



Summer 2018

May 29 – July 24

Registration Dates: April 16 – June 3

UPDATED 6/25/18



WHAT IS STINGRAYS?

Stingrays Swim Team is a recreational, competitive swim team that represents Four Seasons Health Club in the Twin City Swim Conference. The team is for boys and girls 5-18 years old. Practices are held in the South/Lap pool at Four Seasons I. A swimmer's age group is determined by June 1, 2018.

TEAM PHILOSOPHY:

The coaching staff believe in giving every swimmer a chance to participate and improve. The success of each swimmer is measured by an improvement in his/her personal times and enjoyment of the team, not by how he/she perform against teammates or another team.

PRE-REQUISITES:

Stingrays Swim Team is open to any child/teen who can demonstrate a basic understanding of all four strokes (butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle). The final approval is at the discretion of the Head Swim Coach. Swim Team is for Four Seasons members only.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS:

We cannot run a successful swim meet without help from the parents. All Stingray families are expected to volunteer at a minimum of three swim meets during the season.

"Stingray Pride Points" - Earn points each time you volunteer and a chance to win a free 3 month family membership valued at \$207.00! Prizes will be awarded at the team banquet at the end of the season.

PROGRAM FEES & REGISTRATION:

First Swimmer: \$75.00 Additional swimmers in family: \$40.00

One-on-One Coaching Lessons: \$15.00/lesson

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE FSI FRONT DESK. MUST REGISTER UNDER THE SWIMMERS ACCOUNT.

PRACTICES / MEET SCHEDULE / TEAM EVENTS

SWIM PRACTICES (SOUTH/LAP POOL):

Ages 13 – 18	Monday – Friday	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Ages 11 – 12	Monday – Friday	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Ages 9 – 10	Monday – Friday	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Ages 5 – 8	Monday – Friday	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

What do I need for practice?

- Swimsuit: competitive style
- Goggles
- Swim Cap (required for girls)
- Beach Towel
- Positive Attitude

***Coaches expect swimmers to attend at least 4 practices per week; a minimum of once a week is required to be eligible for swim meets. If your swimmer is practicing with a USA Swim Team, please speak to your age group coach.**

SUMMER SWIM SCHEDULE:

Day / Date	Team vs.	Location	Warm ups / Meet Start
Thur. June 7	Stingray Inter-Squad Meet (New Parent Training for Stingrays)	Four Seasons	5:45 PM / 6:15 PM
Thur. June 14	Normal Parks & Rec	Anderson	4:45 PM / 5:30 PM
Sat. June 16	<i>El Paso Invitational</i>	<i>South Pointe Pool (El Paso)</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Thur. June 28	G.E. Fun Meet 12 & Under, No Relays	G.E.	4:15 PM / 5:00 PM
Tues. July 10	*Normal Parks & Rec	Four Seasons	4:45 PM / 5:30 PM
Thur. July 12	*Tri Meet- G.E & Crestwicke	Four Seasons	4:45 PM / 5:30 PM
Sat. July 14	B-Invite	Anderson	7:30 AM / 8:30 AM
Tues. July 17	*Crestwicke Country Club	Four Seasons	4:45 PM / 5:30 PM
Sat. July 21	Conference Prelims	NCHS	7:30 AM / 8:45 AM (10&U) 11:30 AM / 12:45 PM (11&O)
Sun. July 22	Conference Finals	NCHS	12:00 PM / 1:15PM

***Culver's Nights:** After these meets, Stingray swimmers and their families are invited to celebrate a fun meet by going to Culvers (901 N. Hershey Rd.). This is not required but a fun, team building activity.

**Meets that are cancelled due to thunder/lightning will be scheduled on a Thursday. Please look out for an email from the Head Coach if this happens.*

ADDRESSES FOR AWAY MEETS:

El Paso / South Pointe Pool: 521 South Sycamore Street, El Paso, IL

Anderson Pool: 100 S. Maple Street, Normal, IL

Bloomington Parks & Rec: 800 McGregor Street, Bloomington, IL

G.E. Pool: 1750 General Electric Rd, Bloomington, IL

Normal Community High School: 3900 E. Raab Rd, Normal IL

TEAM EVENTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
May 29	Stingrays Team Building *all ages attend	Four Seasons	9:00am-10:30am
June 5	Officials Training (returning only)	Anderson Pool (Normal)	5:00-6:30pm
June 6	Meet Manager Training	Four Seasons II (Community Room)	6:00-7:00pm
June 7	Team Picture *Individual photos begin at 3:00pm	Four Seasons	5:00pm
June 7	Officials Training (new only)	Anderson Pool (Normal)	5:00-6:30pm
June 22	Stingrays Team Building *all ages attend	Four Seasons	9:00am-10:30am
June 30	Swimathon Rachel Dean Foundation	Four Seasons	7:30am-11:30am
July 6	Stingrays Team Building *all ages attend	Four Seasons	9:00am-10:30am
July 6	Movie Night	Four Seasons East Basketball Court	6:00-8:30pm
July 19	Pre-Conference Party	Tipton	5:30-7:30pm
July 24	Awards Banquet	First Presbyterian Church of Normal	5:30-7:00pm

Additional events will be posted on the Swim Team bulletin board on the pool deck.

Team Suit: Speedo Caged Out Suit- Sapphire/Gold

Location: Wild Country 203 South Linden St, Normal IL 61761

Price: \$49.00 Female, \$29.00 Male



VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS

WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/FINDASIGNUP

Enter Head Coach Email:

swimcoach@4seasons-club.com

Click “Search”

Date	Location	Available Slot
5/28/2015 (Thu, 6:00PM - 8:30PM)	Four Seasons	Parent Volunteer Coordinator Sign Up Awards (2) Sign Up Bullpen (4) Sign Up Officials (2) Sign Up Runner (2) Sign Up Timers (through Fly) (6) Sign Up Timers (Fly - end) (6) Sign Up

How to sign up:

- 1) Click “sign up” on the area you would like to volunteer.
- 2) You will be prompted to fill in your name & email address.
- 3) You will then click “Sign-up & Submit” and receive a confirmation email.
- 4) Volunteers must check in with the **Parent Volunteer Coordinator** at least 15 minutes before the meet begins.

Volunteer Positions (Descriptions) *Requires minimal training

***Timers:** This job is essential to the running of a swim meet; without timers, swimmers would never know how fast they swam! Using a team-supplied stopwatch, timers typically time half of each swim meet. This means that we need at least six timers per meet.

***Bullpen:** The Bullpen is where swimmers, especially the little ones, wait to go onto the pool deck before each race. Using a team heat sheet, Bullpen volunteers keep swimmers in their heat/lane order before they swim each race.

***Runners:** Individuals who volunteer for this job take time sheets from the timers to the computer so that times from each race can be entered to the meet managing software. Like timers, multiple people typically share this position, one for each half of the meet.

***Awards:** As times/places for each race are added to the meet managing software, individuals who volunteer to help with awards make sure that each swimmer receives the correct ribbons.

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Volunteer Positions (Descriptions) *Requires some special training

***Officials:** This is a special, trained volunteer job. Officials help keep the meet running smoothly, while also identifying any illegal strokes during each race. Our team needs at least three officials, but the more that we have, the better. If you would like to become an official, contact Coach Marian for details on training.

***Tech:** This is another special, trained volunteer job. During each home swim meet, we need a team of parents to help run the meet scoring software. You will be trained on how to manage the computer during swim meets so that times, awards, and the final score are all entered in a timely manner. Interested? See Coach Marian for details!

***Volunteer Coordinator:** We need a responsible, dedicated parent at each meet to keep track of parent volunteers. This coordinator makes sure that we have all necessary positions covered, recruiting additional volunteers if needed, and leading our volunteers to success! Volunteer Coordinators will also help coordinate volunteers for B-Invite and Conference. This group will have access to the team Sign Up Genius and email list to help coordinate volunteers for each meet. If you are interested in this position, contact Coach Marian!

Stingray Swimmer Responsibilities

Sign Up / Sign Out for Swim Meets: Please sign up/out for each swim meet. Sign-up sheets are located on the Swim Team bulletin board on the pool deck at Four Seasons. Swimmers that do not sign up for a meet will be assumed not swimming at the meet. If a swimmer needs to cancel their sign-up, he or she must notify the age group coach at least two days in advance. A swimmer who is "signed out", but becomes available to attend the swim meet may be eligible to swim at the coach's discretion.

Awards: Ribbons are awarded through sixth place for individual and relay events. All ribbons can be picked up at the awards table during home swim meets, or at practices the day following an away meet. Each swimmer who completes the Summer Swim Team season will receive an individual trophy at the awards banquet.

Conference line ups: Swimmers and parents may request events to swim in at championship meets. However, coaches will have the final decision on conference line ups based on what is best overall for the team.

Swim Meets: Bring chairs and activities to do during a meet while you're waiting for your next event. Bring 3 towels and warm clothes to stay warm between races. Don't eat a big meal before a meet. Swimmers are not allowed in the North or Baby Pools during home swim meets.

Swimmers must swim in at least 2 dual meets to be eligible for the Conference Swim Meet.

Support each other

Treat yourselves, coaches, and other swimmers with respect

Include other swimmers

Never say "can't"

Go for your best time every time

Realize your full potential

Always be prepared and on time for practice and meets

Yell and cheer for teammates

Strive to be Super Stingrays

We're excited for another fantastic season of Stingray Swimming! See you on the pool deck!

CONTACT the COACH:

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