Hello swimmers and families!

We hope you had a great summer full of swimming, now it’s back to school which also means back to the pool!! Hopefully all of our returning swimmers got the announcement email from Oxford Park & Rec, and thank you to everyone that contacted us interested in becoming an Oxford Otter!

Our team is affiliated with the Yankee Swim League and CT Swimming, part of USA Swimming. Every swimmer on our team is part of the Yankee Swim League (YL) and we offer additional meets and practices in our USA program, more information below.

**Our practice schedule**

Monday- YL (all swimmers)

Tuesday- USA only

Wednesday- YL (all swimmers)

Thursday- USA only

Friday- YL (all swimmers)

Saturday- YL (all swimmers)

\*Subject to change

Bronze 5:00-5:45 MWF; 10:30-11:45 Sat

Silver 5:00-6:00 MWF; 10:30-11:30 Sat

Gold 6:00-7:15 MWF; 11:30-12:45 Sat

Jr & Sr 5:30-7:30 MWF; 11:00-1:00 Sat

Evaluations

**Monday 9/15 5:30-7:00 PM**

**Wednesday 9/17 5:30-7:00 PM**

***All new swimmers and returning swimmers from Bronze & Silver last year***

**Criteria for joining the team**– Swimmers must be able to swim 1 lap (25 yds) unassisted in order to be in our Bronze group.

No signup required, the actual evaluation only takes about 5-10 minutes and will be done in order of arrival, be sure to sign in!

First Practices

Yankee League: Saturday, 9/20

USA: Tuesday 9/16

**Swimmers must be registered and all forms submitted before their first practice**

Rates- Yankee League

Oxford Residents: $500 first swimmer / $450 each additional swimmer

Non-Residents: $550 first swimmer / $500 each additional swimmer

High School Swim Team Members: Boys (fall) $275 / Girls (winter) $325

Rates- USA Swimming (competitive swimming- additional fee)

Oxford Residents: $250

Non-Residents: $275

**USA League, Additional to Otters Yankee League participation**

No swimmers may register for USA without being enrolled in Yankee League first!!

Season Starts 9/16

Any child on Yankee League Gold level and above wanting to compete in USA league

meets, MUST also compete in a minimum of 3 Yankee League meets.

Want to stress to swimmers AND parents that:

- Swimmers must be dialed in to this team, as it is an opportunity to further train

and strengthen your craft.

- Swimmers who want to participate in USA league, must attend 4 practices a

week.

\*If any new swimmers are interested in USA Swimming, please reach out to Coach Spencer (spratt48@yahoo.com). Additional practices are held on Tues and Thurs as well as additional meets throughout the season. USA swimmers are expected to attend a minimum of 4 practices per week including Yankee & USA sessions.

**What to do before evaluations?**

Online Registration: We are working with Oxford Parks & Recreation to use online registration and payment, we will let you know when it is live. In the meantime, please go to [www.oxfordrec.com](http://www.oxfordrec.com) and either create or update your account. Each family will have their own account; swimmers must be added to the family account as a new member. If your swimmer has participated in summer camp, swim lessons, or any other Oxford Park & Rec. activity, you already have an account. Once your swimmer has passed the evaluation we will let you know how to navigate the site and register! If you are not an Oxford resident you can still make an account, please make sure all account and member information is accurate. Do not register as a “Guest” please contact the office for further assistance.

Read Team Documents: Please read and discuss with your swimmer our team documents. This includes: Team Mission Statement, Rules & Regulations, Code of Conduct, Informed Consent and Release of Liability, Team Policies, and the Photo & Video Release. [Link](https://www.gomotionapp.com/ctoo/__doc__/508950_2_OXO%20Team%20Docs%20-%20read%20only%20v2022.pdf)

Forms to Hand in at Registration & Evaluations: Medical Form, Signatures Page signed by parent/guardian and swimmer (after reading team docs), and the Parent/Family Volunteer Form. [Link](https://www.gomotionapp.com/ctoo/__doc__/508951_2_Otters-MedForm_Signatures_Volunteer_v2022.pdf)

These forms are available on our team website under the [Documents](https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/ctoo/page/newsletter) tab. Everyone will have an account for the website, it’s used for team communication, signing up for meets, meet results, and other things.

**Important dates**

**Sat 9/20 Parents meeting first 15 mins of practice MANDATORY**

Mon 9/22 Parents meeting first 15 mins of practice ONLY for anyone who missed Saturday.

**Monday, 9/29 Suit Fitting 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Old Center School**

Sat 10/25 Black & Red Meet, Otters intersquad meet during practice 10:30 AM -1 PM

Please feel free to share this information to anyone else that might be interested in joining our team! Reach out if you have any questions and we can’t wait to see you all at the pool!!!

-Oxford Otters Board of Directors

**Oxford Otters Swim Team 2025-2026**

***\*Dive to Perfection \*Swim to Win \*Rule the Pool***

**Our team is a year-round competitive swim team offering high quality professional coaching and technique instruction for all ages and abilities. The goal of our team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability, from novice to international competitor. All of our coaches, as members of USA Swimming, have access to the most comprehensive training and certification program for youth coaches of any sport in the United States. They provide assurances that the time children spend in swimming is quality time. We are a non-profit club run by its elected Board of Directors which meets each month. All members are welcome at each meeting and encouraged to be involved in team activities and fundraisers.**

**Evaluations**

Monday 9/15 5:30-7:00

Wednesday 9/17 5:30-7:00

* All new swimmers and returning swimmers from Bronze & Silver last year
* Swimmers must be able to swim 1 lap (25 yds) continuously and unassisted
* No signup required, the actual evaluation only takes about 5-10 minutes and will be done in order of arrival, be sure to sign in when you arrive!

**First Practices**

Yankee League: 9/20

USA: 9/16 & 9/18

* Registrations must be completed before Wednesday 9/17 at 11:59pm
* Practice groups and times will be emailed out on Thursday 9/18
* All swimmers must be registered and hand in their forms before they’re allowed in the pool

**Yankee League** (9/20/25-2/28/26)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday

Oxford Residents: $500 first swimmer / $450 each additional swimmer

Non-Residents: $550 first swimmer / $500 each additional swimmer

High School Swim Team Members: Boys/Fall 9/20-11/29 $275 & Girls/Winter 11/30-2/28/26 $325

**USA Swimming** (9/16/25-3/21/26)

Tuesday and Thursday

Oxford Residents: $250

Non-Residents: $275

* If any swimmers are interested in USA Swimming, please reach out to Coach Spencer, spratt48@yahoo.com
* Additional practices on Tues and Thurs are included in registration cost, you must register your swimmer with USA Swimming and will be billed for "Splash Fees" (entry fees) for meets

Registration will end at midnight on Wednesday 9/17. Registrations done after that time may incur a $25 late fee. Practice groups and times will be sent out on Thursday 9/18. There will be no registrations or add-ons made after 9/27. For any financial questions please contact the Board of Directors [otters.swim2@gmail.com](mailto:otters.swim2@gmail.com)

Looking for a way to get involved?? The Board of Directors welcome new members, please reach out to our current board at [otters.swim2@gmail.com](mailto:otters.swim2@gmail.com)