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SWIM BIZ



October 7, 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.
- Friday 10/9-Jr/Sr practice will be at Mt. Clemens from 6-8pm
- Friday Oct. 9 - Swim Your Own Age Meet Entry deadline (USA swimmers only)
- Sunday Oct. 11 Marlin Meet at LCN. Warm-up 12:15, Start 1:00pm
- Tuesday Oct. 13 - Jr/Sr practice at @CVHS

Coach's Corner

Greetings,

Another week brings us to our first meet of the year, the Marlin Meet. The Marlin meet is an intra-squad (Marlins only) meet that is meant to give everyone, swimmers and parents, a meet experience in a very low key manner. This meet not only introduces everyone to what a meet is but also sets a baseline to compare future results against. Meets are the one sure way to measure progress so this is an important milestone. While I am on this subject, I want to expand my discussion a little here. You are going to see swimmers in the pool who's experience in swimming range from first year swimmers all the way to some of our swimmers who have been at it for as long as 10 or 11 years. Please do not compare your first year swimmer against one of these grizzled veterans. What we are looking for throughout the year is personal improvement. The wins, awards, accolades, etc. will come in good time if we concentrate on small steady improvements for each swimmer out there.

The Marlin Meet will be held at L'Anse Creuse North High School with a warm-up at 12:15 and a meet start at 1:00 PM. Warm-up is a period of time where the swimmers can get in the pool and acclimate themselves to the pool temperature, get loose, practice turns etc. For swimmers and parents, please remember to try and write your swimmer's event #s on their hand. As we move through the meet, we will marshal the swimmers according to the event #s. Marshalling will be located on the far side of the pool and when a swimmer sees his/her event # called, they should proceed to this area of the pool. Swimmers are allowed to go see their parents during the meet, just make sure you do not miss an event. It is supposed to be very chilly this weekend so please dress warmly and bring enough sweatshirts and towels to keep your swimmer cozy and warm.

Coach's Corner cont.

If you haven't signed up for the Marlin meet yet, you still can. 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 are closed. High School Boys, if you didn't get signed up, please see a coach so we can see what we can do to get you in this 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 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 marshallers will post, in plain view, large block numbers. These numbers represent the events that the marshallers 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.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL MARLINS WHO ARE SWIMMING IN THE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL COUNTY MEET THIS SATURDAY! SWIM FAST AND HAVE FUN!

Marlin Meet Notes

Concessions

To all of the generous folks who signed up for concession items for the Marlin Meet, please bring your items to the concession area on Sunday by 12:15. The concession area will be in its usual place.... In the pool lobby area. There will be a sign-in sheet available to fill out as confirmation of delivery. Thank you to Kathleen Gray who will be heading up the concession area for this meet.

Meet Entries

Please check your Marlin Meet entries on the home page (under upcoming meets, Marlin Meet) on our website. Everyone who signed up for the meet should verify that they have been included in the meet, and that their events are correct. If there is a problem, please send an email to entries@macombmarlins.com

We currently have about two-thirds of the team entered into the Marlin Meet on Sunday, Oct 11th. Every year we always hope for 100% participation in this meet.... and it's especially important for the new swimmers and parents. This meet is a great ice-breaker in gaining valuable swim meet experience.

2009 Marlin Marathon

The 2009 Marlin Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, November 1. Your child's pledge sheet will be available at the Marlin Meet on Oct 11. Our coaches will determine the amount of lengths your swimmer/s are to swim (not to exceed 200) in a two hour time frame. Your child is asked to seek pledges from family and friends. We ask that each swimmer raise a minimum of \$100.00 and families with more than one swimmer \$150.00. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all swimmers must participate. Last year we reached our goal of \$12,000.00. Our goal for the 2009 Marathon is to match or exceed what we raised last season. But, we cannot do this without everyone's support. Prizes are awarded. See more information further in the newsletter.

Swim Suit Update

The rules governing what swim suits can be worn in competition has drastically changed over the last year. There is still a lot of confusion regarding what is acceptable and what is not. The following guidelines can be used to determine what suits are acceptable. For our beginning swimmers, I would not lose any sleep over this. Our team suits are acceptable and 99% of the suits you can buy at our local retail outlets are acceptable.

1. Swimsuits for men may not extend above the navel or below the knee and for women may not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or below the knee;
2. No zippers or other fastening devices are allowed except for a waist tie on a brief or jammer; and
3. Suits must be of textile material and must not be made of any rubberized type of material such as polyurethane or neoprene.

If the suit meets the above three criteria, it should be assumed to be an approved suit during this interim period. USA Swimming understands and appreciates the difficulties surrounding this issue and we are trying to do everything we can to expedite the FINA list being published. Coaches, officials and swimmers are urged to use common sense in this matter.



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 or Dave Pitlock at 586-412-0987.

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.

- 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.

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.



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/myml. For questions, contact Mark Victor via email at mark.victor@att.net.

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

HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

Oct 2: Hannah Pugh, Kayla Giese, Sophie Kohrman (Dakota), Shaina Kulczycki, Sam Gray, Alyssa Kulczycki, Brianne Shock (CVHS), Grace Pytell, Laura Konopka, Megan Ross (Fraser)

Oct 7: Grace Pytell, Megan Ross, Laura Konopka (Fraser), Kayla Giese, Hannah Pugh (Dakota)

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!

GOOD LUCK to all of our girls swimming at Counties on Saturday!

Please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone



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

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.

Life's simple,
eat.....sleep.....
..swim.....any
questions?

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

Nov. 7-8, 2009 - YPAC Invitational @ Royal Oak Middle School

Meet Entry Form is available from the [Meet Information](#) web page. **Entry Deadline is 10/16/09.**

AM Session: 8&Under Boys/Girls, 9-10 Boys/Girls, 11-12
Boys -- Warm-up 7:30 AM, Meet starts 8:30 AM

PM Session: 11-12 Girls, 13-14 Boys/Girls, 15-18

Boys/Girls -- Warm-up 12:30 PM, Meet starts 1:30 PM

Nov. 13-15, 2009 - Lakers "Swim Your Own Age" Meet @ L'Anse Creuse High School

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

Meet Entry Form is available from the [Meet Information](#) web page. **Entry Deadline is 10/9/09.**

Friday Evening: Warm-up 5:00 PM , Meet starts 5:45 PM

Saturday AM: 10 & Under Boys/Girls, Warm-up 7:30

AM, Meet starts 8:15 AM

Saturday PM: 11 & Over Boys/Girls, Warm-up 12:30 PM,
Meet starts 1:15 PM

Saturday Evening: Warm-up 5:00 PM, Meet starts 5:30
PM

Sunday AM: 10 & Under Boys/Girls, Warm-up 7:30 AM,
Meet starts 8:15 AM

Sunday PM: 11 & Over Boys/Girls, Warm-up 12:30 PM,
Meet starts 1:15 PM

**** Remember to check in no later than 15 minutes after warm-up begins.**





MARLIN MARATHON



The Marlin Marathon is the largest fundraiser of the Marlin Swim Team. In order to keep team dues down, the team needs everyone to participate in this activity. EACH SWIMMER IS REQUIRED TO SWIM THIS EVENT. To be a successful fundraiser it is asked that each swimmer obtain pledges of at least \$100.00/\$150.00 per family.

The Marathon will be held Sunday, November 1, 2009 at the YMCA. The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:00 am to 10:00 am	Last Names	A to F
10:05 am to 12:05 pm	Last Names	G to L
12:10 pm to 2:10 pm	Last Names	M to R
2:15 pm to 4:15 pm	Last Names	S to Z

Please try to swim your assigned time to keep the number of swimmers in the pool manageable. This is a fun event. You may bring flippers or anything else you would like to use to swim your assigned laps.

PRIZES

The following are the prizes offered for the Marathon:

Grand Prize: The swimmer with the highest money turned in.

\$100.00 cash

Runner Up: The swimmer with the 2nd highest amount of money turned in.

\$50.00 Cash

Each Swimmer who raises \$125.00 or more and turns the money in by the due date will receive a Marlin Marathon t-shirt.

- To qualify for a prize, money must be turned in by the last collection date. Collection dates to be announced at the Marathon.
- Bring your pledge sheet with you on November 1. Officials need to sign off on the sheet.
- Make-up dates will be determined after the Marathon.
- Parents, please come with your swimmer to count laps.

