



WAHOO SWIM TEAM

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To: All of our 2007 Wahoo Swim Team Parents
Subject: 2008 Wahoo Swim Team Registration Information Packet
Dated: March 24, 2008

We are now registering all returning Wahoo swimmers and their siblings (ages 5 and up as of May 1, 2008). We had a great 2007 season. The team had a very successful year both in the pool and out of the pool. With the help of all our parents we had awesome volunteers who ran speedy and efficient meets. A winning team needs and relies on teamwork both in and out of the pool.

WEBSITE: We are currently in the process of updating the team handbook. We will post the registration packet, team newsletter, important updates (ie: weather related information), anything we can think of via our website. So please be sure to visit our website at www.wahooswim.com often during the swim season.

REGISTRRTATION FORMS: Fill out the enclosed set of registration forms **ENTIRELY** (incomplete forms will not be accepted and may result in a delay with the swimmer not being allowed to practice with the team). A **Medical Release** Form **MUST** be filled out for **EACH** individual swimmer. A swimmer without a signed Medical Release Form will **NOT** be allowed to practice or participate in a meet. **THIS WILL BE ENFORCED** for the swimmers safety and the Wahoo Swim Team safety. If you need additional Medical Release Forms, please contact Peggy Van Aller by email at pvanaller@msn.com or download the form from our website www.wahooswim.com (photocopies are allowed).

HASSLE-FREE REGISTRATING BY MAILING US YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS!

To avoid the long lines on Registration day, which is set for Saturday, April 5th, from 11am-2pm (at the Harris County Mud Building, located on Pilgrims Point Drive, just south of Bay Area Blvd), and **to avoid** being **assessed a late fee** (see **"Late Registration and Fees"** below), please use the option of mailing in the enclosed registration forms packet to our new Post Office Box.

Mail to:
Wahoo Swim Team Registration
P.O. Box 842
Friendswood, TX 77549-0842

POST-DATE YOUR CHECK! We are also allowing you the option when you mail your registration of **post-dating your checks to April 5th** (we will wait to deposit all the checks after Registration on April 5th.)

REGISTRATION FEES:

The Registration fees have changed slightly. The main thing your board decided to do to continue to **eliminate the Fundraising/Buyout option** (although check out the Sponsor info below). We still include a team t-shirt, daily instruction, end-of-season trophy, etc. In addition, we are offering a reduced rate to any High School Swimmers who are 15 or older. Their fee includes a team t-shirt and a trophy.

1 st swimmer	\$125.00
2 nd swimmer	\$100.00
Family Maximum	\$250.00
H.S. swimmer (15- 18 yrs old)	\$ 25.00

LATE REGISTRATION AND FEES:

It is important to our swim team board volunteers and, more importantly, to our coaching staff to ensure adequate staffing on the first day of swim practice that we know how many swimmers to expect on May 12. We have a **late registration fee if not registered by April 5, 2008 (envelopes must be postmarked by April 4, 2008, if mailed)**.

Full fees **plus a \$15.00 (1st swimmer) late registration fee starting on April 6, 2008** are required for late registrants (**\$15.00 for 2nd swimmer and \$30.00 for family maximum**).

Age group sizes may be limited. If space is available in their age group, swimmers may register late, even after the regular season meet have begun. However, CCSL rules require swimmers to register by Monday preceding a Saturday swim meet to be eligible to compete in the swim meet.

IMPORTANT TEAM POLICIES

- **Refund Policy** – As of May 12, 2008, if you decide not to swim with us, you will be refunded 50% of your registration fee. In cases with Board approved extenuating circumstances (i.e. a transfer, long term illness, or injury) a full refund minus a \$15 administration fee will be given. A full refund will be given to any swimmer who does not pass the initial time trials held the first week of practice.
- **Attire** - Team t-shirts will be provided for all swimmers. Team swimsuits are encouraged and can be purchased from a A-Gleam Swim Shop (Webster), who will be selling them at the parent meeting on May 2nd. Swimmers may wear any of the suits from previous years during swim meets. Parents may also purchase team t-shirts for \$10.00 each (sizes Adult Small – Adult XLarge).
- **Volunteers** – Every family is responsible for volunteering **at least 4** shifts (each shift is half a swim meet). The Volunteer Coordinator will assign shifts for all families, be sure to turn in your volunteer form so she knows which areas you prefer.
- **No Shows** – We are a competitive summer swim team so please only register your swimmers if they are able to attend at least 3 of the 5 regular season swim meets. Our team's division is dependent upon the size of the team. If we have 30 no shows for 3 or more meets, that hurts our team by the size of the teams we have to swim against.

HANDBOOKS

Team handbooks will be available for review at our webpage (www.wahooswim.com). If you do not have access to a computer, please let us know and we will be sure you receive a copy. These handbooks contain answers to most of your questions, so please be sure to read it thoroughly.

SPONSORS

Get a Sponsor and save money on registration! Every \$100.00 in sponsorship monies will result in a \$25.00 refund of paid, registration fees

In 2007, many of you obtained one or more business sponsors, which enabled the team to eliminate the fundraising fee this year. We would like to continue this so we are encouraging all swimmer families to find at least one sponsor. Solicit businesses that you frequent including insurance companies, doctor, dentist, nail salon, cleaners, banks etc. Please note, as of this year **the team is 501C tax-exempt organization** so each sponsor will receive a tax receipt.

Sponsorship dollars pay for new team equipment (i.e. tents, stop watches, starting system, etc) and help offset higher registration fees. We have different levels of sponsorship available. Sponsorships provide sponsor names on the back of our team T-shirt, sponsor names on our website and announcements at our home meets. You benefit by every \$100.00 in sponsorship monies will result in a \$25.00 refund of paid, registration fees.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 2nd – 6:30pm **Mandatory** Parents Meeting @ Heritage Park Baptist Church (on FM 528 just east of Kroger's).
- May 12th – After school practice begins. We use the Heritage Park Terrace pool.
- June 9th – Morning practice begins. We use the Heritage Park Terrace pool. We will be in the water at every practice.
- Meets – Begin mid-May and continue through the end of the month of June. Please try to plan your vacations after June (or after July 2nd, for those who qualify to swim in the Championship Series).
- June 23rd – Possible date for End-of-Season Party. Location and exact date to be determined by the start of swim season.

Dates are subject to change. There will be a clinic week before practice begins for all new swimmers. For all the details attend the Parents Meeting on May 2nd @ 6:30pm.

If you have any questions regarding any of our Registration information, please contact either our team President, Wanda Njaa at CoachWanda@comcast.net or contact our 1st VP – Registration, Peggy Van Aller by email at pvanaller007@msn.com.

We look forward to another great season!

Sincerely,

Peggy Van Aller
1st VP - Registration