



# SHAKER SWIMMING

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Dear Parents,

Hello! Thank you for your interest in the Shaker Sharks. Last year, the Shaker Sharks was the largest USA Swimming club in Northeast Ohio. Many of our swimmers received special honors during 2008-2009. We are looking forward to another successful year.

The Shaker Sharks offer:

- Low coach to swimmer ratios to maximize individual instruction
- Practices prioritizing stroke development and technique
- Flexible practice schedules that allow swimmers to participate in other activities
- Professional, highly educated, and experienced coaches and staff
- Accommodating and straight-forward billing

To join the team, the Sharks require swimmers to tryout. At the tryout, the Sharks require swimmers to complete one length of the pool independently. The Sharks also determine admission by evaluating swimmers' deepwater safety, underwater comfort, and listening skills. After the tryout, there is a 2 week evaluation period to determine if the child is ready and able to join the Sharks.

If you are interested in having your child join the Shaker Sharks, **attend the informational meeting on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Woodbury Elementary School Pool.** This meeting is for parents only; swimmers should not attend.

### **Important Information About The Meeting**

• **Bring your checkbook!** Immediately following the meeting, we will accept opening payments. All payments will be held (not cashed) until September 21<sup>st</sup>. Payments submitted at the meeting ensure a tryout. Due to limited pool space, payments for new swimmers submitted after September 1<sup>st</sup> will be put on a waiting list.

During the tryout and two-week evaluation period, you and the coaches will determine if your child is ready to be a Shaker Shark. If your child is not ready, your check will be returned. ***After September 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be no refunds.***

• **Bring a legal document that proves date of birth!** The Shaker Sharks are part of USA Swimming, the National Governing Body for competitive swimming in the United States. USA Swimming requires a copy of a document (birth certificate or passport) proving date of birth for every swimmer. Copies can be made at the meeting.

If you have any questions, visit [www.shakerswimming.org](http://www.shakerswimming.org), or contact Sarah Tobin, Shaker Sharks Manager, at (216) 295-4163 or [shakerswimming@msn.com](mailto:shakerswimming@msn.com)

Sincerely,  
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