meet the stated criteria
Place Judge home AND away meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stands at the finishing end of the pool and marks the lane who finishes in a specific order
Scorers home AND away meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain time sheets from runners • Tabulate swimmers' times and team scores
Runner home meet only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collects time sheets from each of the lane timers and delivers them to the scorers

Marshalls home AND away meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize kids prior to their events
Concession stand home meet only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sells concession items during the meet • Collects money and makes change
Set Up home meet only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists with putting up tents, setting up scorer's table, distributing stopwatches and timers' sheets in advance of the meet
Tear Down home meet only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists with cleaning up the pool areas after a home meet and placing items in their respective places at the end of the night
Volunteer Coordinator home AND away meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages check in of all volunteers • Ensures all volunteer positions are filled • Responsible to get more volunteers as needed and for performing any volunteer position that is not filled.

Please consider how you can help during the swim season. Our meets will not be a success without your commitment!!!

You will receive an email notification when a Sign Up Genius is available. Within the email, there will be a link for you to click on. Click on that link and select what you would like to sign up for. Click Submit and Sign Up.

The first time you do this, you CAN set up an account or not. In either case, you will need to fill in your first and last name and email address. If you select the Create an Account button, it will prompt you to input a password. Click Sign Up Now. You will receive a confirmation that you signed up and it will tell you the item(s) for which you signed up.

If you want to be able to confirm or change your sign up, you must create an account.

If you are NOT receiving emails, please contact crestwoodpac@gmail.com to be added to the email distribution.

2025 Swim & Dive Meet Pool Directory

Antietam Pool

905 Byram Street, Reading, PA 19606

Green Valley Pool

150 Green Valley Road, Sinking Springs, PA 19608

Ken Grill Pool

730 High Boulevard, Kenhorst, PA 19607

Kutztown Pool

171 Industrial Avenue, Kutztown, PA 19530

Leesport Pool

24 Washington Street, Leesport, PA 19533

Lincoln Park Swimming Association

205 Stanford Ave, Reading, PA 19609

Shillington Pool

Philadelphia Avenue, Shillington, PA 19607

Wilshire Pool

Van Reed Road, Reading, PA 19608

Wyomissing Pool

901 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing, PA 19610