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Orangevale Tigersharks - Swimmin' at the top of the food chain since 1999!

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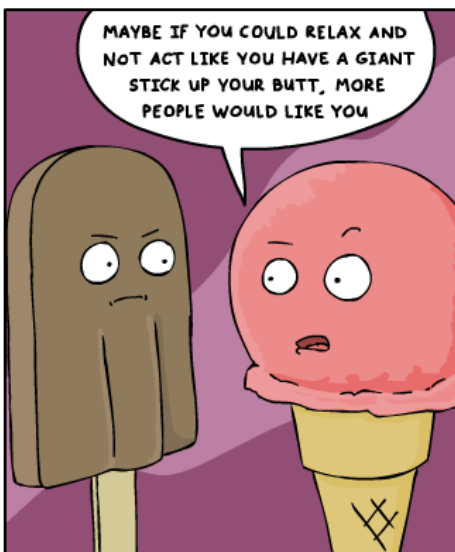
PRACTICE, ICE CREAM, PRACTICE!

TigerSharks practice has begun and wow does our team look great! This year, the TigerSharks team has swelled to 120 families...with some age groups full! The season moves at a shark's pace so it's important that each family is proactive in making sure they are fully informed of what's coming up each week. The team website is the best way to read detailed information about upcoming activities. Facebook is the newest addition to keeping parents informed, however, the website will always have the most specific information you may need. As always the coaches are available and happy to answer your questions before and after practices. Please do not interrupt coaches during practice, as their time is very limited in getting swimmers prepared for competition.

FRIDAY MAY 14TH! ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

After you swim don't dry off and go home right away, the annual Ice Cream/Kick Off Party will be taking place up at the ORPD Gym beginning at 6:30pm!

This is a great little event to kick off the season and get to know your fellow swimmers and parents. This is a free event for the team! See you there!



PARENT MEETING PART 2 MAY 11TH - POOL DECK

If you were unable to attend the original Parent Information Night - This meeting is for you! The meetings will take place during practice beginning at 4pm, 445pm and 6pm if needed.

Discussion and the introduction to the new method for Sign-ups for meet volunteering will also be taking place. Starting this season, the team is going digital. The TigerSharks will be utilizing a software program designed specifically for swim meet volunteering called SwimFast. Check out the site at www.swimfast.biz. All families will be entered into this *secure* site and will be able to access our team page to sign up for every meet of the season.

All board members, seasoned parents and coaches will be on hand to answer any questions.

CALIFORNIA SWIM SHOP
WILL BE ON DECK SELLING TEAM SUITS
MAY 11TH
4:45 - 6pm-ish

VACANCIES

The TigerSharks Parent Board is looking for a Treasurer for the 2010 swim season. If you are curious or interested about what this volunteer position entails, please reach out to any board member via email or Monday, after the Parent Information meeting.

The Team is in need of a Socials Coordinator, Set Up Coordinator and Hospitality Coordinator. These are all key positions that *must* be filled for the season to be successful. Please speak to a board member asap! Thank you!



TRAINING CLINICS

If you are interested in volunteering as a Computer coordinator, Stroke and Turn Judge or a Starter, you must attend special training sessions each year. We encourage everyone who is interested, to attend. There is no limit or fee. We can't promise cookies and punch but you will leave a more valuable volunteer for the team! We are always in need of Stroke and Turn Judges and Starters!

COMPUTER CLINIC:

Tuesday, May 18th - 6:30pm on the pool deck

STROKE & TURN JUDGE / STARTER CLINIC:

Wednesday, May 19th - 6:30pm at the pool deck.

A SNAPSHOT OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 11	Pool side Parent Info Meeting
May 14	Ice Cream Social
May 18	Computer Clinic
May 19	Stroke&Turn / Starter Clinic
May 22	Time Trials!
May 27	Team Pictures!
June 5	First Meet!

Always check the website for details of upcoming events or activities.



VOLUNTEERING for meet positions is mandatory for the team to have success. If you are new to the team there are two key positions that are great for learning the ropes of competitive swimming: **Age Group & Set Up.**

Age Group Parents man the tents that the majority of swimmers stay in while they wait for their races. Each meet, the age group parents map out the days' events for each swimmer on a white board, maintain order in the tent, as well as escort the younger swimmers to the Ready Bench parent. Tents are broken down by age group and boy/girl.

Set-Up Crew is great as you get to see how a swim meet is...set up! When the team is the host, timing areas, coaching tents, age group tents, snack bar, shark shack, announcer's booth as well as ribbons, computers and more must be set up by 7am. This requires a lot of muscle, hustle and help.

These roles are also beneficial if you have little ones as you are able to be with them the entire meet as well as talk to fellow parents within the age group.

