



2009 Smallwood Marlins Newsletter

Week of 15 June 2009



June 13th Time trials: We should be very proud of our swimmers and their efforts at the time trials. The Coaches were finally able to see what a great group of swimmers they have on the team. If the time trials are any indication of what is to follow, this should be a very exciting season. **A special thanks** to all the parents and guardians who volunteered and trained at the time trials.

On Saturday, June 20th, we have our first dual meet of the season against Roger Carter Seals (RCS) at their pool.

Reminder: *You must check off the PRESENT/ABSENT box on the swim-team board by the end of practice on the Wednesday before the meet even if you will not be able to attend the Saturday meet.* Smallwood swimmers should be at the Roger Carter pool for check-in between 7:30 and 7:40 am. Warm-ups will start at 7:50 am and the meet will begin at 8:30 am.

Directions from Smallwood to Roger Carter: Estimated Time: 1 hour 12 minutes; Estimated Distance: 58.31 miles; 3676 Fels Lane, Ellicott City, MD. From Stone Ave, turn L onto Smallwood Drive. Turn R onto Crain Hwy/US-301N. Stay straight to continue onto Branch Ave/MD-5N and travel 9.1 miles. Merge onto I-495 N towards Balt./College Park and travel 14.5 miles. Take the Balt./Wash. Pkwy N, Exit 22A towards Baltimore. Merge onto the BW Pkwy N/295 N via the left exit towards Balt./BWI and travel 10.6 miles. Merge onto MD-32 W towards Columbia and travel 7.1 miles. Merge onto US-29 N/Columbia Pike, Exit 16A towards Columbia/Town Center and travel 7.3 miles. Merge onto Baltimore National Pike/US-40 E, Exit 24A. Turn R onto Rogers Ave and stay straight to go onto Court House Drive. Turn L onto Fels Lane and the pool is on the right.

Roger Carter Meet Seeding, parents (& swimmers) check the bulletin board Friday for the events your child (or you) is seeded to swim at the meet.

Team pictures are on Friday, June 19th at 9:00am. The photographer will be there at 7:30am to take individual pictures between 7:30 and 8:45am. All remaining swimmers, including Jr. Marlins, please be at the pool no later than 8:45am as the team picture will be taken promptly at 9:00am. Jr. Marlins will have a separate group photo following the full team picture and they will be included in the Marlins team photo. Following the pictures, there will be a combined team practice from 9:30 – 10:45am. Picture order envelopes will be available soon near the swim team board. You will need separate envelopes for each swimmer when you order individual pictures. If you are taking a family photo only or purchasing a team photo only, you just need one envelope. Please wear your TEAM SUIT. If you do not have a team suit, please wear a black or red suit to match the team suit colors. Don't forget to bring your smiles and your checkbook! (The rain date is Monday, June 22.)

Eat lunch at Three Brothers in the Waldorf Marketplace (Off Rt. 228 next to Five-Below) after the Roger Carter meet and raise funds for the team! Our sponsor, Three Brothers, will write a check to the swim team for 15% of their intake from our patronage after the all the swim meets during the 2009 season! We will also hand out ribbons during lunch. When you purchase your meal, be sure to tell the cashier you are a member of the Smallwood swim team.

Upcoming Fund Raising Event: Our first SVAC fundraiser at Ledo Pizza in Waldorf is Tuesday, June 23rd from 5:00pm-9:00 pm. Come out and support our swim team! Please mark your calendars and invite your friends. Eat-In or Carry Out.

Please check the swim-team board regularly for additional information. The weekly meet and snack bar volunteer lists will be posted on the board. Please sign up for any volunteer vacancies remaining on either list.

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