

Shark NewsUpdate
February 28, 2013

This Week's Practice Schedule

Green	Mon, Wed & Fri	4:15 – 5:15pm
Gold	Mon, Wed & Fri	5:00 – 6:30pm
	Tues & Thurs	5:30 – 7:00pm
Senior	Mon – Fri	2:45 – 4:15pm
AM	Mon – Thurs	5:45 – 7:00am/6:45 – 7:45am
Saturday	Sat	8:30 – 9:30am

State Meet Times @ the University of Maine

Saturday, March 2

Age Group/Sex	Warm-up	Meet
8 & under Girls	7:15am	8:30am
8 & under Boys	10:15am	11:30am
9-10 Girls	12:45pm	2:00pm
13-14/Senior Boys	4:45pm	6:00pm

Sunday, March 3

Age Group/Sex	Warm-up	Meet
11-12 Girls	7:15am	8:40am
9-10/11-12 Boys	10:45am	12:15pm
13-14/Senior Girls	3:15pm	4:45pm

YMCA State Meet

The Maine YMCA State Meet will be held this Saturday & Sunday, March 2 & 3 at the University of Maine in Orono. A separate email was sent on Sunday evening with more information on the Y State meet. We have 96 swimmers entered in the meet. We still need a few timers for Sunday morning during the 11-12 Girls Session, please sign up on the pool bulletin board. We will hand out t-shirts at the meet. Parents who ordered one should make an effort to get their t-shirt shortly after our warm-up is completed. Just look for Tony or Jim and we will get your shirt for you. If you have any questions about the meet please email/call. You can reach me this weekend on my cell (207-664-8246)

Parents of younger children should make a place to meet after the meet is completed. It can get quite congested and it would be nice to have a place to meet when the session is completed.

Pizza/Poster Night

On Wednesday night, February 27 we will have our annual Pizza and poster night. We have pizza after both Green & Gold practice. Gold team swimmers can work on posters before practice and if there is any remaining material green swimmers can work on some after practice. If possible swimmers can bring in extra poster material. All posters should be positive and show good sportsmanship.

Team Picture

We will take our annual team picture next Monday, March 4 @ 4:15pm. We request that all Shark Swimmers make every effort to be at the picture. As you all know we have pictures for the team upstairs in the pool balcony hallway and it would be great if we can all the members of the 2012-13 team. Swimmers should wear their team suits or the suit that looks closest to our black team suit. Ned usually charges \$10 for a copy of the picture and will have forms available to order one.

Last Chance Qualifier

We will be hosting the Maine Last Chance Qualifier on March 9 & 10. This will be a USA Swimming meet, so any swimmers taking part will have to be a member of Maine Swimming. There will be an 8 & under only session on Saturday, followed by a session with swimmers of all ages and a separate session on Sunday. This meet will be the last chance for swimmers to qualify for JO's. Please check the bulletin board for volunteer signup. All income earned from the meet will go directly into the Shark concession account to benefit all team members. A signup sheet for the meet is attached. If you have any questions on the meet please email.

Maine Winter Championships (JO's)

The meet will be held March 14 – 17 at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Qualified swimmers names are posted at the pool. To swim at this meet, one must be a member of USA Swimming (\$36.50 for seasonal and \$59 for annual membership). We would like to finish our team entry on March 1, so we will need by this Friday on everyone's status. We are looking for an 11-12 year girl that would like to swim relays on Saturday & Sunday. This year, swimmers will be able to qualify at the Y State Meet and at the Last Chance Qualifier.

Aquathon

We have had many swimmers already turn their money in for the Aquathon. We would like to get the money as soon as possible. It makes it much easier to start planning the rewards for the swimmers. Of course we will continue to take money at any time but the sooner the better. The rewards are as follows: \$125 – t-shirt, \$200 – towel, \$300 – sweatshirt/fleece/\$20 gift card, \$450 – backpack/duffel bag/\$30 gift card. All rewards will be given out the MDI Sharks Awards Banquet, which will be held on April 10th at the MDI High School Café.

Questions/Problems/Ideas/Volunteer

If you have any questions/problems/ideas or wish to volunteer please feel free to email sharks@mdiymca.org.

Swimmers Qualified for Winter Champs (JO's) that are not members of USA Swimming

Rebecca Gerrish, Hutchin Gerrish, Amelia Kief, Ellie McGee*, Maggie Painter, Annie Painter, Tyler Woodworth, & Sydney Wright