

Parent Meeting 9/7/2023

Parents - if you were unable to attend the parent meeting last night, here is a summary of the discussion. Please email defianceswim@gmail.com if you have any questions.

****All forms that were handed out last night are on our website - www.defianceswim.com**

1. We have a new name - [DAYS Blue Dolphins](#) (same as summer team and original name for our team). You will see BLUE DOLPHINS on our website, team apparel, swim caps, ect.
2. Our coaches:
Head Coach - Nicole English
Assistants - Radek Smolik, Jake Miller, Nick Rath, and Hailey Becker
3. **Register online - go to Defianceswim.com, click on Sports Engine, then click on Team Registration.**
4. All required forms will be signed electronically when you register your child for the swim team. These forms include Lindsay's Law, Code of Conduct, and YMCA Photo Release.
5. Must pay online to register your swimmer - no cash or checks will be accepted this year. If this is a problem for you - please contact Jordan Minck (aquatics director at the YMCA - jminck@defianceymca.org.)
6. Invitationals & Champs will be paid through Sports Engine as well. You must pay BEFORE your child will be entered into the meet. Please check your email and register your child for swim meets ON TIME. We cannot guarantee that your child will be able to swim if you do not complete the declaration on time.

7. Cost - \$250 per swimmer for the entire season. Full payment is due October 9th. \$100 for high school only swimmers.
8. YMCA Membership - REQUIRED. You can purchase a family membership or a two person membership. If you have questions about your membership, contact Jordan Minck. jminck@defianceymca.org.
9. NO Volunteer Deposit this season, but we still need volunteers! We cannot run meets without parent help. We will be sending out sign up sheets for volunteers as we get closer to having swim meets.
10. **Polarpalooza - December 2nd**. This is our only fundraiser of the year. We need EVERYONE to volunteer, and this meet is REQUIRED for all swimmers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!
11. A swim meet schedule was handed out at the meeting and it is also available on our team website www.defianceswim.com. Invitationals are optional, and an additional cost. (Approximately \$15-\$17 each)
12. Practice starts September 25, 2023. We practice Monday - Friday from 4:30-6:00 or 5:00-6:00. The coaches will decide what practice time is best for your swimmer. Practice groups will be released the week before the first practice.
13. Team Apparel is optional - but many swimmers and family members do order. There is a link on our team website (www.defianceswim.com).
Deadline is October 1st. No late orders.
14. Team Caps have been ordered. Every swimmer gets ONE cap when they arrive. You will also want to have an extra cap for practice. Please treat your cap with care as they are expensive and we do not order extras. Every swimmer will get just one.
15. We are using the same team suit as last season (and also summer season). If you need a new team suit - please contact Poco Loco Swim Gear. The order form is on our team website - www.defianceswim.com. The suit is "Dolphin Colorblock in Royal/White."

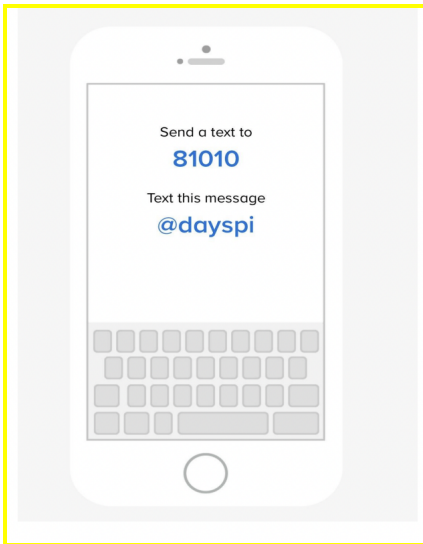
16. Make sure you are getting REMIND MESSAGES, and check the facebook page and team website regularly.

****Find us on Facebook: DAYS Swim Parents Forum**

www.defianceswim.com

Team Email: Defianceswim@Gmail.com

Remind App for WINTER Swim:



Please understand that Board members are VOLUNTEERS and NOT paid employees of the YMCA. Please be kind and mindful of the time of day you send us Remind messages, and be patient when it comes to our responses. We are working parents just like you.