



2009 Smallwood Marlins Newsletter

Week of 8 June 2009



A special thanks to all the parents and guardians who attended the PMSL training Saturday evening. We can all practice our newly acquired skills and knowledge at the time trials.

Morning practices begin next Monday, June 15th for all Marlins swimmers (Advanced: 7:30-9:00am, Intermediate: 9:00-10:00am, Beginner: 10:00-10:45am). If you don't know which of the three practice sessions you are in, please see Coach Debbie or Coach Lindsey and they will let you know.

Jr. Marlins morning practices begin Monday, June 15th at 10:00am for Jr. Marlins swimmers.

On Saturday, 13 June, we have our Time Trials here at the 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.

Time Trials Seeding, parents (& swimmers) check the bulletin board Friday for the events your child (or you) is seeded to swim at the time trials.

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.*

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.

Upcoming Events: Team and individual pictures on June 19th. Individual pictures will be taken between 7:30 and 8:45am and we will take the team picture promptly at 9:00am. All Jr. Marlins will be included in the full team picture at 9:00am and will have an additional Jr. Marlins only team picture taken after the full team picture at ~ 9:20am. Our first SVAC fundraiser at Ledo Pizza in Waldorf is Tuesday, June 23rd from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm. Come out and support our swim team! Please mark your calendars and invite your friends. Eat-In or Carry Out between 5 - 9pm..

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 pool during practice and leave it with one of the board members. You will be notified by Email if we do not have your child's birth certificate.

Please check the swim-team board regularly for additional information. 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.

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