

## WOODSIDE NIPPERS CALENDAR 2023/24

Month	Date	Event	Age Group / Who
November	5 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers First Meet	U10's Canteen/Set up
	12th	Nippers Meet	U11's Canteen/Set up
		Nipper Rescue certificate 7am	Nipper Parents and Carers
	18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	GSLSC Community Sundowner	Social Committee, Everyone Patrol
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet	U12's Canteen/Set up
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet Points Day #1	U13's Canteen/Set up
December	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Champion Bay Carnival Points Day #2	All Nippers
	7 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Christmas on the Terrace	Youth Fundraiser - Burger Stall
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet	U6's Canteen/Set up
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet Christmas Fun Day	No Canteen
	24 / 31st	Christmas Eve / New Years Eve	No Nippers
January	7 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet (Voluntary)	Voluntary Canteen/Set up
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet	U7's Canteen/Set up
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Nippers Meet	U8's Canteen/Set up
	26-27th	2024 SunSmart WA Country Carnival	All Ages
	26 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Little Nippers 10.30am Country Carnival Beach Events 12.30pm	Little Nippers Comp U8 / U9 Country Carnival U10's and over
	26 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Country Carnival Sundowner	Everyone to assist! TBC
	27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Country Carnival Ocean events 7.30am	U10's and over
	27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Hawaiian Night Party	5.30pm till late, TBC
February	4 <sup>th</sup>	Midwest State Qualifier Carnival Champion Bay <b>Points Day #3</b>	All Nippers
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet	U9's Canteen/Set up
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet. Nippers Ironman	U10's Canteen/Set up
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Meal and Movie Night	Social Committee
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet. Points Day #4	U11's Canteen/Set up
		WA Little Nipper States	U8-9's selected from qualifier
March	2nd	WA Nipper States Sorrento BEACH	U10-13's selected from qualifier
	3rd	WA Country Champs Sorrento No Nipper Meet Geraldton	U10's and over
	9 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	WA Nipper States Trigg Beach SURF	U10-13's selected from qualifier
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet	U12's Canteen/Set up
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet	U13's Canteen/Set up
	Saturday 23rd	GSLSC Nipper/Senior Awards Night	Social Committee
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Nippers Meet Fun Day	Last day of Nippers

## Welcome to GSLSC Woodside Nippers Season 2023/2024

The Junior committee hope you have an enjoyable, fun season in the surf.

Please arrive at **8.45am for a 9.00am** start. Go to your age group on the mural wall and sign your child in with their Age Manager. Sessions finish at 10.30am. All children need to be collected on the beach from their Age Manager and be signed out. Please remember to sign your child **IN and OUT**.

Children can only go in the water if there is enough water safety – meaning a ratio of 1:5 children. Parents need to get in the water! For U6 and U7 we need one adult/parent per child in the water.

With surf lifesaving there are opportunities for parents/caregivers to increase their own confidence and water skills too. There are three ways you can do this, all of which are free. See noticeboard for details.

- Nipper Rescue Certificate. Course to be run on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7am.
- Surf Rescue Certificate
- Bronze Medallion

**Starfish Nippers** is a program for children with special needs. GSLSC welcomes out Starfish Nippers, coaches and their families to the beach. Please make everyone welcome.

Merchandise is on sale between 8.30 - 9.00am and 10.30-11.00am each Sunday. Thanks to Woodside sponsorship every nipper gets a yellow rash vest, backpack, and hat for free. We also have long sleeve rashie for sale too.

**Beach set up and pack down/Canteen Roster -** Your child's age group will be rostered on twice in the season to set up and pack down the beach, and to run the canteen. Each group will need to work out who will do what for each roster. Please help our children by helping us in whatever capacity you can. Instructions can be found on the noticeboard, website or in the kitchen.

**Board Training** – Board training will be held on Tuesday afternoon 4pm and a Sunday morning before Nippers (to be confirmed). Boards will be available to hire for the duration of the season for training and competition purposes. See your Age Manager for more details.

**Events and Carnivals** – There are two local carnivals to be held at Champion Bay SLSC this year, providing nippers with the chance to test their skills in a fun competitive environment. Participation is always encouraged but not mandatory. Nippers can qualify for the State Titles at the Midwest Carnival at Champion Bay on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The State Country Champs— a fun carnival bringing together regional clubs only - is in Sorrento on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2024.

**2024 SunSmart WA Country Carnival** – This year Geraldton is very excited to be hosting the 2024 SunSmart WA Country Carnival on the Australia Day long weekend. We will be host to clubs from all around the state, including Perth clubs. The carnival includes Little Nippers, Nippers, Youth and Adult sections. Putting this carnival on will require many helpers, so if you are able to assist over the weekend, please let your Age Manager know.

**Trophies/Medals** - These are awarded for Champion and Runner Up Champion Boy and Girl by receiving points for number of days attending as well as by earning points on the four points days held over the season. There is also an award for Ironman and Ironwoman.

GSLSC values our inclusive family atmosphere. Please see our Facebook page or chat with your child's Age Manager for ways to get involved. More information can be found in the Parent Guide on our website www.geraldtonslsc.com.au. Check our Facebook page for regular updates.

We look forward to seeing you on the beach!