

Springfield Swim Team

2023 Developmental Swim Team Information

The Developmental Team is a program for children **ages 5-8** who are not quite ready for the regular team but have the beginning skills necessary to work on improving their stroke. We will also work on self confidence and team work, in hopes of easing the transition to the regular team in seasons to come.

However, there is a try-out period for these swimmers... those on the Developmental Team in 2022 and all new swimmers ages 5-8 interested in joining the team this year. ***In order to be on the Developmental Team, children must be comfortable in the water at all depth levels, must be able to fully submerge themselves in the water, must be able to swim freestyle for at least 15 yards, must be able to swim on their back, and must be willing and able to swim in the 5 foot and 12 foot sections of the pool.*** Those who cannot do so will be placed in swim lessons that are not affiliated with the Swim Team. Those who exceed these expectations will be placed on the regular team. **The final decision is at the discretion of the Swim Team coaches.**

Children will be evaluated on the following days:
Tuesday June 6th, Wednesday June 7th, and Thursday June 8th from 4:15 - 5:00.

It is necessary that the children attend practice all that week.

Parents: Please stay after practice on Thursday, June 8th.

You will be informed that afternoon as to whether the coaches feel as though your child is ready for the Regular Swim Team or the Developmental Team or if he/she will be placed in swim lessons.

Tentatively, the Developmental Team will consist of about 15 - 20 kids.

(This will vary based on the coaches' discretion.)

**They will practice from 11:15am - 12 noon on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
from June 26th through the end of July.**

Children on the Developmental Team will be expected to attend the same number of meets as children on the Regular Team. However, they will likely be placed in unofficial individual events and relays, races swam solely against other Springfield Swim Team members. Developmental Team members are more than welcome to participate in all team activities and are very much considered a part of the team!

This is a program designed to let children have fun and learn more about swimming! We are looking forward to a great summer!