

2007 President's Newsletter #2
May 2, 2007

Hello Everyone,

Well, we have made it through the first couple of days, what a great looking bunch of swimmers. By the end of the week, the coaches will split all of the kids into their groups and we will post the practice plan for the rest of the season.

Parent's Meeting

Our Head Coach Stephanie has asked for us to convene a parents meeting on Friday. It is a week ahead of schedule, but is well timed with the Pizza night Friday after practice. We will introduce the executive and go over a few things for the season. Remember, practice on Friday for everyone will start at 5:00 pm. The practice goes until 6:30. We will meet on the bleaches in the swimming area at 5:45.

Coaches

In my last note, we hadn't hired all of our coaches. Along with Stephanie and Hilary, we have hired Audrey and Mike. Audrey is currently studying at the University of Alberta and is a member of the Panda swimming team. Mike coached with the Swordfish four years ago and has returned. Only a few of his former swimmers, Mackenzie / Courtney / Keenan are still with the club.

At our parent's meeting Friday, Stephanie will go over the duties of the each of the coaches.

Officiating

I have circulated the sign up sheet to everyone's e-mail. Clinics start next week. I am really pleased that everyone has signed up. With this much participation, the Swordfish contribute its fair share of officials to the Region swim meets.

Pool Time

The children will be split into their groups by the end of the week and the practice schedule for each group will be finalized.

SAIT pool is closed for maintenance during the last two weeks of June. The executive has decided to rent pool time at the Highwood Outdoor Pool for this period. If the weather is nice and even if it isn't, swimming outdoors will be a unique experience for the children.

Swim Calendar (Tentative)

April 14	Registration
May 1	First Practice
May 4	Parent's Meeting
May 4	First Swim Suit Order
May 9/10	Stroke and Turn Clinic
May 16	Level 1 Clinic
May 17	Level 1 Clinic
May 18	Final Swim Suit Order
May 22/23/24	Level 2 Clinics
May 25	Mini Meet
May 26	Register Team and Swimmers with ASSA
June (TBD)	Team Picture
June 18-29	Practice at Highwood Outdoor Pool

Swim Meet

We have arranged with Didsbury to combine our meets and share the organization between the clubs. Ron Jackson and Russ Mackenzie have volunteered to be Meet Managers this year. They will be visiting with everyone to ask for meet officials to ask for lunch donations. Let's make this meet the best of the year.

Swim Meets in the Region

June 2	Okotoks
June 16	High River
June 23	Didsbury / Swordfish at Didsbury
July 7	Innisfail
July 14	Calgary Tritons
July 21	Hanna Seals
July 27/28	Canmore
August 11/12	Region E Finals
August 18/19	ASSA Provincials

Social Calendar (Tentative)

Colleen Brown and Heidi Stauffer-Hill have been working hard to get us organized. They are planning an event every two weeks throughout the summer. These events are great opportunities for us to get to know each other better. I hope that everyone can participate. Colleen and Heidi will provide updates on their own about upcoming events.

May 4	Pizza Night
May 27	Movie Morning
June 7	Swordfish Swim Meet Prep Party
June 15	Popsicle Night
June 16	Potluck lunch at High River Swim Meet
July 3	Breakfast with the Coaches
July 12	Weiner Roast at Bowness Park
July 17	Mini Golf
July 24	Movie Afternoon
August 1	Team Dinner prior to Regionals
September 23	Annual General Meeting

Swim Suits

Carmen Knudsen will have the sizing suits at practice on Friday. This is the last opportunity you will have to size your children in team suits. We will place an order right away and a second order later in the month. The second order will be placed without the benefit of trying on a suit for size.

Questions?

I hope the above gives you the basic information you need about the upcoming season. If you have any further questions, please drop me a note at 'president@calgaryswordfish.com'

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