

TEAM SOPRIS

2024-2025 Membership & Fee Information

Team Sopris is a self-sustaining, parent run, not-for-profit organization. The Sopris Board of Directors is responsible for the financial soundness of the team. It is only through prudent management of our resources, and a clear understanding of the following financial obligations and procedures by each family, that the team will be able to continue to provide a quality program for current and future swimmers. The annual fees and payment plans are outlined below, as are the team policies regarding financial matters. For billing questions email coachsteve@teamsopris.org.

MEMBERSHIP

Team Sopris agrees to provide a membership from September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025, for 12 months.

USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION

All swimmers are required to be a registered member of USA Swimming. This registration is separate from the Team Sopris Registration and coincides with the calendar year. Each swimmer's registration and payment of fees will take place directly with USA swimming during the registration process. This registration is required to be completed prior to a swimmer starting practices. The total annual registration fee is to USA Swimming for the 2024-2025 season follows (fees subject to change):

- Premium Athlete \$98.00 - APT required for athletes ages 13 & Over (**Recommended**)
- Flex Athlete \$30.00 - 12 & under; limits competition to a max. of 2 meets below Championship level
- Outreach Athlete \$5.00 - Application available on USA swimming website.

TEAM SOPRIS REGISTRATION

All swimmers are required to be a registered member of Team Sopris. This registration is in addition to the above registration with USA Swimming. Each swimmer's registration with Team Sopris is required to be completed in the coaches assigned practice group prior to the swimmer starting practices. The annual Team Sopris registration fee is **\$75.00** which includes a team shirt, 2 team caps and a 1/100 share of the annual City of Glenwood Springs imposed \$2,500.00 pool usage fee.

USMS REGISTRATION

All Masters Swimmers are required to be a registered member of USMS and Team Sopris. Registration with USMS should be completed directly with USMS on their Website. The total registration fee to USMS is \$70.00 for 2024-2025 season. Registration link: <https://www.usms.org/join-usms/join-or-renew>

TEAM SOPRIS MEMBERSHIP DUES

Team Sopris Annual Membership Dues are based on the ability level of swimmer as determined by the coach. Please see **Swim Groups** on the website for a details of these groups. The chart below shows the annual fee for each group followed by a discounted annual fee which is applied if the one-time annual payment is chosen.

<u>Group</u>	<u>2024-2025 Fees (and annually paid discount)</u>
• Masters Swimming (Masters)	\$572 discounted to \$515
• Adaptive Group (AD)	\$462 discounted to \$416
• Discovery Group (DG):	\$814 discounted to \$733
• Challenge Group (CG):	\$1,034 discounted to \$931
• CUDA Group (CUDA):	\$1309 discounted to \$1,178
• Black Fin Junior Group (JR):	\$1507 discounted to \$1,356
• Senior Group (SR):	\$1551 discounted to \$1,396

GLENWOOD SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER

To participate with Team Sopris, swimmers will be responsible for being members of the Glenwood Springs Community Center. Membership information can be located on the Community Center web site or by visiting the front desk

PAYMENT PLANS

Families will be able to choose from one of the following two payment plans to pay their annual membership dues (excluding the one-time registration fee and the Active Processing Fee, as that is required to be paid in full before the swimmer is allowed to participate)

Monthly Payment Plan: The one-time Registration Fee and the ACTIVE Processing Fee are due at registration. We take a break in August and therefore only require 11 monthly payments to be made starting in September and ending with the July payment. The Monthly payment plan does not include a payment discount.

NOTE: If you choose to do a monthly payment plan, your first monthly payment will also include the REGISTRATION FEE per swimmer as described above.

GROUP	MONTHLY PAYMENT:
Masters'	\$52
Adaptive	\$42
Discovery	\$74
Challenge	\$94
CUDA	\$119
JR Black Fin	\$137
SR	\$141

Payment in Full: There will be no pro-rations or refunds for annual payments except in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Board of Directors. See above in the MEMBERSHIP DUES section for the annual dues for each group. **NOTE:** You will also need to include the SOPRIS REGISTRATION FEE (as described above) with your one-time annual payment.

FAMILY DISCOUNT

Families will receive a 10% discount on their Membership Dues for each child registered after the first child. Discounts will be reduced off the lowest group level. Families will be billed under one account unless otherwise requested. **[ALL siblings must be registered at the same time to receive a discount.](#)**

OFFICIATING and COACHING DISCOUNT

USA Swimming Officials and Coaches will be eligible for the following discounted swim team fees:

Waiver of all entry fees for swimmers who have a parent officiating at Team Sopris Home meets.

- Stroke & Turn: 20% first swimmer, 10% all others in family
- Starter: 40% first swimmer, 10% all others in family
- Referee: 60% first swimmer, 10% all others in family
- Meet Referee: 100% first swimmer, 10% others in family
- JR/SR Coach: 60% first swimmer, 10% others in family
- Age Group Coach: 40% first swimmer, 10% all others in family

Parents MUST contact coachsteve@teamsopris.org for coupon code prior to registering.

For Officials, a minimum of twenty-six sessions (in eight separate meets) must be worked to receive a discount. For more information on becoming an official, please visit [the Officials' Page of the CSI website.](https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/wzcolsc/page/officials-corner)
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available. **Applications for Scholarships/Grants must be turned in prior to registering your swimmer to receive a coupon code.** The Scholarships/Grants are limited to the availability of funds, and are awarded on a first come, first served basis. A renewal application must be completed for each year. The Scholarship application can be found on the team website at teamsopris.org/registration.

SWIM MEET FEES

Team Sopris swimmers will be eligible to swim in a variety of competitive meets. Meet registration fees and event fees vary from meet to meet and can be located on each meet invite. A \$15 travel fee for all meets outside of the Roaring Fork Valley will also be added to the total of the meet fees to help cover coaching expenses, excluding Aspen/Eagle County meets which are \$5/swimmer. Meet fees will be charged to the swimmer's account following the swim meet. There are no refunds for a swimmer who enters a meet and then does not attend the meet.

Fees for in state travel trips and in state championship meets, (non-West Slope) and out of state championship or other qualifying meets, will be determined as follows:

- Swim meet in which six or more swimmers are attending: Team Sopris will pay all coaching expenses (not including the swimmer travel fee).
- Swim meets in which less than six swimmers are attending: Team Sopris will pay for 25% of the coaches' fees and reimbursements, the remainder will be split by the swimmers attending (not including the swimmer travel fee).
- To make all championship meets more affordable, with the goal of not limiting any swimmer financially in attending travel, championship or qualifying meets the following know funding is summarized below.
- Please see the Team Sopris Scholarship/Grand assistance program for help with these expenses.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

- **Team Sopris reimbursement fund**

A Travel Fund has been established for Team Sopris swimmers to access for all Championship/Qualification and swim-meets outside of the Western Slope. Each year the BOD will choose the meets that are available for reimbursement. The BOD will consider - Meet type, number of swimmers attending and meet level, prior reimbursement requests and funds available.

WSL league travel reimbursement fund

- Zone meets and higher, max \$50 per event or \$200
- Application is available from the Western Slope League Website
- **Colorado Swimming**
 - Reimbursement for Swimmer expenses
 - Reimbursement for Coach expenses
 - Emails to attending swimmers and coaches are sent out annually for qualified meets. Coach and family must submit reimbursement information to Colorado swimming.
 - Coaches should apply for all reimbursements possible, and any funds received should be applied to the travel fund or returned to families attending those meets on a prorated basis.

The Team Sopris website has copies of all reimbursement forms.

FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT

Swimmers will be required to participate in all Team Sopris fundraising events and raise the minimum amounts listed below each year. Swimmers that swim 5 months or less during the swim calendar year will be required to raise \$100. There are no fundraising requirements for first year swimmers that join May-July. If a swimmer does not meet the required amount by August 1st, their account will be charged the difference. Please see the [fundraising tab](#) on the website for this year's fundraisers.

- **\$200 Per family per year**

VOLUNTEER POLICY

Since Team Sopris is a volunteer, not-for-profit, parent-run organization, we cannot operate without parental involvement, so the following is vital to the success of the team. Each family will be required to volunteer their time based on the requirements listed below. Requirements are based on the highest-level swimmer for families with more than one swimmer. All points must be tracked through the Active.com team site. Volunteer points remaining from the Season Requirements at the end of the year will be billed at a rate of \$25/point on August 1st. Volunteer points remaining for the Meet Support Requirements at the end of the year will be billed at a rate of \$50/point on August 1st. Please see the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) tab for a list of the committees. Swimmers that swim 5 months or less during the calendar year will be required to complete 50% of the volunteer hours listed below. There are no volunteer requirements for first year swimmers that join May-July.

Volunteer Buyout Fee: You can opt to pay a one-time Volunteer Buyout Fee of \$350 which will exclude you from participating in fundraising volunteer opportunities. This fee, however, does **NOT** exclude you from volunteering at home swim meets.

GROUP	SEASON REQ. *	MEET SUPPORT REQ. **	
Discovery	4 Points (\$100)	4 Points (\$200)	\$300
Adaptive	2 Points (\$100)	2 Points (\$100)	\$200
Challenge	5 Points (\$125)	4 Points (\$200)	\$325
CUDA	7 Points (\$175)	4 Points (\$200)	\$375
JR	8 Points (\$200)	4 Points (\$200)	\$400
SR	9 Points (\$225)	4 Points (\$200)	\$425

* Season Requirement: 1 point = Anything from 1 point for baking cupcakes to 3 points for working at the at a Team sponsored fundraiser.

** Meet Support Requirement: 1 point = 1 session worked at a home meet

MEET SUPPORT

Our team hosts swim meets during the season to give our swimmers the opportunity to swim close to home. Each family must work 1-2 sessions at each meet hosted by Team Sopris and donate an item for hospitality. Families may also be asked to time or provide other meet support at away meets if required by the hosting team. If you paid the Volunteer Buyout Fee, it does not exclude you from volunteering at our home meets.

CHANGING GROUPS

In the event the coach recommends a swimmer be moved up to a higher level during the season, the family will be notified. Monthly fees for the remainder of the agreement will be based on the higher group rate.

PARTICIPATION

To ensure the best development and performance, swimmers in our club are expected to commit to a specific number of weekly practice sessions and swim meets. For the Discovery and Challenge groups, swimmers are required to attend 2-3 practices per week. Those in the CUDA group are required to attend 3-4 practices per week. The JR/SR group members are expected to attend 4-5 practices per week. Additionally, all team members are required to participate in both home swim meets, and the Western Slope Championship meet. This commitment helps foster team spirit, improve skills, and ensure readiness for competitive events. 🏊‍♂️💪
If you have any questions or need further clarification, feel free to reach out!

PRORATING

Families who join after the September registration period will pay the entire registration fee plus monthly membership fees starting with the first month their swimmer starts with the team and continuing until the August payment has been made.

HOLDING FEE

Families have the option to put their membership on hold by paying a holding fee equal to 20% of the monthly dues which will be charged for each month on hold. Written or email notification must be provided 30 days prior to the intended hold date. Upon return, the annual membership will again be invoiced for the balance of the year. If you opt to not pay the holding fee your membership will be canceled, and you will be required to re-register upon your return. Developmental groups are not subject to the holding fee.

RESIGNATIONS

Families must submit a written or email notification of resignation 30 days prior to intended date of resignation. The family will be responsible for any unpaid balances owed at the time of resignation. Families of new swimmers may cancel their membership at the end of two weeks if they decide not to continue and receive a 50% refund of the registration fee paid. Written request for refund must be submitted by the last day of the two-week trial period.

MONTHLY BILLING

Families are required to set up an online account with Active to register their swimmers. Since all billing is done through Active, families are also required to enter either a checking account or credit card at the time of registration. Payments for membership dues, meet fees and any other fees incurred will be taken out automatically each month. The initial payment is due at the time of registration. If your check is returned due to insufficient funds, you will be charged for any expenses incurred by the team in addition to a \$30 returned check fee. Should collections actions on your account become necessary, you will be responsible for all costs associated with collections actions, to include court costs and/or legal fees. All funds owed to Sopris Barracuda Swim Team from the previous swimming year must be paid in full before the swimmer is allowed to participate in the new swimming year.

POOL CLOSURES

Team Sopris is subject to any pool closures the Glenwood Springs Community Center might have.