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SWIM BIZ



September 30, 2009

Just a Reminder

- 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. You must be a registered swimmer to sign up for this event.
- 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. The deadline for turning in entries for the BBD Invitationals is Friday and it is particularly important for our high school boys to swim in this meet.
- Friday 10/2-So/Jr practice will be at Mt. Clemens. So 5:30 -7, JR 7-8:30
- Tuesday 10/6-Jr/Sr practice will be at CVHS and Freshman practice will be from 7:30-8pm at CVHS to practice "starts"

Coach's Corner

Greetings,

I hope everyone has had a great week. We are already seeing great progress in the pool and the season is shaping up. Parents and swimmers, please remember you must contact a coach before you decide to switch the practice your swimmer attends. We are very sympathetic to requests for practice changes but we must assess not only the ability of the swimmer to thrive in a new practice but also the issue of space within the practice before we can make a decision to move a swimmer. Please continue to let any and all know that we are looking for new swimmers.

Marlin Meet – Please go on the website and sign up for the Marlin Meet. We would like to get as close to 100% attendance as possible. If you have any questions about what to sign up for, please see a coach. One thing for first year swimmers to keep in mind is, you will see a category of events labeled "novice". These events are restricted to swimmers with no previous competitive experience. Swimmers in this category are allowed to swim both the novice event and the non-novice event. So for example, if your swimmer is a 10 year old and a first year swimmer, they can swim both the novice 10 & Under 50 free and the non-novice 10 & Under 50 free.

Entries for the BBD Invitational close this Friday. High School Boys, you need to get signed up for this meet. If you swim on both days, it counts as two meets toward your 3 meet minimum. All other swimmers should consider swimming in this meet; it is a very low key and fun meet.

As we get into the meet season, one thing that both swimmers and parents need to be aware of is the marshalling process. Simply put, marshalling is the method that all host teams use to organize the swimmers to swim their events. It is the way we keep the meet moving. The key to marshalling is event #s. When you sign your child up for the Marlin meet or any other meet for that matter, try and write down their event #s before you turn the entry in (no big

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deal if you don't, we will have them at the meets). We would like you to write these numbers on your swimmer's hand before they come to the meet. When you get to the Marlin meet, look across the pool to the area underneath the scoreboard. You will see a table that is manned by some of our volunteers. Throughout the meet, our marshallsers will post, in plain view, large block numbers. These numbers represent the events that the marshallsers are gathering swimmers for. When you or your swimmers see a number that matches one of the numbers on your swimmer's hand, the swimmer should precede to the marshalling table and tell our volunteers their name and the number they are swimming. At that point, the swimmers will be grouped together by event and moved to the blocks. During the meet, it is OK for your swimmers to come and visit you or to go get something to eat, just make sure the swimmer does not miss an event. Please, if you have any questions during a meet, please feel free to ask a coach or one of the experienced volunteers for help.

Kudos again to our High School Girls swimmers. The results I am seeing in the Macomb Daily are loaded with Marlin Girls. It was quite a pleasure this past Tuesday to take in parts of both the Fraser – L'Anse Creuse and Chippewa Valley – Eisenhower dual meets. Lots of Marlins all around and they were all swimming fast. Great Job Girls!

Keep an eye on the website and email for late breaking practice changes.

Have a great week.

Yahoo Group

If you are a returning swimmer this season and you have had a change in your email address since last season, please email our Registration Chair, Karen Hearn at kdhearn@comcast.net with both your new and old email address so that she can update the Yahoo Group distribution.

President's Column President's Column

I hope this week's newsletter greets you happy and healthy.

Things are really looking great for the team. We are at a record number of swimmers and families signed up compared to last year. Just for the record and keep in mind that if you bring in a new swimming family to the Marlins, you will receive a \$50.00 Visa gift card once the new family membership has been paid in full. This is a great incentive program. We have had several families capitalize from this offer.

I would like to thank all our new families that attended the New Parent Orientation last weekend and the team welcomes you. If you were unable to attend, sorry we missed you. There will be many opportunities to meet you and we are always available if you have questions or need assistance.

I would also like to welcome a new member to our volunteer ranks, JR Maskeny. JR will be our advertising chairman and will be helping with the WEB site. Welcome aboard JR.

As your president, I urge and encourage you all to take part in volunteering where needed. I am serious when I say this.....FOR EVERY MINUTE YOU VOLUNTEER....THAT IS ONE MINUTE SOMEONE ELSE GETS TO ENJOY WATCHING THEIR CHILD SWIM. If everyone volunteers just a little, it will require only a little of everyone's time to make this another successful season. You will find once you volunteer...your swimmer will appreciate it, the time will fly, you will have fun, you will enhance our Marlin family, and most of all will contribute to the success of one of the most exciting and successful swim teams in Michigan.

It was nice to see Eric Platte (last year's graduating Marlin senior now attending and swimming for Wayne State University) at the Fraser and L'Anse Creuse Central swim meet last night. As you will experience being in the Marlin Swim team family, once a Marlin family member, always a Marlin family member.

President's Column Cont.

I hope you have a great week and weekend. I wish the best for our high school girl's swimmers and until next time, Take Care, God Bless, and Enjoy our Great Swim Season

Your President, Ron Ross

Scrip Program

Major Retailers Want To Give Our Swim Team Money!

We're pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for our organization. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop.

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money" – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including Visa, American Express, JCPenney, The Gap, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others.

For more information please visit our website:
http://www.macombmarlins.com/marlin_fundraisers.htm

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.



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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.



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

Sept 25: Leah Marsolais (Anchor Bay), Brooke Will, Nicole Hranchook, Nichole Contesti, (LCC), Sophie Kohrman, Hannah Pugh, Kayla Giese (Dakota), Julia Gniadek (Ford)

Sept 27: Julia Gniadek (Ford)

Sept 30: Megan Ross, Laura Konopka, Grace Pytell (Fraser), Brooke Will, Nichole Hranchook, Nichole Contesti (LCC)

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!

Please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone

meet entry deadlines

We are asking our Marlin Families and Swimmers to please pay very close attention to the date posted for each Meet entry deadline and to plan ahead so that all entries are submitted by the entry deadline.

Due to the increasing popularity of this sport, many meets are getting quite full. It is imperative that we submit our team's entries as early as possible. In some cases, we might only be able to give our team one week to submit their entry forms. Everyone also needs to consider that once the entries are put into the database, the coaches still need to put together the relays. We are doing everything we can to accommodate everyone..... but we need everyone's cooperation to adhere to and honor our deadlines.

In order to help in getting entries submitted, a drop box has been installed at the YMCA. The box is located across from the front desk, and next to the glass trophy case. Of course, you will still be able to give your entries to any board member, as well.

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