



2009 Smallwood Marlins Newsletter

Week of 1 June 2009



Welcome back to all our returning swimmers and their families, and a warm welcome to all our new team members! Each week we will publish a short newsletter highlighting the previous week's events and letting you know what to expect for the current week. Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the basket located on the swim team board next to the guard office.

PMSL Official's Training: Saturday, June 06, 5:00 pm at Univ. of MD Armory. This is the only training session this year. The training will consist of Referee, Starter, Stroke and Turn, On-deck scoring, Data Manager, Clerk of Course, Timer, Head Judge, etc. Please contact Rodney Peltzer for further information regarding this training (email: rpeltzer@comcast.net or phone: 301-934-4030). For those who already signed up to car pool and any additional parents/guardians who want to attend the training, we will meet in the pool parking lot at 3:45pm.

Saturday, 13 June, we have our Time Trials here at Smallwood Pool. Each of our swimmers will be swimming to get a time in all their age-group strokes. We ask that all set-up volunteers arrive at the pool between 6:15 and 6:30am. Swimmers should be at the Smallwood pool by 7:30am. Warm-ups will begin at 7:40 and the meet will begin at 8:15am. We are having time trials against ourselves again this year. This allows for the coaches to get a time on every swimmer in every event. Also, this will allow all our parents to practice their Officiating skills. The meet will require 18 Timers, 3 Stroke and Turn judges, 2 Sweep Judges, a Team Rep, a Referee and Starter, ribbon writers, runners, an announcer, 2 snack-bar coordinators and 8 snack bar workers. We will need many Parent volunteers to run the meet. Hopefully, everyone who signed up to volunteer during registration will be able to honor his or her commitment. If not, please see our meet manager Wanda Buckley.

Reminder: You must notify the coaches, in writing, by the end of practice on the Wednesday before the meet, if you will not be able to attend the Saturday meet. Please check off the PRESENT/ABSENT box next to your child's name on the list posted on the swim-team board, Email the Head Coach [debaroth@aol.com] and she will check off the list for you. Please CC the president, rpeltzer@comcast.net. Your final option is to leave a written note in the coaches' in-box on the swim-team board.

A brief reminder for parents/guardians – parents/guardians are **not** permitted on the pool deck during meets or practice sessions. Only Officials (i.e. timers, judges, etc.) are allowed on the deck during meets. This is necessary for both safety and efficiency. During practice, the coaches have a specific agenda they are using, and parent/guardian interruption during practice affects both the individual swimmer and the whole team. I know, and appreciate, how hard it is, sometimes, to stay off the deck, but we **must resist** those temptations. Please talk to the coaches before or after the practice sessions. Thanks for your understanding. Any SVAC Board member can also answer your questions.

The "Meet the Coach" ice cream social is scheduled for Saturday, 13 June. The social will start right after time-trials. The social gives us a chance to meet the coaches, our new swim team families, and pass out some important information.

Birth certificates for your swimmer should be on file with us to verify your child's age. If you have not provided a copy of your child's birth certificate, please bring a copy to the Meet the Coach social. You will be notified shortly if we do not have your child's birth certificate.

Business Sponsorship: Please continue to acquire business sponsors. These business sponsors are our main source of fund raising. You should have received sponsorship information and forms at registration. If not, please contact President Peltzer.

Goggles, swim caps, & team hats will be available for sale at swim meets. See Trena Cohan for caps & goggles.

Check the Team Information Board!!! Please check the team information board weekly. The board is located directly in front of the Guard Shack. The weekly meet and snack bar volunteer lists will be posted on the board. Please check the lists and sign up to fill any volunteer vacancies in both lists. When important information needs to be passed on to our members, the bulletin board & Email are our best form of communication, so be sure and check them frequently.

HELP!!!! The SVAC Marlins Board of Directors desperately needs your help to fill our vacant positions. We need a Ribbons chairperson, an Entertainment chairperson, an Assistant Clerk of Course, a B-Meet manager and an Awards chairperson. Please consider helping us fill these positions. We are all volunteers and could use the extra help and support immediately.