

OtterGram



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OTTERS TRAVEL TO OAKS OF ATASCOCITA

Check-in by 7:00 am. Warm-ups at 7:45

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 PARK BEHIND THE POOL IN THE GRASSY AREA! NO PARKING ALONG THE STREET!**

COACHES' CORNER

ATTENTION ALL OTTERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

O-T-T-E-R-S...WE'RE THE OTTERS AND WE'RE 2-0! Wow, what a meet! I can honestly say that in my six year tenure as an Otter coach that I cannot recall such a dominant and fun two week span. Even our Coaches relay won again...yeah us! We won by a score of four hundred something to two hundred something (it really doesn't matter what the score is when you win by so much). Thanks to all of you who came on Saturday and swam hard. A big otterthanks to all of our otterparents who help us to run such an efficient meet. I heard several nice comments from the Newport coach about what a nice experience it was to swim us at our pool. Thank you all...you make us otterproud!

Now, this week we depart for our first away meet at Oaks of Atascocita "Olympians". We want to be very good guests when we visit them so let's be conscious of our manners and good sportsmanship. I want them to say good things about us when we leave. But, of course, we do want to win the meet. We have a shortened practice week because of the holiday and the Swim-A-Long this week so let's make the most of it. Please swim a lot of laps on Wednesday for the Swim-A-Long as it will be your practice for that day. And, of course, get a lot of pledges and give generously to the JDRF. The Swim-A-Long is a win/win for everyone involved. Try to make practice everyday this week and be prepared to make noise-makers on Friday. We want the Olympians to know that the Otters are at their pool and that we are ready to swim.

HERE WE GO OTTERS...HERE WE GO.....

Coach Mark

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 31st 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.

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



ROTATING PRACTICE

SUMMER MORNING PRACTICE

May 29- June 24, 2006

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

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!

Directions to Oaks of Atascocita

Starting @ the Elm Grove pool- Turn **left** onto **Sycamore Springs Dr.** Turn **right** onto **Lake Houston Pkwy.** Go over the bridge and continue towards Upper Lake Dr. Turn **right** onto **Upper Lake Dr.** Turn **left** onto **Oak Briar Dr.** Turn **right** onto **Ancient Oaks Dr.** Ancient Oaks Dr. becomes **Oak Station Dr.** Turn **right** onto **Forest Timbers Dr.**



SPLASHTOWN

Monday, JUNE 5th

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
 Thursday, June 1st @ Hunter's Ridge,
 Friday, June 2nd @ Elm Grove, and Saturday,
 June 3rd @ the meet

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 5TH TO A SEASON PASS FOR ONLY \$19.99!!!

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.

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!

IMPORTANT!

SUMMER CHAMPS

@ the NEW ATASCOCITA HIGH SCHOOL POOL

ENTRIES ARE DUE BY MONDAY, JUNE 5TH TO BLUE TIDE! DON'T WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE MEET TO TAKE CARE OF THIS!

COACHES WILL LET YOU KNOW IF YOUR SWIMMER QUALIFIES. ALL 13 AND UPS DO NOT HAVE TO QUALIFY, THEY MAY JUST SIGN UP TO SWIM AN EVENT.

AN ENTRY FEE OF \$3.75 APPLIES TO EACH EVENT ENTERED.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN ENTRY FORMS. PLEASE LOOK FOR AMY HOUGAN TO PAY THESE FEES AND GET SIGNED UP!

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!

Swim**SCHEDULE**

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

HOME MEETS ARE IN BOLD TYPE



PEP RALLY!!

Elm Grove Pool on Friday June 2nd during practice!

Thanks to all of the swimmers who participated in the poster contest on Friday, May 26th. The posters were awesome. After practice and the coaches' cheer session everyone can make a **NOISE-MAKER** TO LET THE OLYMPIANS KNOW WE HAVE ARRIVED TO OUT SWIM THEM! Parents and swimmers, Please start collecting water bottles to bring on Friday to make your noise-makers. Parents, be advised that supervision will be needed during this event so everything runs smoothly.

Good luck and see you at the Pep Rally!

POSTER CONTEST!!

DESK PARENTS
WEEK OF JUNE 5TH-9TH

6 & Under.....Jenny Valcarce
7 & 8 & 9 & 10.....Lisa Reynolds
11 & 12.....Theresa Mayo

Volunteer Schedule-June 3rd vs Oaks of Atascocita Olympians

TIMERS

Shift #1

1. Sharon Voorhes
2. Ed Corino
3. Margot Rupp
4. Karen Miller
5. Deanna Jenson
6. Kim Windham
7. Jane Meyer
8. Linda Bogert
9. Craig Townsend

Shift #2

1. Linda Bogert
2. -----
3. Jim Tatum
4. Lisa Kroeger
5. -----
6. -----
7. -----
8. -----
9. -----

SCRIBES

Shift #1

1. Jenny Valcarce
2. -----
3. -----

Shift #2

1. Cathy Parva
2. Martha Moore
3. -----

RUNNERS

Shift #1

1. Kristen Reep
2. Donny Rollo

Shift #2

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

RIBBONS

Shift #1

1. Derek Hawkins

Shift #2

1. Donna O'Kelley

READY BENCH

Shift #1

1. Laura Torres
2. Linda Atkin

Shift #2

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

DATA ENTRY

Shift #1

1. Heather Allgaier

Shift #2

1. Kari Pucci

EQUIPMENT

Shift #1 (set up @ 6:50) Shift #2 (after meet)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Guerra-Prats 2. C. Guerra-Prats 3. Todd Pickard | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shelby Billings 2. Danny Miller 3. Ed Corino |
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SWIM SHOP

Shift #1

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

Shift #2

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



*****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!*****