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SWIM TEAM PrOGRAM

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## SUMMER 2024

## ATTENTION!!

To ensure participant safety, Pima County Aquatics enforces the following prerequisites. All participants must pass the following swim test on their first day of practice:

- Jump or roll into water and submerge head.
- Resurface and tread water for 1 minute.
- Swim 50 yards (2 laps), unassisted, using any arm or leg movement on the front or back.

Should there be any question about a swimmers ability to complete the swim test, a final decision will be made by the pool supervisor or aquatic supervisor.

## Who: You! Join Now!

What: Youth Swim Team for ages 5 to 18
When: Online registration opens for all teams at 6 a.m. on April 30, 2024
Registration ends June 8 at midnight
June 3 - First Swim Practice
June 15 - First Swim Meet
July 27 - Championships
Where: Ajo, Catalina, Flowing Wells, Kino, Los Niños, Manzanita, Marana*, Thad Terry and Wade McLean swimming pools.

How: To sign up visit: www.pima.gov/nrpr and follow the online registration link.
After following the instructions listed above, you will be taken to Pima County's ActiveNet website. Click on the orange "Sign In/Up" button located in the center of the page. New users should then click the "Join" option and follow the prompts on screen. Returning users must sign in. Once you have accessed/set up your personalized account, you may enjoy the benefits of easy online registration. Convenience fees apply for online registration.

If unable to register online, please come into our office at 3500 W. River Road, Tucson, AZ, 85741 between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. $\$ 25.00$ fee is payable by cash or credit card only.

Once registration is complete that is your assigned team for the summer. Once a team has reached capacity, registration is closed. There will be no waiting lists.
*Due to the Marana Marlins being a partnered team at an off site location, there is an additional fee per participant. For more information regarding the Marana Marlins please contact maranamarlins@gmail.com.

## Swim Team Website: www.pima.gov/swimteam

Contact us at: swimteam@pima.gov

## PARTICIPATING POOLS

| Pool | Address | *Practice Time | **Class \# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ajo <br> (Town of Ajo) | 290 5th St. <br> Ajo, AZ 85321 | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | 13132 |
| Catalina <br> (Town of Catalina) | 16562 N. Oracle Rd. Tucson, AZ 85739 | 8:45-9:45 a.m. | 13116 |
|  |  | 5:15-6:15 p.m. | 13117 |
| Flowing Wells (at Flowing Wells Jr. High) | 2200 W. Wetmore Rd. <br> Tucson, AZ 85705 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | 13118 |
|  |  | 4:15-5:15 p.m. | 13119 |
| Kino | 2805 E. Ajo Way <br> Tucson, AZ 85713 | 8:45-9:45 a.m. | 13120 |
|  |  | 5:15-6:15 p.m. | 13121 |
| Los Niños | 5432 S. Bryant Ave. <br> Tucson, AZ 85706 | 8:45-9:45 a.m. | 13122 |
|  |  | 5:15-6:15 p.m. | 13123 |
| Manzanita | 5110 S. San Joaquin Ave. Tucson, AZ 85746 | 8:45-9:45 a.m. | 13124 |
|  |  | 5:15-6:15 p.m. | 13125 |
| Marana <br> (at Ora Mae Harn Park) | 13250 N. Lon Adams Rd. Marana, AZ 85653 | 7:00-8:00 a.m. | 13126 |
|  |  | 7:00-8:00 p.m. | 13127 |
| Thad Terry Aquatic Center (at the NW YMCA) | 7770 N. Shannon Rd. <br> Tucson, AZ 85741 | 5:15-6:15 p.m. \#1 | 13128 |
|  |  | 6:15-7:15 p.m. \#2 | 13129 |
| Wade McLean (at Marana High School) | 12000 W. Emigh Rd. Marana, AZ 85743 | 8:45-9:45 a.m. | 13130 |
|  |  | 5:15-6:15 p.m. | 13131 |

*Participants will register online for one practice time only.
**Class numbers are provided for use when searching for online registration.
Once registration is complete, this is your assigned team for the summer (switching teams during the summer is not allowed).
Once a team has reached capacity, registration is closed. There are no waiting lists. Should an opening occur before the June 8th registration deadline, the spot will be made available online on a first come first serve basis. A partial refund of $\$ 10$ may be issued if participant withdraws before the program registration deadline of June 8th. No refunds will be issued after June 8th.

## SWIM TEAM RULES

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) Swim Team Program is open to any child ages 5-18 who passes the following pre-requisites (complete without stopping):

- Jump or roll into water and submerge head.
- Resurface and tread water for 1 minute.
- Swim 50 yards (2 laps), unassisted, using any arm or leg movement on the front or back.


## Age Groupings:

Age groups are: 8 \& under, $9-10,11-12,13-14$, and $15-18$. A swimmer's age/age group for the 2024 summer is determined by the participant's age on June 1. Participants will remain in the same age group for the 2024 season (including championships). Refer to meet events for the distance each age group swims at a swim meet.

## Swim Suits:

Recreational swim suits are encouraged. Team swim suits are optional.

## Meet Schedule:

Meets are held on Saturday mornings or Saturday nights depending on the location of the meet. (Please refer to meet schedule below). During the summer each pool has a bye week in which they are not invited to a meet.

Morning Meet Times - Warm-ups start at 7:00 a.m.
Meet starts at 8:00 a.m.

Night Meet Times - Warm-ups start at 4:00 p.m. Meet starts at 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER SWIM TEAM SCHEDULE 2024 AND IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | POOL/LOCATION | MEET TIME | POOLS PARTICIPATING | BYES | SNACK BAR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June 8 | Registration ends at midnight |  |  |  |  |
| June 15 | Manzanita | Morning | Manzanita, Catalina, Kino | Ajo, Marana, Thad Terry | Manzanita |
| June 15 | Flowing Wells | Night | Flowing Wells, Wade McLean, Los Niños |  | Open |
| June 22 | Marana | Morning | Marana, Flowing Wells, Ajo | Kino, Manzanita, Los Niños | Marana |
| June 22 | Thad Terry | Night | Thad Terry, Catalina, Wade McLean |  | Thad Terry |
| June 29 | Los Niños | Morning | Los Niños, Marana, Manzanita | Catalina, Wade McLean, Flowing Wells | Los Niños |
| June 29 | Kino | Night | Kino, Ajo, Thad Terry |  | Kino |
| July 4 | No practice for all teams |  |  |  |  |
| July 6* | Wade McLean | Morning | Wade McLean, Ajo, Thad Terry, Los Niños, Kino | None | Wade McLean |
| July 6* | Wade McLean | Night | Catalina, Flowing Wells, Marana, Manzanita |  | Catalina |
| July 10 | Mandatory Swim Team Championship Registration due for ALL swimmers (see championship rules for details) |  |  |  |  |
| July 13 | Flowing Wells | Morning | Catalina, Flowing Wells, Manzanita, Wade McLean | None | Flowing Wells |
| July 13 | Flowing Wells | Night | Ajo, Marana, Kino, Los Niños, Thad Terry |  | Open |
| July 20 | Ajo | Morning | All Teams | None | Ajo |
| July 27 | Wade McLean (Championships) | Morning | All Teams | None | None |

* All swimmers must have competed in their first meet by July 6 in order to be eligible for championships.


## Practices:

Practices are one hour in length and are held Monday through Thursday starting June 3 - July 25, 2024. Please refer to Participating Pools page. There will be no practices after the NRPR championship swim meet.

## Swim Meets and Competition:

During the summer, teams will participate in five meets and have one bye (refer to the meet schedule). Swimmers should attend at least two (2) practices in a week they plan to attend a meet.

An individual swimmer's best time for each meet can be found online by the Wednesday following a swim meet at www.pima.gov/swimteam. Beginning July 17, only the championship registration packet will be posted online and will be updated after the Ajo meet is completed.

It is the responsibility of the participant and/or parent/guardian to monitor the online postings weekly for accuracy of all information posted for their child. Any discrepancies should be directly reported to the Swim Team Coordinator via email at swimteam@pima.gov, no later than July 10, 2024.

At the meet, parent volunteers will act as timers, runners, or ribbon table officials. Whenever possible, the ribbon table officials will be replaced at the halfway point to allow parents a chance to watch their kids. If/when possible, each lane will have two timers. If the placement card conflicts with the time cards, the placement card will prevail in determining an individual/relay placement in any given heat.

No individual/relay will be disqualified during the five meets before championships, but if an individual/relay is participating in an act that constitutes disqualification, the time will be voided as one used for placement at championships.

If time permits, there will be a break at the halfway point of the meet.
Each team (and their coaches) are responsible for the conduct of its individual swimmers and spectators. Misconduct may result in penalty for the individual(s) and/or team.

All questions on rules and rulings may be appealed to the Swim Team Coordinator. The Coordinator's decision regarding rules and/or questions will be final.

Each team is responsible for cleaning up their area before they leave.

## Parent/Spectator Expectations:

- Make sure that your swimmer is at practice and meets on time and ready to swim.
- Support your swimmer. Be conscious of their efforts and understand that not every race will be their best time.
- Please make sure that your area is picked up before you leave the meet.
- Understand that the NRPR Swim Team Program is primarily run by volunteers. We ask that you practice good sportsmanship. Our main goal is to teach our swimmers the importance of winning and losing gracefully.
- Any person displaying unsportsman like conduct may be subject to removal from the days activity. Egregious and/or continued unsportsman like conduct may result in suspension or removal from the program.
- Most importantly have fun this summer!


## Swimmer Expectations:

- Be on time for practices and meets and ready to swim.
- Bring drinking water to every practice and meet.
- Try your best at every practice and every meet.
- All swimmers are asked to practice good sportsmanship. Whether the race is won or lost, please remain in the water until all swimmers have finished the race.
- Be respectful to all opponents, coaches, and volunteers.
- Any swimmer displaying unsportsman like conduct may be subject to removal from the days activity. Egregious and/or continued unsportsman like conduct may result in suspension or removal from the program.
- Notify coaches in advance if you are not able to attend the upcoming meet.
- Most importantly have fun this summer!


## Lifeguard Participation:

Lifeguards are able to participate in the County League provided the following criteria are being met:

1) Lifeguard must officially register online.
2) Must not be a coach for any team in the Pima County Swim Team Program at any time during the season.
3) Must not get paid to be at practice or at any swim meet as a program participant.
4) Must not interfere with personal work schedule.
5) No refunds.

## Meet Events:

Below is the order of events for all swim meets including championships. Swimmers may participate in up to 3 individual events and 2 relay events at a regular season meet. We encourage all participants to stay for the entire meet to support your teammates!

| NRPR SWIM MEET EVENTS 2024 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GIRLS EVENT \#S | EVENT | AGE GROUP | BOYS EVENT \#S |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1^{*} \\ & 3^{*} \\ & 5^{*} \\ & 7^{*} \\ & 9^{*} \end{aligned}$ | 100 yard Individual Medley (Butter, Back, Breast, Free) 100 yard Individual Medley (Butter, Back, Breast, Free) 100 yard Individual Medley (Butter, Back, Breast, Free) 100 yard Individual Medley (Butter, Back, Breast, Free) 100 yard Individual Medley (Butter, Back, Breast, Free) | $\begin{gathered} 8 \& \text { under } \\ 9 \& 10 \\ 11 \& 12 \\ 13 \& 14 \\ 15-18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2^{*} \\ & 4^{*} \\ & 6^{*} \\ & 8^{*} \\ & 10^{*} \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 13 \\ & 15 \\ & 17 \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ | 100 yard Medley Relay (Back, Breast, Butter, Free) 100 yard Medley Relay (Back, Breast, Butter, Free) 100 yard Medley Relay (Back, Breast, Butter, Free) 100 yard Medley Relay (Back, Breast, Butter, Free) 100 yard Medley Relay (Back, Breast, Butter, Free) | $\begin{gathered} 8 \& \text { under } \\ 9 \& 10 \\ 11 \& 12 \\ 13 \& 14 \\ 15-18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & 14 \\ & 16 \\ & 18 \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 23 \\ & 25 \\ & 27 \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | 25 yard Individual Backstroke 25 yard Individual Backstroke 50 yard Individual Backstroke 50 yard Individual Backstroke 50 yard Individual Backstroke | $\begin{gathered} 8 \& \text { under } \\ 9 \& 10 \\ 11 \& 12 \\ 13 \& 14 \\ 15-18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 24 \\ & 26 \\ & 28 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 31 \\ & 33 \\ & 35 \\ & 37 \\ & 39 \end{aligned}$ | 25 yard Individual Breaststroke 25 yard Individual Breaststroke 50 yard Individual Breaststroke 50 yard Individual Breaststroke 50 yard Individual Breaststroke | $\begin{gathered} 8 \& \text { under } \\ 9 \& 10 \\ 11 \& 12 \\ 13 \& 14 \\ 15-18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 34 \\ & 36 \\ & 38 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 41 \\ & 43 \\ & 45 \\ & 47 \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | 25 yard Individual Butterfly 25 yard Individual Butterfly 50 yard Individual Butterfly 50 yard Individual Butterfly 50 yard Individual Butterfly | $\begin{gathered} 8 \& \text { under } \\ 9 \& 10 \\ 11 \& 12 \\ 13 \& 14 \\ 15-18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42 \\ & 44 \\ & 46 \\ & 48 \\ & 50 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 51 \\ & 53 \\ & 55 \\ & 57 \\ & 59 \end{aligned}$ | 25 yard Individual Freestyle 25 yard Individual Freestyle 50 yard Individual Freestyle 50 yard Individual Freestyle 50 yard Individual Freestyle | $\begin{gathered} 8 \& \text { under } \\ 9 \& 10 \\ 11 \& 12 \\ 13 \& 14 \\ 15-18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 54 \\ & 56 \\ & 58 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 61 \\ & 63 \\ & 65 \\ & 67 \\ & 69 \end{aligned}$ | 100 yard Freestyle Relay 100 yard Freestyle Relay 100 yard Freestyle Relay 100 yard Freestyle Relay 100 yard Freestyle Relay | $\begin{gathered} 8 \& \text { under } \\ 9 \& 10 \\ 11 \& 12 \\ 13 \& 14 \\ 15-18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62 \\ & 64 \\ & 66 \\ & 68 \\ & 70 \end{aligned}$ |

* Individual medley events 1-10 will begin for all teams starting July 6.

In order to participate in the 100 yard Individual Medley at a swim meet starting July 6th, participants should be under the below listed time standard. This time standard must be achieved during a regularly scheduled practice prior to the swim meet. Time standard:

Ages 5 - 10: 2 minutes, 40 seconds
Ages 11 - 18: 2 minutes, 5 seconds

## Relay Rules:

A relay must have 4 swimmers. The Swim Team Coordinator has the discretion to allow a team/age group to swim with less than 4 swimmers depending on the circumstances of a particular meet. If the relay needs additional swimmers reference the rules below. However, the team must provide at least 2 swimmers from their own team.

Relays needing an additional swimmer(s) may be created by:

1) Boys swimming with boys, girls swimming with girls.
2) A swimmer swimming up one age group above their own, but forgoing their own age group relay.
3) Signing up on a relay standby list at the start of a meet.

Under no circumstances will a swimmer participate in more than one freestyle and one medley relay per swim meet.

## Ribbons:

Ribbons will be awarded for first through ninth place (depending on the pool) and are available for pick up by coaches after each event at the ribbons table. All ribbons not picked up by coaches during the meet will be given to coaches at the end of the meet. Team scores are only kept at Championships.

## Booster Clubs:

Each pool's parent booster club may offer a snack bar during their designated swim meet at their own pool to raise money for team activities. It is the sole responsibility of each booster club to obtain the proper health code permit(s) in order to sell food at their designated meet. In the event that a swim team cannot run a snack bar at a meet, a random draw will be conducted to allow another team to sell food. A random drawing will also be used for any "open until filled" snack bar dates. Application for temporary food establishment license can be found at www.pimahealth.org. For questions please contact the swim team coordinator via email at swimteam@ pima.gov.

## End of Season Parties:

To encourage team spirit, your summer swim team has the opportunity to utilize your home pool for an end of season party. Pima County is committed to providing lifeguards for your teams private pool party on Thursday, July 25th from 5-7 p.m. Although, an end of season party is completely optional, we encourage your team to take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate the achievements made by your swimmers! Party planning logistics fall solely on the parents/guardians of each team. Marana Marlins will need to coordinate any parties with their team head coaches.

## CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1) A swimmer must have participated in at least two (2) Pima County regular season swim meets in order to be eligible for championships.
2) A swimmer must have completed their first swim meet by July 6, 2024.
3) A swimmer may only be registered for championship events that they have a posted time for.
4) A swimmer is able to register for up to 2 of the 4 individual $25 / 50$ yard events (back, breast, butterfly, free style).
5) A swimmer may participate in the Individual Medley event only if they have a posted time that qualifies them for the finals heat of this 100 yard event.
6) Relays are determined by the particular teams head coaches.

## Registration process for the championship meet:

- Championship registration will be held at practice July $8-10,2024$ with your coach.
- If your swimmer will not be attending the championship meet, please notify your coach by July 10, 2024.
- If you, the parent, are not able to register your swimmer for the championship meet, then random event selection and registration from available posted times will be completed by the head coach.
- Registration choices for individual championship events are considered final and may not be changed after July 10, 2024.

All Championship events will be pre-seated timed finals. (Only the top 8 swimmers for each registered event will swim in the Finals Heat.) In the event of a tie for the 8th spot in the finals heat, criteria for breaking the tie are as follows:

- Coin flip (day of meet)

Alternate swimmers will be used in individual races if a lane in the finals heat becomes available on the day of championships. Swimmers will be moved from consolation heats into the finals heat at the clerk of the course.

Within any heat, the placement card/dolphin timing system will prevail over the time cards if there is a discrepancy.
All swimmers NOT in the individual championship finals (top 8) will be in consolation heats following the championship finals heat. ONLY swimmers in the finals heat will receive medals for places 1 st -3 rd . All other swimmers will receive ribbons upon completion of the race.

## Relays:

Refer to relay rules for specific requirements. Although teams are encouraged to make as many relays as possible during the regular season, only one relay per team can be entered for each relay event at championships.

- Relay participation at championships is at the sole discretion of the team coaches. Several factors by the coaches are used as consideration to establish the relays:
- Individual swimmer time
- Number of swimmers in an age group
- Good sportsmanship throughout the season
- Swim meet and practice participation


## Relay Lane Assignments

Reporting relay teams will be assigned a lane at the Clerk of the Course.
In the event that all nine teams produce a relay team for a particular event, there will be two heats for said relay. Ajo, Catalina, Flowing Wells, Kino, and Los Niños will race in lanes 1-5 as heat A. At the conclusion of heat A's race, finishing times will be recorded and heat B, consisting of Manzanita, Marana, Thad Terry, and Wade McLean in lanes $5-8$, will race. At the conclusion of heat B's race, times from heat A and heat B will be compared and places $1-9$ will be awarded. Places $1-3$ will be announced after heat B's race.

To ensure all teams have the required swimmers needed to create a relay, the swim team coordinator may use non participating relay swimmers from other teams the day of championships to ensure a smaller team can field a relay. Any team who helps provide a non relay swimmer for a smaller team so they can field a relay will be awarded 1 additional team point per occurrence/swimmer in exchange for good sportsmanship.

A swimmer may be disqualified by the swim team coordinator or other designated official(s) of championships for a second false start or swimming a stroke/relay incorrectly (giving the swimmer/team an undisputable winning advantage). No awards and no points will be awarded to a swimmer/team that is disqualified.

## Team Score:

Team Scores will be calculated as follows:

| Individual Events: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1st place | 14 points |
| 2nd place | 12 points |
| 3rd place | 10 points |
| 4th place | 8 points |
| 5th place | 7 points |
| 6th place | 6 points |
| 7th place | 5 points |
| 8th place | 4 points |

Relay Events:

| 1st place | 9 points |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2nd place | 8 points |
| 3rd place | 7 points |
| 4th place | 6 points |
| 5th place | 5 points |
| 6th place | 4 points |
| 7th place | 3 points |
| 8th place | 2 point |
| 9th place | 1 point |

Due to registration limits that are being placed on certain teams (and intending to have a fair playing field for all participants, regardless of your team size), a mathematical formula will be used to make all teams equal in size for the championship meet. Thus, the best team will be the 2024 champions.

In the event of a team tie; criteria for breaking the tie is as follows (Finals Heat ONLY):

- Number of first place finishers (including relays).
- Number of second place finishers (including relays).
- Number of third place finishers (including relays).
- Winner of tie breaker will be given one (1) additional point.

Team scores will be announced after event \#40 and immediately after event \#70.

## Trophies and Awards

Teams that place in the top three places receive team trophies.

## Spirit Trophy Award

A fourth trophy is awarded to the team displaying the most spirit. This is an effort based trophy to encourage team spirit at the championship swim meet. Team spirit can be in the form of personal apparel (i.e. hair paint, costumes, etc.), pop-up canopy makeovers, good sportsmanship by both swimmers and parents, and volunteering to help with the swim meet. The aquatic admin team will evaluate each of these categories the day of the championship swim meet and select one team who displayed the most "team spirit."

## Battle for the Belts Relay

Parents and coaches from each team swim in separate 100 yard COED relays. Parents swim a 100 yard freestyle relay, while the coaches swim a 100 yard medley relay. Parent participants are determined by coaches before the championship swim meet. One parent/coach relay per team can enter. Nine teams, eight lanes (the two smallest teams will be combined). At least one female must swim one leg of each relay for it to be official. First team for each event to finish the 100 yard relay wins! No additional points will be awarded for these events.

## Records:

Pima County records can only be broken at the Championship Swim Meet.

## Swim Team Championships Severe Weather Procedure:

With July being monsoon season, there is always risk of severe weather the day of the championship swim meet. Like the regular season, every attempt will be made to finish all 70 events. If the weather becomes so severe the championship swim meet must be canceled for safety, below is the procedure for final placement for both individual swimmers and teams:

1) All races completed at championships are final.
2) All individual finals not completed will be awarded medals/ribbons based on the championship swim team packet rank/seed in each heat. All individual consolation races will not be awarded if not completed.
3) All relay finals not completed at championships will not be awarded medals/ribbons.
4) Team scores will be determined by all completed races (including any relays), and individual finals rank in the championship swim team packet for races not completed. Relays not completed will not be scored.
5) All remaining ribbons, metals, and trophies will be delivered to teams at a date TBD.





