

Beachcomber Swim Team Frequently Asked Questions

Who can join the BSC swim team?

Any child age 5 through 18 as of June 1 who is a member of the Beachcomber Swim Club may join the team. For safety reasons, we have guidelines for our young and inexperienced swimmers. Note:

Swim Team Requirements for Young and/or Inexperienced Swimmers:

- Swimmer must be age 5 by June 1 – no exceptions.
- Parent must be present during all practice sessions, swim meets, and swim events - to insure safety, as well as to be available if the swimmer wants to go home early or needs attention.
- Swimmers must be able to swim one lap in the deep end with minimal assistance. There will be swim instruction, as resources allow, during practice sessions.
- Pre-season swim practices at Wissahickon Middle School Pool are for experienced swimmers only. ***** There will be no beginning stroke instruction at these sessions** and there is no shallow end.

When are practices?

- There are 3 pre-season practices at Wissahickon Middle School Pool in June.
- Morning practices are held Monday through Saturdays from 10–12.
- Evening practices are held two evenings a week (schedule sometimes varies depending on coach availability) from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

NOTE: For younger or first-time swimmers, parents are asked to attend practice and not ‘drop and run.’ Sometimes the younger ones tire and don’t want to stay for the whole practice, or need parent attention during practice.

What about meets?

- Beachcomber is a part of the Schuylkill Valley Aquatic League (SVAL), in which there are 6 clubs located in the King of Prussia area, Norristown, and Blue Bell.
- Five competitive swim meets are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Warm ups start at 5:30 and the meets run from 6-9:00 pm.
- Two championships are held on Saturdays toward the end of July. A swimmer must have participated in 40% of meets to participate in Individual Champs and at least one meet to participate in Relay Championships.

NOTE: A swim meet is a parent-run event. That means that parents will be required to help with timing, running slips, organizing kids, technology etc. during the meet. Once the meet schedule is issued, there will be an opportunity to sign up for your meet job.

Can my kids participate in other camps if we do swim team?

Sure. Our kids are involved in lots of activities during the summer and being a part of swim team is just one of them. Our evening and Saturday practices are a great way to keep in shape during the season if you can't attend morning practices.

How are parents involved?

There are opportunities to help with the bake table (at home meets), the end of season banquet, and other project-related activities in addition to the actual swim meet jobs listed in the swim meet section. You may select an area of interest at registration.

Everyone loves a volunteer!

When do I register?

- Once you register and pay dues for the club, be on the lookout for emails regarding registration! Be sure to include your email address on the Beachcomber Club form.
- There are registration sessions on Memorial Day weekend at the club, and several additional registration times soon after that weekend (for those of you who are away!)

NOTE: At registration, there is a small fee per child, and you can purchase a 'team suit' at that time. Purchasing the team suit is not required. We also have other 'spirit wear' items which are available for purchase such as t-shirts/sweatshirts that you may purchase should you so choose.

What else does the swim team do?

Our swim team kids participate in lots of optional events like Green Day (kids paint and decorate themselves 'green' and do crafty "frog" projects since that's our mascot), Caravan (decorate our cars and then parade to a nearby meet), and team picture. We also have a banquet at the end of the season. Every swimmer receives a certificate listing their best times of the season and a team spirit gift.