

# THE NEXT WAVE

April 2026

## APRIL FOCUS: KCS PRATTS & LAPS FOR LOONIES

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In April we are looking forward to hosting two meets and attending the VKSC Pleasant Valley Dental Invitational and Jamboree. The School District Swim Meet, which will take place on Wednesday, April 15th, is an exciting event that brings together multiple schools within SD #73, for Grade 4–7 students. This year our School District Swim Meet Committee allowed Grade 3 students to participate if they are KCS swimmers. This meet is always a fun and energetic morning filled with new and experienced elementary aged swimmers. Our club enjoys hosting this meet to allow student within SD #73 and Kamloops to try out competitive racing. Our club uses this meet to advertise and recruit new swimmers each year.

This year our club has been invited to the VKSC Pleasant Valley Dental Invitational and Jamboree. The invitational involves a fun “dash for cash showdown” 50 Free event that awards the top male and female \$50, as well as the 200 IM Eliminator event, which also awards the top male and female \$50!

Our next home meet will take place on Saturday, April 25, with the KCS dual meet, The Pratt's Spring Fling. For this exciting event, our club will be split into two colour teams — Red vs. White — creating a fun and competitive team atmosphere. The Pratt's Spring Fling Meet is a smaller one day meet that allows our swimmers to achieve new long course swim times in their respective age categories.

## KCS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM PICTURES

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Get ready to smile — **Photo Night is almost here!**

We'll be capturing individual, group, and full team pictures, so please arrive a few minutes early to help keep everything running on time.

We're excited to welcome **Tyler Meade Photography** to KCS for this special night.

 **Friday, April 24th**  **Schedule Below**

 **Photo Schedule**

TIME	GROUP	NOTES
3:00 PM	Novice	Individual & Team
3:25 PM	Tier 3	Individual & Team
3:45 PM	Tier 2	Individual & Team
4:05 PM	Tier 1	Individual & Team
4:25 PM	AG	Individual & Team
4:35 PM	SWIM X	Individual & Team
4:35 PM	GROUP PHOTO	

✨ **Please wear your BLACK KCS T-shirt for the group photo.** For individual photos, feel free to show your style — choose your favourite swimsuit or any KCS gear you love.

✨ **You'll receive your own personalized QR code, giving you access to order your individual photos, team photos, and the full group photo!**

✨ **Please note that Tyler Meade Photography operates in full compliance with all FIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) regulations.** This means your athlete's personal information and images are handled with the highest standards of privacy, security, and consent. You can feel confident knowing that all photos are managed, stored, and shared in accordance with provincial privacy requirements.)

## COACHING AND PROGRAMMING UPDATES

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Please see below for the updated contact information. We have added a new main contact for general inquiries ([office@swimkamloops.com](mailto:office@swimkamloops.com)) that can be used for things like looking into member billing, questions regarding accounts, etc. Please continue to reach out to your swimmers coach directly to communicate absences and if you have any questions or concerns regarding training or swim meets.

### Reminder of who to contact for questions about schedules, meets, training

Group	Coach(es)	Email(s)
Tier 3	Shane Downey	headcoach@swimkamloops.com
Tier 2	Berke Ilican	coachberke@swimkamloops.com
Tier 1	Abby Bushell	coachabby@swimkamloops.com
Age Group	Isabela Goncalves Dias Facci	coachisabela@swimkamloops.com
Junior	Berke Ilican	coachberke@swimkamloops.com
Novice	Abby Bushell	coachabby@swimkamloops.com
Swim X	Abby Bushell	coachabby@swimkamloops.com

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Tier 3	Shane Downey	headcoach@swimkamloops.com
Masters	Isabela Goncalves Dias Facci	coachisabela@swimkamloops.com
Swim Skills	Isabela Goncalves Dias Facci	lessons@swimkamloops.com
KCS Office	KCS Staff (general inquiries)	office@swimkamloops.com

## BEHIND THE BLOCKS: VOLUNTEER & OFFICIALS SPOTLIGHT

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### Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

We have some great volunteer opportunities coming up with KCS! Make sure to sign up on the website for these events. If you need help please visit <https://kcs.poolq.net/menu/volunteers> for more information.

- Elementary School Swim Meet (April 15th) - Job sign up is open now!
- Pratt's Spring Fling (April 25th) - Job sign up opens Wednesday, April 8th
- Laps for Loonies (May 2nd) - Job sign up opens Wednesday, April 8th
- KCS Distance Time Trial (May 30th) - Job sign up opens Friday, April 17th
- June Classic Invitational (June 5-7th) - Job sign up opens Friday, April 17th
- Summer Provincials (July 16-19th) - Job sign up opens late May

An email will be sent out once the signup has been opened for the above events - if you have any questions about volunteering, please email [volunteers@swimkamloops.com](mailto:volunteers@swimkamloops.com)

### 55+ BC Games - Kamloops 2026

Kamloops is hosting the 55+ BC Games September 8-12th! KCS is **supporting** the swimming portion of the games with meet management (Lisa Sears) & coordinating volunteers (Ali Gregory). If you are interested in volunteering please visit <https://55plusbcgames.org/kamloops-2026/> and click on the "Volunteer Registration" tab. This will be a fun event to help out with!

### Are you a swimmer aged 14 (born in 2012) and up, and interested in officiating?

We are looking for enthusiastic new officials to join our team for Provincials. With the current break from swim meets, this is an ideal time to set up an official's account for your swimmer.

Click the link and follow the steps: [Swimmer Official Registration Instructions](#)

We will be offering two in person *Intro to Swimming* and *Inspector of Turns* combo clinics in May and June. More details will be shared soon.

## Clinic Information

### E-Clinics

All new officials can complete the *Introduction to Swimming Officiating* and *Safety Marshal* clinics online. After finishing the courses, please email [officials@swimkamloops.com](mailto:officials@swimkamloops.com) to request your name badge and red pin (next order will be for the June Classic meet).

1. Sign into [Sportlomo](#)
2. Click on LMS -> Status -> select the e-module for both clinics and complete.

### **Virtual Clinics**

1. Sign into [Sportlomo](#)
2. Click on LMS-> Clinics-> select the clinic you want to take.

April 16 - Intro to Officiating and Safety Marshal; by Zoom, 6:30-8:00pm

April 17 - Inspector of Turns AND Judge of Stroke; by Zoom, 6-8pm

April 21 - Chief Judge Electronics; by Zoom, 7:30-9:30pm

May 3 - Inspector of Turns May 3, by Zoom, 6-8pm

## **Sportlomo Officials Records (REMS)**

**To access your records:**

1. Log into [Sportlomo](#)
2. Click the RED Certifications button (not Qualifications)

## **TEAM SPIRIT AND CELEBRATION**

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### **END-OF-YEAR BANQUET PLANNING**

**WE'RE STARTING TO PLAN OUR END-OF-YEAR BANQUET!**

**IF YOU:**

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- **HAVE ACCESS TO A VENUE AVAILABLE AT A REDUCED RATE FOR OUR NOT-FOR-PROFIT SWIM CLUB**
  - **ARE CONNECTED TO A FOOD TRUCK OR CATERING SERVICE**
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**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**KCS IS PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR SWIM TEAM FAMILY BUSINESSES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO ADIXON@SWIMKAMLOOPS.COM IF YOU CAN HELP.**

**DIVE IN. GIVE BACK. SHINE ON!**

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## **1. DeMille's Orange Fundraiser — Thank You!**

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our DeMille's Orange Fundraiser! Together, we raised an amazing **\$1,760**. Your efforts are making a real impact.

With these funds, we're excited to purchase **one new computer** for Meet Management. And thanks to the extra boost, we'll also be adding an **iPad dedicated to fundraising**. This will allow us to take debit transactions at swim meets—making it easier for families to contribute and helping us reach those deeper pockets now that most people don't carry much cash.

## **2. Laps for Loonies — May 2**

It's time for our annual Laps for Loonies team fundraiser happening on Saturday, May 2nd! Come out and have a blast with your swim friends!

This is a fun, team-wide event where swimmers challenge themselves to complete as many 50m sets as they can between 6:30 and 7:30 am while raising funds through pledges from family, friends, and the community. Funds raised through this fun event help support our club's operating costs and offset rising expenses.

### **How Laps for Loonies Works:**

Date: May 2, 2026

Time: 6:00-10:00 am

Groups: Novice, Junior, AG, Tier 1, 2, 3, and Swim X

- Swimmers Collect Pledges: Before the event, swimmers ask for pledges/support from family, friends, and community members.
- Swimmers Set a Goal: Each swimmer will set a personal goal for how many meters they aim to complete during their 1-hour swim. To help guide goal-setting, here are some recommended distance ranges:
  - o Tier 1, 2, 3: Aim for ~5,000 meters
  - o AG: Aim for 3,500–4,500 meters
  - o Swim X, Junior & Novice: Aim for 1,000–2,000 meters

These are general targets—swimmers should choose a goal that feels both challenging and achievable for them.

- Event Day: Swimmers swim as many meters as they can during the 1-hour time slot.

Volunteers track every 50m lap.

- o 6:00 am - Swimmers arrive on deck
- o 6:05-6:20 am - Activation / Go over rules
- o 6:20 am - Team cheer and head to assigned lanes
- o 6:30-7:30 am - Swim hard for Laps for Loonies
- o 7:30-8:30 am - Fun team events
- o 8:30-10:00 am - Team breakfast and prize presentations!

Prizes: There will be prizes for the top 3 fundraisers, along with random draw prizes for all swimmers who participate by swimming on the day of the event—everyone has a chance to win!!!!

#### How You Can Help Your Swimmers:

- Encourage your swimmer to participate and set a goal
- Help them reach out to family and friends for pledges
- Come, volunteer & cheer them on during the event!

Your support makes a big difference in helping our swim program grow and thrive. Thank you for being part of our swim community!

<https://www.swimkamloops.com/event/laps-for-loonies>

If you have any questions, please contact the KCS Fundraising Chair at [fundraising@swimkamloops.com](mailto:fundraising@swimkamloops.com)

Let's make it a great day in the pool!

### **3. Neufeld Meats Fundraiser — Coming Soon**

**Save the Date:**



**Ordering opens May 15–31**



**Delivery Day: June 9**

**Get ready to stock up and support the team at the same time!**

**We're still seeking a sponsor for our June Meet. If you know of a company or organization that may be interested, please contact [fundraising@swimkamloops.com](mailto:fundraising@swimkamloops.com) to learn more about available sponsorship opportunities.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Apr. 15th - School District Swim Meet @ home for Grade 4-7 students attending with their school teams

Apr. 25th - [Pratt's Spring Fling Meet \(home\)](#) - KCS entry deadline April 6th, 2026

May 8th - [KAJ Persist Oil & Gas \(Kelowna\)](#) - KCS entry deadline April 22nd, 2026

May 30th - [KCS Distance Time Trial \(home\)](#) - KCS entry deadline May 18th, 2026

June 5th - [KCS June Classic Invitational \(home\)](#) - KCS entry deadline May 20th, 2026

June 19th - [NID Summer Divisionals \(Vernon\)](#) - KCS entry deadline June 8th, 2026

July 16th - [BC Summer Provincials \(home\)](#) - KCS entry deadline June 29th, 2026

## OPPORTUNITIES WITH KCS

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### Senior Swimmers Interested in Swim Skills Coaching or Volunteering?

Swim BC has introduced updated requirements for anyone coaching or volunteering on deck. If your senior swimmer is interested in coaching in the future—whether for Summer Camps or our Swim Skills program—please review the steps and qualifications.

How to Find the Information:

1. Visit the [Swim Kamloops](#) website.
2. Click **Our Club** → **Opportunities with KCS**.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select:  
“[Want to become a Swim Skills/Novice/Junior Coach with KCS?](#)”

### [Community Sport Coach Course](#) 15yrs+

Course #1 - May 7, 2026 @ 7:30-9pm, May 8, 2026 @ 7:30-9pm, May 9, 2026 @ 12-5pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

Course #2 - May 30, 2026 @ 12-4pm, May 31, 2026 @ 9-1pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

Course #3 - June 27, 2026 @ 12-4pm, June 28, 2026 @ 9-1pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

Course #4 - Aug 10, 2026 @ 4-8pm, Aug 11, 2026 @ 4-8pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

Course #5 - Aug 17, 2026 @ 3-7pm, Aug 18, 2026 @ 3-7pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

### [Swimming 101 Course](#) 16yrs+

Course #1 - April 25, 2026 @ 12-6pm, April 26, 2026 @ 9-3pm, virtual, cost - \$350.00

Course #2 - May 21, 2026 @ 6-9pm, May 22, 2026 @ 6-9pm, May 23, 2026 @ 12-6pm, virtual - cost \$350.00

Course #3 - June 9, 10, 11 @ 7-9pm, June 13 @ 12-3pm, June 14 @ 9-12pm, virtual - cost \$350.00

NEW! [Making Ethical Decisions \(Home study Course\)](#) 16yrs+ - self-paced (120 mins) cost \$85.00 - available through [thelocker.coach.ca](http://thelocker.coach.ca)

**Interested in receiving High School Credit for your swimmer's role as an official, athlete or coach?**

Click the link to check out what you need to do:

<https://swimbc.ca/swimmers/high-school-credit-letter/>

## OUR CLUB CULTURE IN ACTION

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A quick reminder to parents to please not come on the pool deck and interrupt during KCS practices. We understand that families may need to come on deck to walk between the upper level spectating area and the changerooms/ lower spectating area, but it is important that you do not approach groups (coaches and swimmers) during practices as it is a disruption to the group.

Should you need to communicate a unique request (leaving early/arriving late) please send your swimmers coach an email/communication. If you have a question or concern regarding your swimmer, please contact your swimmers coach and they would be happy to arrange a time to speak with you. Parents collecting their swimmers from Swim Skills lessons following their practice is totally acceptable.

**LET'S GO KCS!!!**



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