

Swim Team Parent Meeting

May 14, 2013, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Mike Sarnecky – President

Patti Lopez – Vice President

Mieako Van Story – Secretary

Sara Faherty – Parent Rep

Kelly Chin – Parent Rep

Emily Higham – Head Coach

Swim Team Parents

Welcome and Introductions by Mike Sarnecky

- Swim team board and coaches introduced themselves.

- Practice Schedule will be the same as last year

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:

- Inclement Weather

If there is just rain before a meet or practice, the meet or practice will take place. If there is thunder and lightening 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 allclear.

- 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.

- Fundraising

Car Wash – At Bonefish on June 15th from 9:30 – 1 pm

- Swim-a-thon

We will be having our swim-a-thon on Friday, May, 31st 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 Bayhill Pointe cooler. If the swimmer raises \$60, they will get the cooler and a swim-a-thon t-shirt. If the swimmer raises \$90, they will get the cooler, t-shirt and an all paid day at a Flying Squirrels baseball game

- Pizza Nights

We have 2 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 Friday nights. We will be looking for volunteers to help pick up the pizzas, set-up, and concessions those evenings.

- AngelFish

Chesterfield Aquatic League chooses a local charity to make a donation to at the end of each season.

AngelFish is a Chesterfield organization that helps children learn to swim and their goal is to have every second grade student learn to swim in Chesterfield Country. Bayhill Pointe will be giving a flat donation at Champs.

- Apparel

If you ordered apparel at registration, it will be ready by the first practice. If you would like to place a new order, see or email Carolyn. 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 27th. 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.

- Social Events

We will be having donuts, 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 26th. 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 22 for 9-12 and under with qualifying times and July 23 for 8 and under and 13-18 year olds 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 20th.

No questions. Meeting adjourned.