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Dolphin LaneLines

Coaches Corner

Round Rock Dolphin Swim Team
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After a slow start because of some technical difficulties, we had a great practice meet last Friday night. Many swimmers made it across the pool for the first time and many other returning Dolphins came up to me to tell me they had already gone best times! We ended the night with some fun at the pool and it looked like every one had a great time. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Memorial Day weekend and is ready for the start of our summer season. After watching the practice meet I know that the Dolphins will be the most spirited and competitive team out there.

Our first meet is this weekend against Georgetown. They are probably the toughest team that we will face this season, so let's practice hard this week and have a great showing on Saturday. The more swimmers that we have attending the better, so please sign up for the meet. Speaking of meet sign-ups, the sign-up sheet for this weekend was set out last Friday and will remain out until the end of practice Wednesday. Sign-up sheets are attached to the age group clip boards in the blue crate near the pool's entrance. Simply place an "X" for up to three individual events in which your swimmer would like to compete. Relays will be determined by the coaching staff, so please mark the relay column with a "NO" only if your child does not want to swim in a relay. **Normally you will have until the Tuesday before a meet to choose your events, but because we were off on Monday, there will be one extra day this week to sign up.** If you have already signed up for the season and forgot to choose your events for a particular meet, your swimmer will still be entered in the meet - the events will be chosen for them.

Morning practice!!! Starting next week, we will be switching to our morning practice times. Swimmers ages 4-12 have until Wednesday to select which morning practice they would like to attend.

Please place a "1" next to your child's name on the meet sign up sheets for the 8-9 practice and a "2" for the 9-10 practice. Sorry 13 and Ups, but your practice is bright and early at 6:30 AM. Every effort will be made to get you into the practice you selected. Please come to the practice that you are assigned as this will reduce overcrowding of the lanes.

Last but definitely not least . . . I hate to end this column on a down note, but as many of you may have heard at the practice meet, we are in desperate need of volunteers this season. This is the first season that I have had to make a plea for volunteers. The Dolphin Swim Team is a parent-run organization that does not function without the help of everyone. Part of the requirement of being on the Dolphin Swim Team is that parents will volunteer their time to help run the meets. We barely had enough volunteers to run the practice meet last Friday and are facing the same situation against Georgetown this weekend. If you have not already signed up for your volunteer slots, or if you have signed up for a position but have not heard from anyone please call Melissa Kelley (our Volunteer Coordinator) as soon as possible, her phone number is 255-8288. We cannot have the same people continue to step up to run the meets. In order to have a successful season, every team member needs to fulfill their obligation. If this does not happen, the result will be cancellation of meets. We will not travel to or host meets unless we have enough volunteers to cover every position. This may sound harsh but it is the reality that we are facing. Unfortunately, the ones that will be affected by this are the children that work so hard and look forward to swimming in meets every week.

Coach Tom

Swim Schedule (5/27-5/30):

Practice –All Swimmers
8 & under 4:30-5:15 PM
9-12 5:15 -6:00 PM
13-17 6:00 -7:00 PM

Morning Practice Begins June 2

Be sure to sign up for morning practice times. Sign up sheets are located in the blue crate next to the family files. Ages 4-12 there are two times

“1” 8:00am-9:00am
“2” 9:00am-10:00am

There will be an Officials Training on Thursday, this week, May 29, 6:30 pm, at the Anderson Mill Pool for all those who might have missed the training at Balcones CC or their own team's training.

Please RSVP to Dorothy Palmore, palmore@swbell.net

There will be a Starter Training directly afterwards (approx 7:30pm).



Individual & Age Group pictures will be taken on Tuesday June 17th. Team Photos will be taken during the break at the June 21st Home meet.

Schlitterbahn Team Trip– Watch for more information in your family files.

Swim Team Night at the Round Rock

Express– Monday, June 16th watch your family files for more information.

Dolphin Swim Team Skating Party & Fundraiser

Thursday, June 5, 2008
6pm-8pm Round Rock Roller Rink. Watch your family files for more information.



FAMILY FILES

Please check and make sure you have a family file... if not please contact Vicki Schaefer at victoriaschaefer@sbcglobal.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri-	5/30	Fun Friday
Sat	5/31	Dual Meet Away at Georgetown
Mon	6/2	First day of morning practice
Wed	6/4	Dolph-a-thon during am practice
Thurs	6/5	Skate Night @ Round Rock Roller Rink
Fri	6/6	Fun Friday
Sat	6/7	Dual Meet Home vs. Hurricanes
Fri	6/13	Dolph-a-thon money due
Sat	6/14	Dual Meet Away at Brushy Creek
Mon	6/16	Swim team Night @ Dell Diamond
Tue	6/17	Individual & Age Group Photos during am practice
Fr	6/20	Fun Friday
Sat	6/21	Dual Meet Home vs. Forest North
Mon	6/23	Schlitterbahn Trip
Sat	6/28	Dual Meet Home vs. Well's Branch Midsummer's Night Scream
Sat	7/5	Dual Meet Home vs. Balcones
Sat	7/12	NWSC Divisional Meet at Brushy Creek
Sun	7/13	NWSC Invitational Meet at University of Texas
Tues	7/15	Dolphin Awards Ceremony & Annual Meeting

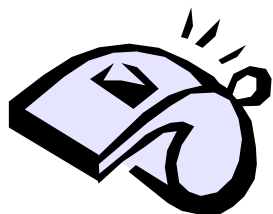


Spotlight on the Coaches

In an effort for both new and returning swimmers to get to know the coaches who will be teaching them this year we will be spotlighting a few coaches each week, for the next few weeks

COACH ASHLEY SMITH

I was born in Round Rock, Texas. I've lived here all my life. I will be attending UT Austin in the fall. My favorite food is Cheese Ravioli. My favorite movie is JUNO. My favorite book is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. I have been swimming since I was four- so fourteen years. My advice to young Dolphins would be to have fun- you do so much better when you enjoy what you're doing! I have been involved with the Dolphins for fourteen years- they were my first swim team! My favorite stroke is Freestyle. What I like best about coaching is helping everyone improve. Ten years from now I see myself working as a developmental psychologist.



COACH MIKAH WELCH

I have lived in Texas my whole life. I was born in De Soto, Texas, and I moved to Round Rock when I was seven. I attend Baylor University (aka the BEST University in the world!) Sic'em Bears! I love Mexican and Italian food. Chips and salsa and quesadillas from La Margarita are my favorite! I have a lot of favorite movies. My top three are: While You Were Sleeping, Grumpier Old Men and Casanova. I really enjoy reading, and I do not have a favorite book. I'm a fan of mysteries, and I love all of Nicholas Spark's books. I started swimming when I was 9 years old. My advice to young Dolphin swimmers would be to always have fun and do your best!! My first year on Dolphins was when I was 9 years old, so it's been ten years. My favorite stroke is freestyle. One of the things I like best about coaching is how funny the kids are and how they can always make me laugh! Ten years from now I hope to be married with a kid or two and working as a speech pathologist.



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

The silent auction committee led by Dawn Steele

This group started working on the silent auction as soon as registration was finished to gather items and get organized before our season started. They all worked the event at the meet and worked like a team; because of all they had done our auction was a big success. We can't thank you enough for all your hard work.

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- Turn **left** at **RR-2338/Williams Dr**
- Turn **right** at **Shell Rd**
- Turn **left** at **Village Commons Blvd**
- Turn **left** to stay on **Village Commons Blvd**

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