

OtterGram



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The Walden Waves are coming to otter country!

WARM-UPS ARE AT 7:00! PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY AND REMEMBER TO CIRCLE-IN.

After you have circled-in, please find your team-parent to get your heat assignments. Remember, it is not the team parent's responsibility to keep up with your child during the meet. They are responsible for getting the swimmers to the ready bench at the appropriate time. Don't forget caps, goggles, sunscreen, chairs, snacks and something to occupy your swimmer between events. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE APARTMENTS! PLEASE USE THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT, IT'S RIGHT NEXT DOOR. THANKS!!**

Stroke Clinics

Hunter's Ridge Pool from 3:45-4:15 pm.

Cost is \$5.00/child due at sign up. Space is limited to 15 kids per clinic with a 1:5 ration coach to swimmer.

Please allow swimmers that are NOT legal in those strokes to sign up first.

Thursday, 5/18 Breaststroke
Friday, 5/19 Butterfly
Monday, 5/22 Breaststroke
Tuesday, 5/23 Butterfly
Wednesday, 5/24 Turns
Thursday, 5/25 Starts

OTTER PARENTS ARE THE BEST!!

A **BIG "ATTABOY"** to all of our Parent Volunteers for their hard work at the Blast Off Party and Time Trials!!! We had many, many people stepping up to do not only the jobs they signed up for – but lots did **EXTRA** jobs because they knew we needed them done. **OTTER Parents are the BEST! WAY TO GO!!!!**

Desk Parents Week of May 22-26

6 & under- Carlyn Pruitt, 7 & 8- Misty Kersh
9 & 10- Deana May, 11 & 12- Theresa Mayo
13 & up- _____

If you can't fulfill your commitment, please call
Deanna Dean @ 281-358-9413

COACH'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Otters!!! I hope you all had as much fun at Time Trials as I did on Saturday. For you new Otters, hopefully that gave you a good idea of what a swim meet will be like. The big difference is of course that there will be another team there that we want to beat. That team this Saturday will be the Walden Waves. We need to have a good week of practice so that we can win our first meet of the season. I want everyone to remember that we Otters practice good sportsmanship and plan on being excellent hosts to Walden when they visit us this week. There will be no putting down the other team, only write tasteful sayings on your backs and arms with markers (like so many of you like to do), and consider shaking your opponent's hand after the race whether you win or lose.

Finally Otters, I have to end this Coach's Corner on a sad note. Our opponents, the Walden Waves, lost one of their swimmers last Friday. His name was Zachary Jones and he was 16. Perhaps you heard about his story in the news recently. We are planning on showing our support for this young man's family and friends in the form of a banner that we would all like to sign and hang at the meet. We will probably sign it at our practice on Friday so that we can hang it up on Saturday. Please remember when signing it that it is not a spirit banner and that we don't want any slogans or sayings on it, just your name clearly written. We all need to keep Zach's family in our thoughts. Thanks again!

Coach Mark

JUVENILE DIABETES SWIM-A-LONG

It's time to start getting sponsors for the JDRF Swim-A-Long fundraiser! The Swim-A-Long will take place on May 31st during practice. The Swim-A-Long has been a tremendous success in the past few years and we feel it is a truly worthwhile cause. If you cannot participate in the fundraiser, the opt-out fee is \$25 per family.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

We will need lap counters during the swim-a-long. If you would like to help out, please contact Lisa Marucci (social coordinator) @ 281-360-6895 to get your name on the list.



PEP RALLY!!

WHERE: Elm Grove Pool

WHEN: Friday May 19th during and after practice

WHAT: Make a poster for the meet and win a prize!!

Don't forget to make your poster, put your name and age on the back, and bring it to Elm Grove Pool on Friday at your practice time. Judging will take place during practice and winner announced after your cheer session with the coaches. Everyone who brings a poster gets a participation prize. Rewards go to the top 3 posters in each age group. All posters will be displayed at the meet on Saturday. Good luck and see you at the Pep Rally!

POSTER CONTEST!!



IMPORTANT DATES

- Pep Rally & Poster Contest at Elm Grove Pool May 19th and May 26th
- Swim-A-Long Fundraiser May 31st during practice.
- Team Photos & SplashTown- June 5th
- Divisional Meet June 24th @ Newport
- Awards Banquet- June 29th

CAN'T MAKE IT TO A MEET?

GOT STROKE REQUESTS?

If you know that you won't be at a meet, please let us know via the coach's binder. It is important to write your info in the binder before the Monday of the week of the meet. Same thing applies to stroke requests. If your swimmer is working on a qualifying time in a certain stroke, please let us know so that we can make sure they get to swim it at the next meet.

Access to Meet Results:

To Access the results on the website schedule page, you will need the password and username.

Please send an e-mail requesting this information if needed.

Remember: username and password are case-sensitive



SPLASHTOWN

JUNE 5th

After pictures are taken in the morning, we head up to SPLASHTOWN for a fun filled day with the team and coaches. *There will be no practice that day!!* Your ticket will include all day access to SplashTown rides and attractions, all-you-can-eat lunch, and a reserved pavilion area with games for the team. Stay tuned to future OtterGrams for prices and more info as it becomes available.

Swim **SCHEDULE**

May 13.....Time Trials
May 20.....vs Walden
May 27.....vs Newport
June 3.....at Oaks of Atascosita
June 10.....at Atascosita Forest
June 17....vs Mills Branch/Woodstream
June 24..... Divisional Meet @ Newport
July 1 & 2.....Invitational Meets
HOME MEETS ARE IN BOLD TYPE

Volunteer Schedule-May 20, vs. Walden

TIMERS

Shift #1

1. C. Guerra-Pratts
2. Lara Boss
3. Angie Vance
4. Bridget Helms
5. Dale Smith
6. Sharon Voorhes
7. Don Garic
8. Deana May
9. Karen Lauret

Shift #2

1. Debbie Brumley
2. Karen Miller
3. Jim Tatum
4. Diana Floyd
5. Rick Dietz
6. Kim Windham
7. Bill Skrivanek
8. Lisa Kroeger
9. -----

SCRIBES

Shift #1

1. Linda Atkin
2. Dana Goodman
3. Diana Floyd

Shift #2

1. -----
2. -----
3. -----

RUNNERS

Shift #1

1. C. Guerra-Pratts
2. Vincent Mazzaferro

Shift #2

1. Dana Goodman
2. -----

RIBBONS

Shift #1

1. Derek Hawkins
2. Angela Voorhes

Shift #2

1. J. Guerra-Pratts
2. Lora Torres

READY BENCH

Shift #1

1. Tina Smith
2. Kari Pucci
3. Marian Jackson
4. Carlos Valcarce
5. Mary Patterson
6. Jane Myer

Shift #2

1. Deana May
2. Margot Rupp
3. Kimberly Kendrick
4. Earl Anderson
5. Anne Trapani
6. -----

DATA ENTRY

Shift #1

1. Heather Allgaier
2. Kim DallePezze

Shift #2

1. -----
2. -----

EQUIPMENT

Shift #1 (set up @ 6:10) Shift #2 (after meet)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Lara Boss | 1. Lisa Kroeger |
| 2. Jeff Jackson | 2. Jeff Jackson |
| 3. Todd Pickard | 3. Mark Cook |
| 4. Tina Smith | 4. Danny Miller |
| 5. Scott Fields | 5. Rob Haupt |
| 6. Kristen Reep | 6. Rick Dietz |
| 7. Joy Fields | 7. ----- |
| 8. Dale Smith | 8. ----- |

SWIM SHOP

Shift #1

1. -----
2. -----

Shift #2

1. -----
2. -----

CONCESSIONS

Set-up / Early Bird 6 am

1. Vincent Mazzaferro
2. Leida Corino
3. Rop Haupt

Shift #1

1. Kimberly Kendrick
2. Gloria Anderson
3. Jeannene Arnold
4. Wendy Maness
5. Shashi Sanam

Shift #2

1. -----
2. -----
3. -----
4. -----
5. -----

Take Down

1. Angie Vance
2. Bridget Helms



*****Please check in with your area coordinator or Lara Leigh when you get to the pool!!!! We want to know you're there!!!!***** Please call Lara Leigh Bergoon @ 281-359-4410 if you can help fill in any of the missing spots in the volunteer areas!*****