



# 2026 Sunrise Sharks Annual Shark-A-Thon Fundraiser

**Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> - at your regular practice time**

We hope everyone will participate in this event, there will not be a makeup date, please make sure you are at practice Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Even if you're not raising money, we will have a prize & special recognition for the top lap swimmer in each boy/girl age group!

Shark-A-Thon is our **MAJOR FUNDRAISER** for the season. This is what we do instead of selling wrapping paper or magazine subscriptions. This year's team goal is \$15,000! We are hoping for 100% participation with all working towards, or exceeding, a \$150 per person goal.

Ask 6 people for \$25 each -  $\$ 25 \times 6 = \$150$

**Who to ask...**friends, family, neighbors, teachers, parents' co-workers...ask anyone who may be interested in sponsoring you – and, of course, Mom & Dad! Some like to donate \$1 or \$5 a lap and enjoy seeing how many laps you'll swim. Others would rather give you a lump sum of \$20 or \$40.

## **How does Shark-A-Thon run...**

- *Before the event:* Swimmers request donations from sponsors (family and friends), either per lap (one pool length) donations or a flat donation for the event.
- *During the event:* Swimmers swim as many laps as possible during their scheduled practice time and volunteers count their laps. Volunteers will tell swimmers their lap total at the end. We'll have music & fun! Parents are encouraged to go on deck and cheer on their swimmer.
- *After the event:* Swimmers collect pledges from their sponsors. All swimmers collecting pledges will need to turn in a prize sheet. All age groups will be able to earn shark swag and passes to shark-tastic places, depending on money raised. Prizes will be dispersed on **July 7<sup>th</sup>** during our Team Social or sooner, depending on shipping.

**Money raised is used for...**Elevating our team's skills and creating a shark-tastic environment for the team! Our Shark-A-Thon earnings help pay for: deck equipment, backstroke flags, team socials, meet ribbons, team awards and more. Recently we UPGRADED our computers & timing system to run the meets smoother and more efficiently, pace clocks, tables for computers and coaches, as well as a new flat top grill for our snack bar...if you saw the previous one, you'd be thrilled too 😊 And our scoreboard, Shark-A-Thon fundraising money made that happen too! We had been saving for years to make a LARGE purchase of custom popups, to replace all our torn, broken and "held together by duct tape". Thanks to a well-planned budget, as well as previously incredible Shark-a-Thons, we were able to purchase the last few popups needed to complete our deck. Our Shark-A-Thon does a lot!

- **All donations are tax deductible**, our non-profit tax ID number is 20-8757300.
- **Checks payable to 'Sunrise Sharks'** cash, check, tap payments or payment link accepted.
- **All pledges & prize sheets must be turned in by Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>** - we will be on deck May 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> to accept pledges/prize sheets. **DO NOT BRING PLEDGE MONEY TO SHARK-A-THON**

**I lost my packet...**you can print a copy from our website under the top menu tab "Shark-a-Thon".

If you have any questions that are not addressed here, please contact Annie Perkins (916) 500-1308  
***Start Now...Ask Everyone...It's For Your Team!***



# '26 Shark-A-Thon Prize Selection:

Reminder - Prize tiers are based off how much money is raised by the individual swimmer. In addition to raising money to earn prizes, each age group, girl & boy, who swim the most laps will get a prize, special recognition and bragging rights in the shadow box on deck!

Please circle one prize from the OR tier that you've reached:

- \$25 - Shark Keychain OR Sunrise Sharks Team Sticker
- \$50 - the above and...Shark-a-Thon shirt
- \$75 - the above and...Insulated Water Bottle, engraved with team logo & your name
- \$125 - the above and...Roller King OR Skate Town OR \$15 Sharks Snack Bar Gift Card
- \$175 - the above and...14in Shark Plushy OR Movie Ticket
- \$250 - the above and...Shark Towel OR \$20 gift card to Roblox OR Dutch Bros
- \$325 - the above and...Coaches Event! 8 & under-Leatherby's & 9 & up Fireside Lanes
- \$425 - the above and...Sunrise Sharks latex swim cap
- \$550 - the above and...Monster Golf OR Petroglyph Pottery OR Activate Games
- \$750 - the above and...Sun Splash Eat & Play Card OR Capital Edge Paintball Park
- \$900 - the above and...Tent Reservation at Home Meets
- \$1000 - the above and...NO volunteer shifts at 2026 Champs ...AND... half off one 2027 Sunrise Sharks Registration



## Fine Print

All passes will be dispersed prior to July 7<sup>th</sup>, other items need time for delivery, could arrive earlier than July 7<sup>th</sup>. Coaches event will be held on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sharks' registration fee is for the park district only, you are still responsible for NCSL and all Sharks fees/deposit.

