

**Swim Team Parent Meeting  
May 12, 2011, 7:05 PM**

Attendees: Sara Faherty – President  
Patti Lopez – Vice President  
Cheryl Perrault – Secretary  
Stephanie Cheatham – Head Coach  
Anna Lisa Todd – Assistant Coach  
Jenni Waldrop - Assistant Coach  
Swim Team Parents

Welcome and Introductions by Sara Faherty

- We have a record number of swimmers for our team this year -- 151 swimmers!
- Swim team board and coaches introduced themselves.
- We have just hired our third full-time coach -- Jenni Waldrop.

Practice Schedule given by Coach Stephanie

Each group will have dry land practice (a time of stretching outside the fence by a coach) as well as time in the water. We have always done dry land poolside, but due to the number of swimmers, it is necessary that we move it to outside the fence. We offer practices 5 days a week, but the number of days you come is up to your family. For the first time, we are offering a Minnows group. This is for swimmers not quite ready to swim a lap across the pool. Once they are able to swim across the pool, they will be moved up to the Mites group. Minnows will only practice in the evenings once school gets out.

The practice schedules for before school gets out are:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Dry Land Practice</u>	<u>In The Water</u>
Minnows		4:30 - 5 PM
6 and under	4:45 - 5 PM	5 - 5:30 PM
7 and 8	5:15 - 5:30 PM	5:30 - 6:10 PM
9 and 10	6 - 6:10 PM	6:10 - 6:50 PM
11 and 12	6:40 - 6:50 PM	6:50 - 7:30 PM
13 and Up	7:10 - 7:20 PM	7:20 - 8 PM

The morning practice schedules once school gets out:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>In The Water</u>
9 to 11	7:50 - 8:40 AM
12 and Up	8:30 - 9:20 AM
7 and 8	9:10-10 AM
6 and under	10 - 10:30 AM

Monday and Thursday evening practices:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>In The Water</u>
Minnows	5 - 5:30 PM
8 and under	5:30 - 6:15 PM
9 and 10	6:15 - 7 PM
11 and up	7 - 7:45 PM

DQ Sundays

When a swimmer receives a DQ at a meet, they can come to a special practice called DQ Sundays. The coaches will work on the skill that got the swimmer DQ'd. These practices will be held on the Sunday following each meet and will be from 7 - 8 PM. The first DQ Sunday will be June 12.

Inclement Weather

If there is just rain before a meet or practice, the meet or practice will take place. If there is thunder and lightning before the meet starts, you will receive an email explaining what the plan is for the meet. If there is inclement weather during the meet, we will clear the deck and restart the meet after the lifeguards give us the all-clear.

Swimmers of the Week Award

This is given to swimmers that are outstanding for the week. They will be given a t-shirt that they can wear for the week. They will return the clean shirt at the end of the week.

### Volunteering for Meets

We ask that each family have one person who works for half of each meet. You will be signing up for these volunteer positions online on the same website that we used for the car wash. You will receive instructions for that position before the start of each meet. Please look at all the positions and ask any board member if you have any questions. If you are interesting in becoming a Strokes and Turn judge, there is a training session that CAL offers before the season starts. This is the only position that requires training ahead of time. If interested, please email Sara so she can sign you up for the class.

### Parking at Meets

If you live close, please walk to the pool on meet days. Please **do not** park on Battlecreek. You will be ticketed and possibly towed. Please do not park on people's grass. When we are hosting a meet, we leave the parking lot for the visiting team. For those that want to park in the pool parking lot for home meets, we will be raffling one parking spot at the swim-a-thon. Be sure to buy your raffle ticket the night of the swim-a-thon.

### Car Wash

We raised \$436 last Saturday. It was a lot of fun. The kids have asked if we could host another one. If we do this again, we can not do this at the Dairy Queen. It was suggested that we try to do this at Bonefish.

### Swim-a-thon

We will be having our swim-a-thon on Friday, June 3 at 8 pm. Our rain night is Saturday, June 4 at 8 pm. This is our main fundraiser that pays for the coaches salaries, equipment, etc... You should have received the pledge sheet at registration. Each swimmer can get either flat pledges for their participation or pledges for each lap. If each swimmer raises \$30, they will get a \$5 gift card to either Old Navy or Sweet Frog. If the swimmer raises \$60, they will get a gift card and a swim-a-thon t-shirt. If the swimmer raises \$90, they will get the gift card, t-shirt and an all paid day with the coaches. The coaches will pick the event for the day. Last year we went to Pocahtontas Park for swimming, a picnic, and kickball.

### Pizza Nights

We have 3 consecutive pizza nights, all on Friday nights. You can pre-order your pizzas for \$10 a piece and pay for them at the pool. We will also have full concessions those 3 Friday nights. We will be looking for volunteers to help pick up the pizzas, set-up, and concessions those evenings.

### Connor's Heroes

Chesterfield Aquatic League chooses a local charity to make a donation to at the end of each season. Connor's Heroes is a Chesterfield organization that helps children and families of children with cancer. Bayhill Pointe will be giving a flat donation at Champs. You can read more about this organization at <http://www.connorsheroes.org/>

### Apparel

If you ordered apparel at registration, you can pick it up after tonight's meeting. If you would like to place a new order, see or email Patti by Friday afternoon. We have t-shirts, sweatshirts, ball caps, visors, men's shirts, women's sleeveless t-shirt.

### Great Wolf Lodge

This is an optional activity. We have made arrangements for going to GWL at a discounted price of \$159 a night for June 30. They are offering a second night at the same rate of \$159 per night. You can have up to 6 people per room. You will need to make your room reservations directly through GWL. You will use the code that Sara will be sending out. We will also have a team dinner on Thursday night. Again, this is optional. You will turn in your dinner reservation form to us in June.

### Social Events

We will be having donuts 3 times, a pancake social, an ice cream social/Pep Rally, and our end of the season team picnic. We need a lot of volunteers for these activities. Patti will be sending out an email to let you know when you can help. The end of the year picnic will be at the pool where we have the dinner catered. Trophies and awards will also be given out that evening.

### Team Pictures

Team and individual pictures will be at 8:30 AM on June 29. Rob Nash is our team photographer and he will be taking these pictures. More details will be coming out soon about the offered packages. There will not be a practice that morning.

### Champs

We have 6 meets each season. During the meets, the swimmers are working to qualify for the end of the season meet that is for all CAL swim teams. This meet is over two days -- July 29 for 10 and under with qualifying times and July 30 for 11 and up with qualifying times. We have bronze, silver and gold swimmers. Most of our swimmers are bronze swimmers. Bronze swimmers only are swimming against other bronze swimmers. Silver swimmers swim against silver swimmers. Gold swimmers are swimming against gold swimmers. The first step to qualifying for Champs is to get a "qualify" time. You also qualify for Champs if you get a silver or gold time in an event. You will see this information on the score sheets posted at each meet.

### Team Box

We have a team box and in the box you will find a folder for each family. If a swimmer is unable to come to the practice the day after a meet, you will find their ribbons in their folder.

### Homeowner's Association Dues

All swim team families must be in good standing with the homeowners association to participate on the swim team. Please make sure all fees are current by May 23rd.

### Misc.

- Last year we fundraised for the speaker system. This year we are asking the homeowner association board if we can add a couple more speakers to the other side of the pool. Part of the funds raised this year will go towards these speakers if approved.

- We will be having Jersey Mike's and Rita's at each home meet.

No questions. Meeting adjourned.