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Coach: Dave Nowinski

Coach: Linda Thomson

Coach: Maria Johnston



SWIM BIZ



September 23, 2009

Just a Reminder

- New Swimmer Free Trial Period goes through 9/25/09
- Tuesday Sept 29 - no practice at Dakota
- Online Meet Signup is available for the 37th Annual Marlin Meet on Sunday Oct 11 - Entry deadline is Oct 7 - see Online Signup web page
- Meet Entry Forms are available for the BBD Fall Festival and Sunday Fun Meet on Oct 24-25. See the Meet Information page on our website

Coach's Corner

Greetings and welcome to another Marlin season. I am seeing some new faces at practice and that is always a pleasure. If you have friends or acquaintances who you think might be interested, please let them know we are always looking for new swimmers! We are looking very good in the pool and I am excited going into the season. For those returning Marlins you have probably noticed we have some changes to our staff. As said in a previous newsletter, Coaches Katie, Kevin, Alysse and Sarah are not back with us this year and we will miss them greatly. We do have two new coaches coming on board to pick up the slack. I hope you will welcome Coach Linda Thomson who is working with our freshman. Linda brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the team. You will also be seeing Coach Maria Johnston joining us soon at the Freshman practice. Coach Maria is a legendary former Marlin who is currently attending and swimming for Wayne State. We are extremely excited about the additions to our coaching staff. Coach Dave Nowinski will also be joining us at Senior practice once the girls' high school season is completed.

Before you know it we will be into our meet season. As a matter of fact, there are two sign up forms on the website right now. The first meet is the Marlin meet, which is an intersquad meet (Marlins only) that will get us into the knack of swimming a meet. Each swimmer is allowed to swim four events (first year swimmers do not have to swim four). The swimmer picks the events. Sign-up for this meet is done totally online (via the meets link in our website). You will need an id and password that was provided via the Yahoo group. Once you pick your events and hit the enter key you are all set. Please see a coach if you have questions concerning what events to enter. The second meet up for sign-up is the BBD Invitational. This is a fun Invitational that I recommend for all of our swimmers. It is a two day meet but you don't have to swim both days if you do not want to. It is extremely important that our High School boys sign up for this meet to use towards their meet requirement. If you swim both days it counts as two meets toward your 3 meet requirement. To sign up for this meet, you need to go to the meets link on the website and print out the sign-up forms. When complete, turn in the form along with a check for the entry fees and we will take care of the rest.

I have to mention our Marlin girls who are swimming for their high school teams right now. There are some amazing swims going on. Check out the Macomb Daily on Wednesday and Fridays for results. We have swimmers swimming for Chippewa Valley, Dakota, Anchor Bay, L'Anse Creuse, L'Anse Creuse North, and Fraser just to name a few.

Have a great week and please contact a coach if you have questions.

President's Column

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This week's message will be short. I am sure that is good news.

Well, it looks like summer is trying to hang on! I will hate to see it go. However, that is another great thing about the swim season; we can still wear shorts and the swimmers can enjoy the water.

Our free swimming trial period is coming to a close. The team looks forward to adding you to our ranks. It will be a tremendous year with you! It will also be a lot of fun having you aboard. As we work to build our team, if there is anyone you know that is still interested in joining and was not available to get their swimmer in the two week trial period we will extend it only for those individuals. However, please let me know who those individuals are.

This coming Sunday is our Marlin New Swimmer Parent Orientation. This will allow all new families to meet the board of directors and coaches. Parents will be able to ask questions and get acquainted with the team. We will be having pizza and beverages served after the meeting. You may bring your swimmers as they can play at the YMCA in the gym. Lastly, I encourage veteran parents to come to the orientation as you can serve as mentors and add to the fellowship.

I would like to remind you to read about the Kroger program, it is a great way to bring money to the team and also get a reduction in your dues for next year.

Effective immediately we are offering the SCRIPT program to all Marlin families. It will be similar to the Kroger program and is being offered in addition to the Kroger program. 50% (less program fees) of individual profits can be ear marked to offset swimmer dues or fundraising requirements for the 2010-2011 swim season, the other 50% (less program fees) is ear marked for the Team fund to offset team operating expenses. To sign up or get additional information regarding the SCRIPT program, contact Mary-Anne Polan at Mary-Anne.Polan@mccmh.net.

Before I close I want to say thank you to those of you that have contributed and supported the team throughout its past, Welcome back.

Until next time, Take Care, God Bless, and Enjoy our Great Swim Season.

Your President,

Ron Ross

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

On Sunday, September 27th @ 4:00 PM at the Macomb YMCA, we will be having a new parent orientation meeting. This meeting is intended for new parents who are interested in obtaining very helpful information about the Marlins Swim Team.... including fundraising, meet signup, practice, team philosophy, etc. It also gives you the opportunity to meet our Marlin Board of Directors, coaching staff, and some of our head committee chairpersons. Please mark this event on your calendar. We hope to see all of our new swim families on the 27th!!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

L'Anse Creuse North High School will be under construction for the duration of our swim season. There is no access to the pool from the lobby doors. Until further notice, swimmers attending practice sessions at LCN should use the doors at the northeast corner of the building.

Marlin Team Suit

The Marlin Team Suit for the 2009/2010 swim season is called "Solar Bliss". The suits can be purchased at Different Strokes. A team fitting is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 at the Auburn Hills Plaza store, 2743 University Drive, Auburn Hills, 48326 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (248) 377-0990.

Purchasing your suit on October 3 at the store will also entitle you to 20% off any other merchandise (goggle, caps, etc). You may also go to the Livonia or St. Clair Shores store for your fitting. However, there are other scheduled fittings at these stores on the October 3 and it may be a bit crazy.

If you know your size, the suits can be mailed. Livonia store – 248-477-0521, St. Clair Shores -586-775-7417. If you cannot make it to the scheduled fitting, don't worry, you can go anytime – you just won't receive the 20% discount on other merchandise.

Female – Super Pro Back
(Youth) size 22 – 30 are \$52.50
(Adult) size 32-40 are \$54.00
Male - Jammer
(Youth) size 22-28 are \$32.50
(Adult) size 30 – 38 are \$34.00

INCENTIVE

If you are an existing swimmer family that brings another swimming family to the team, you will receive a \$50.00 cash rebate once the new swimmer is paid in full including their Marathon fundraising obligations. If you bring in two families, you get \$100.00 and so on, no limit. Once the new family's dues are paid in full, you receive the gift.

The \$50.00 gift is for each swimming family brought to the Marlins, not each swimmer. So if you bring in three families that have a total of 5 swimmers, you receive \$150.00.



Officials Needed

As our older team members are entering their last few years as Marlins, we look to our younger swimmers and their parents to help carry on our team. We are now looking for volunteers to sign up to become officials for our meets. Please think seriously of becoming a swim official. It is a great opportunity for parents to get involved. Not only will you get to be on deck to see your kids swim, it's also a chance to have a great time and to get to know other Marlin parents.

If you are interested in becoming an official, please contact Dave Schoenegge at 586-243-5241.



The Macomb YMCA Marlins have joined an affiliate program with SwimOutlet.com. With this program, the Marlins Swim team will earn an 8% commission of all sales that are made using our personalized web link (URL). All you have to do is make sure you use one of our links (provided on our web site www.macombmarlins.com) when you make your purchases. Receive FREE shipping for purchases of \$75 or more. If your order doesn't add up to \$75, you can ask someone if they would like to make the order with you. Tell your friends and family to use www.swimoutlet.com/mym. For questions, contact Mark Victor via email at mark.victor@att.net.

Open Positions

2nd Vice President - If anyone is interested in being considered for the board position of 2nd Vice-President, please contact Mark Victor at webmaster@macombmarlins.com. The candidate will work with the current 2nd V.P. over the course of the upcoming season to help make this transition smooth and easy for you, as well as transparent to the team.

Concessions Committee Chairperson - We are in need of someone to take over as the Concessions Committee Chairperson either alone or as a co-chair with someone else. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Gray at 412-0799 or any board member listed on the front page of the Newsletter.

Advertising Chairperson - Our team is in need of an Advertising Chairperson. This position has been vacant for several years and we're looking for someone to develop the position either alone or as a co-chair with someone else. Initially, we need the chairperson to solicit ads from team members and outside advertisers for the Marlin Invitational Program. If you are interested, please contact our president, Ron Ross at 792-4708 or mrrossmym@comcast.net.



If you have not taken advantage of the Kroger fundraiser and would like to, all you have to do is register your Kroger Plus account with the Marlin Swim Team organization. To do this you will need to go to:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Click on "Michigan" - and follow the instructions to sign up.

The Macomb Marlins ID number is: 83022.

Then you and the Marlins benefit every time your Kroger Plus card is scanned at the register. As in

the past, with the Kroger Fundraiser, 50% of the money raised goes to the team, and 50% goes to YOU!! You can register your family and friend's Kroger Plus cards with Marlins too!!!

If you have any questions regarding the Kroger Fundraising program, please contact Cindy Martin via email at cswimtaxi@comcast.net

HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

We would like to recognize some of our High School swimmers who made the Macomb Daily.

Sept 17: Nicole Hranchook, Nichole Contesti, Brooke Will (LCC)

Sept 18: Shaina Kulczycki, Alyssa Kulczycki, Brianne Shock, Sam Gray (CVHS), Emily Miller (Anchor Bay), Nicole Hranchook, Nichole Contesti, Brooke Will (LCC)

Sept 23: Hannah Pugh, Kayla Giese, Sophie Kohrman (Dakota), Brooke Will, Nicole Hranchook, Nicole Contesti (LCC), Shaina Kulczycki, Alyssa Kulczycki, Brianne Shock, Samantha Gray (CVHS), Emily Miller (Anchor Bay)

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!

Please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone

upcoming meets

Oct. 11, 2009 - 37th Annual Marlin Meet @

L'Anse Creuse North High School

Online Meet Signup will be available soon.

Warm-up starts at 12:15 PM, Meet starts at 1:00 PM

Oct. 16-18, 2009 - OLY Fall Classic @

Oakland University (Recreation & Athletic Center)

****This is a USA Meet. Only USA registered athletes can swim in this meet****

Friday PM: Warm-up 4:00 PM, Meet Starts 5:00 PM

Saturday AM: 11-12 Boys, OPEN Boys/Girls events,

Warm-up 7:00 AM, Meet Starts 8:00 AM

Saturday PM: 10 & Under Boys/Girls, 11-12 Girls events,

Warm-up 4:30 PM, Meet Starts 5:30 PM

Sunday AM: 11-12 Boys, OPEN Boys/Girls events, Warm-

up 8:00 AM, Meet Starts 9:00 AM

Sunday PM: 10 & Under Boys/Girls, 11-12 Girls events,

Warm-up 1:00 PM, Meet Starts 2:00 PM

Oct. 24, 2009 - BBD Fall Festival Meet @

Waterford Kettering High School

Meet Entry Signup Form is available from the Meet Information web page. **Entry Deadline is 10/2/09.**

AM Session: 8&Under Boys/Girls, 9-10 Boys/Girls, 11-12

Boys -- Warm-up 7:45 AM, Events 8:30 AM

PM Session: 11-12 Girls, 13-14 Boys/Girls, 15&Up

Boys/Girls -- Warm-up 12:30 PM, Events 1:15 PM

Oct. 25, 2009 - BBD Sunday Fun Meet @

Waterford Kettering High School

Meet Entry Signup Form is available from the Meet Information web page. **Entry Deadline is 10/2/09.**

AM Session: 8&Under Boys/Girls, 9-10 Boys/Girls, 11-12

Boys -- Warm-up 7:45 AM, Events 8:30 AM

PM Session: 11-12 Girls, 13-14 Boys/Girls, 15&Up

Boys/Girls -- Warm-up 12:30 PM, Events 1:15 PM



You may have
to fight a battle
more than once
to win it.

Margaret Thatcher

