

Hello parents and swimmers,

We are thrilled to have you all with us again this year for the 31st Annual Death Valley Open Water Swim Meet. I know there were some questions about whether this event would happen or not, but we are a go thus far. The water out at 12 Mile looks good, but we will continue to monitor the area for the next few days. If anything changes we will let coaches know immediately.

Distance	Events	Check-in Opens	Pre-race Meeting	Event start not before*
5K	Open 5K Jim Keogh Senior 15-18 5K Christine Jennings 13-14 5K	6:30 am	7:30 am	8:00 am
3K	Open 3K Jacque Grossman 11-12 3K	8:00 am	9:45 am	10:15 am 5K must be complete
1K	Open 1K 10&U 1K	10:30 am	11:15 am	11:45 am 3K must be complete
Half K	Open 0.5 K	10:30 am	11:15 am	12:15 pm 1K must be complete

### **Entering the Park/Parking**

Gates should be open for everyone to enter the park, so we shouldn't have any issues there. Spectators will not be allowed to park in any spots to the left of the gate. Swimmers may be dropped off there, but spectators will need to park to the right toward the boat ramp. We will have a few parents helping with parking and sending people in the correct direction.

### **Friday Practice**

We will be out at 12 Mile on Friday from 5-6:30pm. All swimmers are welcome to join us and get to know the course a little bit better. Please arrive before 5pm. If swimmers arrive late and we are already out on the course, swimmers will not be allowed to join until they are back on the beach. The gate should be open for the whole practice, so you should not need a gate code to enter. Hopefully this will help with traffic. We also hope to have a few volunteers from the parents to safety kayak this night just in case! If you have anyone interested please send them my way.

### **Packet Pick-Up**

Pick-up will be available on Friday from 4-7pm on the beach at 12 Mile or the morning of the event. Included in the packets will be a bag tag with your race number and events on it, swim caps, and t-shirts if you ordered them when doing individual sign-ups. Swimmers not competing in all 4 events should have white caps, those competing in all 4 will have either neon pink, neon orange, or yellow caps. This year, bag tags must be turned in before entering the water and picked up when swimmers exit the water.

### **Swimmer Check-In**

Check-in will be on the beach this year. Athletes must check in at least 30 minutes before their race. If they are swimming more than one race they only need to check in before their first race. In order to complete check in and receive their active timing chick, swimmers fingernails and toenails must be cut short (no whites showing), race numbers must be written in thick black marker on both shoulders, biceps, and hands, and swimmers must be free of all devices including normal watches and smart watches.

### **Coaches/Volunteer Hospitality**

Will be under the pavilion again this year. A cafe called 313 in Seneca will be catering breakfast sandwiches, fruit, and juices this year. They will also have their food truck out for swimmers and spectators.

### **Volunteer Sign-Ups**

We are a small team and could always use the help! Please encourage your parents/spectators to volunteer at check in or kayak during one of the races. The beach area and bridge are closed to spectators, so helping with check-in and kayaking are the best way to see your swimmers compete!

[Lifeguard Sign-Up](#)

[Kayak Volunteers](#)

[Land Volunteers](#)

### **Waves and Race Numbers**

Go Race Productions is doing the timing for us this year. They are working on waves and race numbers. Once I have those, they will be sent out to you all. I will have printouts for each team with swimmers names and race numbers in your team packets. Please send these out to your swimmers ahead of time, so they are ready for number placement on their person.

### **Spectators**

We welcome spectators around the bank of the lake, but ask that they not convene at the bridge near the race finish. For safety purposes we need to keep this area clear and open for EMS in case of emergency. There will be no parents or spectators on the beach or the bridge at any time unless they are volunteering.