

2009 Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team Registration

Swimmer's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ Age: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Gender (M/F): _____
No. /years swimming experience: _____ No./years Carefree Swim Team: _____

Practice most likely to attend: 7:30 a.m. _____ 8:25 a.m. _____
(older children should try to attend the 7:30 a.m. practice)

Father/Guardian: _____ H. Phone: _____ W. Phone: _____
Mother/Guardian: _____ H. Phone: _____ W. Phone: _____
Email Address: **(required)** _____

Registration Fees

	Carefree Resident	Non-Carefree Resident
1 child	\$85.00	\$95.00
2 children	\$155.00	\$170.00
3 children	\$215.00	\$240.00
4 children	\$265.00	\$300.00

Cash: _____ Check #/Amount: _____ Recvd. by: _____

All registration fees are due by the end of the first week of practice. Please make checks payable to **Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team**. No refunds will be issued after the first full week of practice.

Parent/Guardian Consent

All families are required to work at three dual meets during the season and volunteer at and/or participate in the Fun Run Fundraiser.

I/we, the parents (or legal guardian), give permission to the above-named child to participate in all swimming activities during the current season. I/we assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from activities. I/we agree to indemnify and to release Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team, Carefree Club, Inc., the organizers, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my/our child(ren) to and from activities, from all claims arising out of my/our child(ren). I/we certify that my/our child(ren) is/are physically fit to participate in the activities sponsored by the Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team.

Does your child have a medical limitation/condition? YES: _____ NO: _____

If yes, please indicate name and details on the next page.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Medical Information

Swimmer's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name and Phone Number: _____

Medical Concerns: _____

Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team

Linda Stenmick.....President 889-2540
Erich Bauer...Fun Run Co-Chair/Website 888-4191
Jennifer Barrett.....Spirit Wear 881-8472

Rita Reeves.....Treasurer 885-6934
Tanya Pongracz.....Volunteer Coordinator 887-0416

Swim Season is Just Around the Corner!

We are excited that summer is nearly here...and we are waiting for that pool to open. We hope your children will join us.

About Carefree Crocodiles...(info to share with your children's friends!)

The Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team is a recreational program offering children ages 5-17 from Greenwood and surrounding communities an opportunity "get their feet wet" with a splash of competitive swimming. Our team members practice 55 minutes four times a week beginning at either 7:30 or 8:25 a.m. During practices, our coaching staff provides instruction on proper stroke technique, starts, turns, and other components necessary to compete in meets. Please note that the Swim Team is **not** a "Learn to Swim" or swim lesson experience. While it is not a requirement for team members to know all the strokes or to have perfect technique, they must be able to swim comfortably in deep water.

We are members of the Community Swim Conference, and swim against four other conference teams from the surrounding Indianapolis area in dual meets. At the end of the season, a conference meet is held with all five teams participating. The dual meets, usually 2 to 2 1/2 hours long, are scheduled in the evenings beginning June 16 and the conference meet is tentatively scheduled for July 25. The location has not yet been determined. A Swim Meet and Event Schedule is attached for your information.

Registration, Meet Volunteer Sheet, and Fees...

Registration forms for your children who participated previously as a Carefree Crocodile and a fee schedule are included with this letter. Please feel free to make copies if you have other children or friends who are interested in swimming with us this year.

PLEASE NOTE...In order to provide a quality swim team experience for each child, we will limit our team size to **130 swimmers** this year. First preference will be given to those children who have been a member of our team in past years. In order to guarantee your child's spot on the team, we strongly encourage you to **submit your registration by Wednesday, May 6**, the night of our registration for swim team and swim lessons. After May 6th, we will open up registration to new families and the team will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Your registration fee includes a towel. Team swim suits are available will be ordered during both practice sessions on a day during the week of June 8 (actual date will be confirmed shortly). Please bring a checkbook if you plan on ordering a team suit. Swim caps will also be available for sale.

Each family is required to work three meets. On the last page, the various positions are described, as well as the number needed for each meet. As you can see, we need many volunteers to run our home meets, as well as work at away meets to help the host team. All volunteer sign-ups will be done electronically through our website.

You may return your registration form, meet sign-up sheet and payment in advance to:

Linda Stemnock
509 Lazy Lane
Greenwood, IN 46142

Or you can bring the forms and payment to registration at the Carefree Clubhouse on Wednesday, May 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

And how about that Fun Run?

As with most things in life, the registration fees alone do not cover our total operating expenses. This year, the Carefree Crocodiles will host their 14th Annual Crocodile Fun Run. As our main fundraiser, this year's event will take place on Saturday, June 27th. It is a 5K run/walk and a 1-mile family walk around the Carefree subdivision. The race is open to everyone. Working at and/or participating in the Fun Run is a Swim Team requirement. Please contact one of our co-chairs, Erich Bauer at 888-4191, if you can help out with pre-race planning. Volunteer sign-up sheets will also be available at registration and the Parents' Meeting.

Who's running the show?

A board of parent volunteers governs the Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team. We meet regularly to attend to the needs of the Swim Team and work closely with the volunteer board of Carefree Club, Inc.

We are very pleased to announce that all four members of our coaching staff will be returning this year. **Sam Robertson** will continue as our head coach. She brings many years of coaching experience and enthusiasm to the Crocodiles. This will be her fifth year coaching with Carefree and we are delighted to have her back.

Joining Sam as assistant coaches will be:

- **Brittany Jackson.** Brittany returns to us having completed her third year at Marion College. Brittany had been an assistant coach at Southside Swimming for three years. Brittany did a wonderful job with our eight and under swimmers, and we look forward to having her on our team again this summer.
- **Marcie Colwell.** Marcie will also be returning as an assistant coach to our 9-10 year old swimmers. Marcie has been an assistant coach with the Indy Dolphins for many years and does a great job on strengthening her swimmer's ability. We are excited to have her back with us.

Depending on the number of swimmers in each age group, there may be some shifting to even out the number of swimmers per coach.

Holly Reed will be returning as our technique coach. Holly just completed her second year swimming for IUPUI, and brings a lot of enthusiasm to our team. She works with small groups of swimmers to improve their strokes and turns. We are happy to have Holly return to our club this summer.

And now for that Parents' Meeting...

Please plan to join us for the annual Parents' Meeting scheduled for **Friday, June 5th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** in the picnic area of the pool deck. We will review the meet and event schedule, sign up volunteers for meets, discuss the intra-squad meet, review Fun Run plans and update you on other pertinent issues. If you are unable to attend, please contact any board member for details.

We look forward to seeing you on June 5th.

The Carefree Swim Team Board

Swim Meet Job Descriptions

TIMER: Each lane has 2 timers, 1 from the home team and 1 from the visiting team. Stopwatches are provided. 6 timers needed for each home meet. Either 4 or 6 timers needed for away meets (depends on number of lanes).

WRITER: Each lane has one writer who records the swimmer's name, event and times. Clipboards and forms are provided. 2-3 writers needed for each home and away meet (depends on number of lanes).

RUNNER: At the completion of each event, a runner picks up the forms from each writer and delivers them to the scoring table. 3 runners needed for each home meet.

FINISH JUDGE: Each team provides a finish judge who sits at the end of the pool and records the order of swimmers' finish by lane. Clipboard and forms provided. 1 judge needed for each home and away meet.

RIBBON WRITER: Seated at the scoring table, these writers record the names and times of the winning swimmers on the back of the ribbons. 3 ribbon writers needed for each home and away meet.

SCORER: Based on the results of each event, the scorer awards points to the appropriate team. Special training will be provided for this position. 1 scorer needed for each home and away meet.

ANNOUNCER: Using a public address system, the announcer informs the swimmers of each event and makes other general announcements. 1 announcer needed for each home meet.

STARTER: The starter calls the swimmers to their positions and begins the race with a starting gun. Special training will be provided for this position. 1 starter needed for each home meet.

STROKE JUDGE: Each team provides an individual who monitors the quality of the swimmers' strokes during the race. The stroke judge can disqualify a swimmer if they do not meet the specific requirements of each stroke. Stroke judging guidelines are provided along with special training. 1 stroke judge needed for each home and away meet.

CONCESSION WORKER: During home meets we operate a concession stand. Volunteers purchase food items to sell and do basic food preparation. They man the stand during the meet. 6 volunteers needed for each home meet - 3 to cover the first half of the meet, 3 to cover the second half of the meet.

KIDS' COORDINATOR: These individuals assist the coaches in getting swimmers organized for their events and general "crowd control". 2 volunteers needed for each home and away meet.

FIRST AID: This volunteer handles any emergencies that may arise. Medical training required. 1 volunteer needed for each home and away meet.

CLEAN-UP COORDINATOR: The good news about this job is that you only have to work about 15 minutes AFTER the meet! This volunteer coordinates the trash pick-up done by the swimmers and works with our Meet Manager to ensure the pool area is in good order at the end of the meet. 1 volunteer needed for each home meet.

MARSHAL: This volunteer circulates in the pool and surrounding areas, including restrooms, to ensure that pool safety rules are being followed. 1 volunteer needed for each home meet.

2009 Carefree Crocodile Swim Meet & Event Schedule

TBD	Mock meet during practice week of June 8
Tuesday, June 16	Devon @ Carefree
Tuesday, June 23	Carefree @ Chapel Glen
Thursday, June 25	Meridian Woods @ Carefree
Saturday, June 27	Carefree Fun Run
Tuesday, June 30	Carefree @ Westchester
Tuesday, July 7	Carefree @ Devon
Tuesday, July 14	Chapel Glen @ Carefree
Thursday, July 16	Carefree @ Meridian Woods
Tuesday, July 21	Westchester @ Carefree (ice cream social afterwards)
Saturday, July 25	Conference meet - tentative

Directions to the away meets can be found on the Carefree Crocodile website.