

# OtterGram



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## OTTERS WELCOME NEWPORT TORPEDOS

**Check-in by 7:00 am. Warm-ups at 7:15**

Plan to arrive before 7:00 am for check-in. Go to the Otter Team area and make sure to circle your name on the check-in sheet. **ALL SWIMMERS MUST CHECK-IN.** After checking-in, find the team parent for your age group and get your heat assignments. Don't forget to bring snacks and water, chairs, sunscreen, towels, and games to occupy your swimmer between events. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE APARTMENTS! PLEASE USE THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT, IT'S**

### COACHES' CORNER

Attention All Otters!

O-T-T-E-R-S.....We're the Otters and we're 1-0! WOW! What a meet. We won by the score of 476-182. I've gotta say that in my six years as an Otter coach, I cannot recall such a ottergantic victory. Even our coaches relay won! A huge otterthanks to Coach Jeff for getting us such a big lead to protect. It was so great to see so many of you win your heats and drop your times. Keep in mind though, that the rest of our meets will not be so easy. This is a great start but we need to keep it going. We only have three regular days of practice this week so let's make them good. We don't know that much about Newport (our next opponent) so let's be prepared for them when they visit us this Saturday. And, of course, it goes without saying that we want to be good hosts just as you all were this past Saturday.

Also, those wacky relay races during Friday practices are pep-rallies that we are trying while we are in the water. The coaches thought that it would be fun to try some activities while almost everyone is present so try not to miss practice on Fridays. The goal is to build team spirit. Let's go VGO!  
Coach Mark

## IMPORTANT!

THERE WILL BE NO PRACTICE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>. MORNING PRACTICE BEGINS FRIDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE FOLLOW THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SUMMER ROTATING PRACTICE.



**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 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.

### 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.**

Monday, 5/22 Breaststroke  
Tuesday, 5/23 Butterfly  
Wednesday, 5/24 Turns

## GO OTTERS!!! BEAT THE TORPEDOS!!

IF YOU VOLUNTEER TO WORK CONCESSIONS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A HAT AND TENNIS SHOES (THE FLOOR CAN GET WET AND SLIPPERY)!!!!

**STROKE CLINIC ON THURSDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> IS CANCELLED DUE TO END OF THE YEAR PARTIES!**



ROTATING PRACTICE

**HELP! HELP!**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEK TO WORK SWIM SHOPS. CALL LARA LEIGH @ 281-359-4410 IF YOU CAN HELP.**

**SUMMER MORNING PRACTICE**

May 29- June 24, 2006

LOOK IN THE HOME HEAT SHEETS FOR A QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND YOU COULD WIN A PERSONALIZED "VILLAGE OTTER AUTO DECAL"! THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE DECALS THIS YEAR! WE WILL SELL THEM NEXT YEAR!

| Hunter's Ridge Pool |            | Elm Grove Pool    |            |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| week of May 29th    |            | week of May 29th  |            |
| 6 & under           | 7:30-8:15  | 11 & 12           | 7:30-9:00  |
| 7 & 8               | 8:15-9:15  |                   |            |
| 9 & 10              | 9:15-10:30 | 13 & up           | 9:00-10:30 |
| Hunter's Ridge Pool |            | Elm Grove Pool    |            |
| week of June 5th    |            | week of June 5th  |            |
| 7 & 8               | 7:30-8:30  | 13 & up           | 7:30-9:00  |
| 9 & 10              | 8:30-9:45  |                   |            |
| 6 & under           | 9:45-10:30 | 11 & 12           | 9:00-10:30 |
| Hunter's Ridge Pool |            | Elm Grove Pool    |            |
| week of June 12th   |            | week of June 12th |            |
| 9 & 10              | 7:30-8:45  | 11 & 12           | 7:30-9:00  |
| 6 & under           | 8:45-9:30  |                   |            |
| 7 & 8               | 9:30-10:30 | 13 & up           | 9:00-10:30 |
| Hunter's Ridge Pool |            | Elm Grove Pool    |            |
| week of June 19th   |            | week of June 19th |            |
| 6 & under           | 7:30-8:15  | 13 & up           | 7:30-9:00  |
| 7 & 8               | 8:15-9:15  |                   |            |
| 9 & 10              | 9:15-10:30 | 11 & 12           | 9:00-10:30 |



**WHERE: Elm Grove Pool**  
**WHEN: Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> during MORNING 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!

Donuts and Orange Juice will be sold at this practice! Enjoy a quick and convenient breakfast!



**SwimSCHEDULE**

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**

Please be flexible and post this schedule on the refrigerator! This is something the coaches wanted to try this season and since there will be NO swimming up, it is very important that you get your swimmers to the correct practice. Thanks in advance for your enthusiasm and patience. Go Otters!



# SPLASHTOWN

Monday, JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

After photos 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!

Tickets will be \$27. The price includes admission, lunch (hamburgers or hot dogs, baked beans, chips and drinks), and snowcones (3 hour period). There will be a reserved pavilion for the team.

Parking passes will be on sale as well. \$6.00 when purchased through us or \$10.00 at the gate.

Tickets must be purchased in advance to get the group discounted rate.

Tickets will be on sale

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Look for Lisa Marucci, the ticket lady!!

If you have season passes to Splashtown, your ticket will be \$11 for lunch. Children under 2 are free!

UPGRADE YOUR ONE DAY PASS ON JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> TO A SEASON PASS FOR ONLY \$19.99!!!

## JUVENILE DIABETES SWIM-A-LONG

Have you all been busy getting sponsors for the JDRF Swim-A-Long fundraiser? The Swim-A-Long, our only official fundraiser of the season, will take place on **May 31<sup>st</sup> during practice**. Sponsor forms were handed out at practice. If you did not get a form or you need another because yours is full, please ask the desk parent for one. Sponsors can make a flat donation or pledge so much per lap that you swim that day. 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 and you won't receive the really cool Swim-A-Long t-shirt. Let's start collecting!!! **Please note that all checks are payable to the Village Otters** with a tax deductible receipt available upon request.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Photos

All swimmers come to the pool dressed in your team suit. Individual pictures will start at 8:00 am and Team photo will follow. Bring your checkbook! This will be the time to order the swim photo packages!

## SUMMER CHAMPS

ENTRIES ARE DUE BY MONDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> !

COACHES WILL LET YOU KNOW IF YOUR SWIMMER QUALIFIES. ENTRY FEE OF \$3.75 APPLIES TO EACH EVENT ENTERED. LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME LATER.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!! IT'S A BLUE JOB!!

**Looking for Lap Counters for the JDRF Swim-A-Long. All you do is sit at the end of the pool and count how many times a swimmer touches the side of the pool.**

**6 & under- 3 needed**  
**7/8- 2 needed**  
**9/10- 5 needed**  
**11/12- 4 needed**  
**13 & up- 6 needed**

**Call Lisa Marucci @ 281-360-6895 to get your name added to the lap counter list!**

## DESK PARENTS WEEK OF MAY 30<sup>th</sup>-JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>

6 & Under – Carol Guerra-Prats  
7 & 8 – Mitzi Morales  
**9&10 – need someone**  
11&12 – Theresa Mayo  
**13 & Up- need someone**  
Please call Deanna Dean if you can work as desk parent. #281-359-9413

# Volunteer Schedule-May 27 vs Newport

## TIMERS

### Shift #1

1. Thomas Abbey
2. Lara Boss
3. Angie Vance
4. Bridget Helms
5. Julie Hogan
6. Lynne Bouquet
7. Don Garic
8. John Bogert
9. Craig Townsend

### Shift #2

1. Debbie Brumley
2. Butch Brumley
3. Jim Tatum
4. Lisa Kroeger
5. -----
6. -----
7. -----
8. -----
9. -----

## READY BENCH

### Shift #1

1. Derek Hawkins
2. Sharon Voorhes
3. Marian Jackson
4. Sheri Walling
5. Mary Patterson
6. -----

### Shift #2

1. Julie Gallow
2. Margot Rupp
3. Kimberly Kendrick
4. Karen Miller
5. Anne Trapani
6. -----

## EQUIPMENT

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

1. Lara Boss
2. Thomas Abbey
3. Todd Pickard
4. Jeff Jackson
5. Shelby Bilings
6. Brian Voorhes
7. Mark Cook
8. -----

1. Lisa Kroeger
2. Julie Hogan
3. Martha Moore
4. Danny Miller
5. Rob Haupt
6. Diana Floyd
7. Kim Windham
8. -----



## SCRIBES

### Shift #1

1. Linda Atkin
2. Cathy Parva
3. -----

### Shift #2

1. Dana Goodman
2. Martha Moore
3. -----

## RUNNERS

### Shift #1

1. Trey VanDyke
2. Vincent Mazzaferro

### Shift #2

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

## RIBBONS

### Shift #1

1. Anne Tranpani
2. -----

### Shift #2

1. J. Guerra-Pratts
2. Shelby Billings

## DATA ENTRY

### Shift #1

1. Heather Allgaier
2. Kari Pucci

### Shift #2

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

## SWIM SHOP

### Shift #1

1. Donna O'Kelley
2. -----

### Shift #2

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

## CONCESSIONS

### Set-up / Early Bird 6 am

1. Vincent Mazzaferro
2. Dana Goodman
3. Karen Lauret

### Shift #1

1. Kimberly Kendrick
2. Karen Lauret
3. Jamie Lawrence
4. -----
5. -----

### 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!\*\*\*\*\*