

# **Wahoo Swim Team**

## *Fastest Swimmer in the Sea!*

Newsletter #4 Week of June 12 - June 18, 2006

### Coach's CORNER

I encourage your comments and questions, and commitment to the betterment of ALL our swimmer's experiences. At practice I need to keep my focus on coaching, but please feel free to contact me anytime by email at [rickbarker07@hotmail.com](mailto:rickbarker07@hotmail.com)

### PICTURES

If you did not pick up your swimmer's pictures at the last meet, check with Suzette or Trenia. Please call Suzette (281) 316-0781 if you have any questions. There is a number in your packet if there is a problem with your order.

### THIS WEEK'S MEET

**Host Team:** Timbercove Dolphins

**Location:** 1000 Shorewood

We will be setting up outside so everybody bring your tent. If you have 2 bring one for a friend. Parking will be along the street, please be considerate to others by not blocking driveways.

**Time:** Swimmers arrive before 7am. Check in with your coach for event numbers. At 7:30am any swimmer that has not checked in will be scratched from the day's events. The meet will begin at 8 am

#### **\*\*\*PRACTICE TIMES AT CLEAR BROOK HIGH SCHOOL\*\*\***

11 & Up - 8:45 - 10AM

9 - 10 yr - 9:45 - 11AM

8 & Under - 11 - Noon

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Please note your volunteer assignment on our website. If you have any questions, contact Suzette Amos, our volunteer coordinator, at 218-316-0781. Check in with Suzette upon arriving at the meet for your badge. Please return all name tags to Suzette at the end of your shift

The Timer's meeting and Stroke and Turn judge's meeting are usually held at 7:30 just before the meet begins. Please plan to attend if you will be participating in one of these capacities.

*Check our website for your assignment.* [www.wahooswim.com](http://www.wahooswim.com) if you have any questions, you may contact Suzette Amos, our volunteer coordinator, at 218-316-0781.

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Also, please remember that we are asking to have name tags returned at the end of each meet.

### **Comments from Suzette Amos:**

Wahoo Volunteers, once again you did a GREAT JOB! on Saturday! Thanks for all of your efforts! I know that all the kids appreciate your volunteerism. We had a great meet, even if it was REALLY hot and sticky.

Please remember that the Volunteer Schedule that comes out on Wednesday is only a ROUGH DRAFT. The FINAL Volunteer Schedule comes out on Friday. Please let me know if you will not be able to do your assignment BEFORE Friday! On Saturday, I am counting on you being there and so are all of the other volunteers, especially if you are a 2nd half replacement.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEET**

Here are some items that you should be sure to bring to this meet (and to all meets this season) Swim gear (towels, cap, and goggles), sunscreen, chairs, blankets, pillows, coolers, **insect repellent**, water to drink, healthy snacks, umbrella or canopy for shade, games or books to pass time between events. And always bring Team Spirit, Good Sportsmanship, and Patience!

**A safety reminder;** Lock your car and do not leave any valuables in plain sight.  
**PLEASE KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES. REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO A BOARD MEMBER.**

### **IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND**

If you are unable to attend a meet, here's what you need to know:

1. At every practice, there will be a notebook, labeled "coaches book." If you will be unable to attend, you must sign this book **NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MEET. Please sign on the sheet that has the date of meet you are going to miss.**
2. If you do not sign the Coaches Book, you must contact Delome Fair at either 713-248-0361 or 281-992-1577 no later than Tuesday. Entries require a lot of time to prepare and must be exchanged with opposing team no later than Thursday, which means, clerks must prepare entries Wednesday evening.
3. If your child wakes up sick meet day or you are running late and can not check in at 7 am you must call Delome. Swimmers not notifying clerk or who show up for a meet after 7:30 am **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SWIM** the current meet.

### **CONCESSIONS**

We will have breakfast and lunch concession available. All proceeds support their team.

### **SPIRIT MERCHANDISE**

We **will not** be selling spirit items at the away meets. If you want any spirit items, please leave an order form in the **Spirit Merchandise Orders** file folder (we will collect from you when you receive your order) and we will see that you get your item in the soonest time possible.

### ***SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT BY PURCHASING ANY OF THESE ITEMS!***

**TEAM T-SHIRTS:** We have the following sizes available for sale at \$10.00 each:

4 - Child Small  
4 - Child Large

5 - Adult Small  
4 - Adult Medium

**TEAM HATS & VISORS** – \$10.00 each. Down to our **last dozen** of each.

**GIRLS CHEER RED SHORTS:** \$10.00 each. Available in the following sizes:

8 – Girls Large

2 – Women's Large

**MEN'S WHITE POLO SHIRT:** We have **one (1)** men's XL available. Cost is \$22.00.

**WOMEN'S SLEEVELESS WHITE POLO SHIRT:** We have **one (1)** women's Large available. Cost is \$22.00.

**WAHOO 32oz SPIRIT MUGS:** We are down to our last dozen to go around. Cost is \$10.00 each. If you purchase one at the concession stand at our June 24<sup>th</sup> meet, you will get a free drink!

**SWIM CAPS:** \$5.00 each. Down to our **last 4** available.

*TEAM SWIM BAGS have completely sold out.*

*GOGGLES: We have completely **sold out** of goggles.*

### **SWIMMER RESULTS POSTED ON WEBSITE**

As previously stated, this year, we will be communicating swim meet results (times only) on our team website this year. To protect the privacy of the swimmers, we will list them only by an identification number. An index card has been placed in each child's ribbon envelope that tells you the identification number for your swimmer. If you don't wish your child's information to be listed on the website, please email DeLome Fair at [fairj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairj@sbcglobal.net). The times are also listed on the back of the ribbons your child receives for each meet.

We will add the results for each meet in a new column so the children can watch their times improve over the season!

### **NAMES ON RIBBONS**

If your child's name is misspelled on the meet stickers or the ribbons, please send me an email to [fairj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairj@sbcglobal.net) with the correct spelling. Also, if your child goes by a nickname or middle name, please let me know and I can enter this in the computer as well.

### **BOARD AND CHAIRMAN POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Parents, it is hard to believe that the season has only three weeks left. Soon we'll be passing out awards and having fun at the season end picnic.

This year was brought to you by:

**Peggy Van Aller** - V.P. register, merchandise sales, all things organized

**Monica Eaton** - Secretary, newsletter editor, communicator, Set up Clean up person

**Cindy Carlin** - Treasurer, Clerk assistant

**Suzette Amos** - Volunteer Queen, League Representative, temporary Secretary (July - January), League's best announcer

**Steve Bowen** - League Representative - "Head Official" (he did not know this was his official capacity) and Starter

**Kelly Moody** - web designer/master who really got our web site and sponsor program up and running through many solicitations, kept the team informed via our web site

Trenia Fincher - assistant merchandise sales, Head Ribbon Writer, supported the board during practice

Your President thanks you all for making my job extremely easy. All the glory goes to you

## **WANT TO BE PART OF THIS EXCITING TEAM WHO MAKE A SPLASH?**

This fame is up for grabs for those who believe in our mission and want to see the Wahoo Swim Team continue into year 15

therefore we are asking that many of you consider running for a position on 2006-2007 Wahoo Swim Board

The nominating committee will be contacting you via email or you can contact Crissie Chenette <[crissiechenette@yahoo.com](mailto:crissiechenette@yahoo.com)> Please respond.

The elected positions which will be filled at our year end picnic are

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

two league representatives which are not elected

Other positions available are

Volunteer Coordinator (Suzette has a sweet design for this position)

Head Timer (Ken has a manual and is willing to train)

Assistant Timer

Head Official

Team Representative

Swim suits/spirit wear

New blood brings new ideas which will only make this team better

If you have any questions, please consult our handbook and by-laws

To keep this team going it needs volunteers who are willing to lead.

Without our team the only swim team option in this area is Friendswood (FAST)

which is the largest team in the league. Please consider this opportunity. Our children count on you.

Sincerely

Pat Barickman

## EAR CARE

As a reminder, please do take care of your kids' ears!! It is so easy to do – but so easy to forget, or think “it won't happen to us.” It is really sad to have to miss a meet, or swim with a painful ear. As we all know, it is the season for ear infections. Here is a little helpful hint to prevent your child from suffering from what we call **Swimmers Ear**.

My pediatrician has also recommended using a hair dryer on low heat to dry out ears, which may be preferable to your kids. Check with your pediatrician if you have any questions, or if you think that your swimmer already has Swimmers Ear.