

OtterGram



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MARLINS SWIMMING IN THE OTTER POOL ON SATURDAY!

******Please arrive by 7:00 am **** Warm-ups @ 7:15 am******

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.

If you must leave before the meet is over, please notify your team parent so that they can make sure the relay events are covered.

Coaches' Corner

ATTENTION ALL OTTERS.....O-T-T-E-R-S...WE'RE THE OTTERS AND WE'RE 4-0! I know that I have started all of my Coach's Corners this way but I never get tired of it. Wow, we beat the Dolphins of Atascocita Forest by a score of 433-224! The cheers were loud, the swimming was fast and your behavior was good! Enough said about that. This week we have the mighty Marlins of Mills Branch who are also 4-0 and they definitely want to remain undefeated just like us. They beat the Oaks Olympians last week by a bigger score than we did so we have our work cut out for us. It's a home meet so that is good. WE NEED EVERYONE THERE FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEET! We also need to have a very good week of practice so please plan on working hard and being serious. I know that if we all show up for this meet and swim our best that we can accomplish the goal of an undefeated season! Please remember to be good hosts to the Marlins by showing manners and good sportsmanship just as you all have in the past. But don't forget to show that Otter spirit (bring those noise makers on Saturday!).

Finally, if you are the parent of an Otter who is 11 or older, I just want to comment on what a good job all of our older Otters did last Friday during practice. Last week's pep rally involved an older swimmer pairing up with a younger swimmer to participate together in a wacky relay and it went off just beautifully. It made all of the coaches otterproud to see such comraderie and team spirit. If your older otter was there last week, you should be very proud of them. I know that our younger otters enjoyed themselves greatly. See you at the pool when we MUTILATE THE MARLINS !

Coach Mark



PEP RALLY!!

Elm Grove Pool on Friday June 16th during practice!

We'll be having a poster contest at this Friday's Pep Rally. Don't forget to make your poster, put your name and age on the back, and bring it to the Elm Grove Pool on Friday before your practice. 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 Juice will be on sale for only 50 cents!

POSTER CONTEST!!



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 every attempt to have them swim it at the next meet although we will make no promises. This is especially true if they wish to swim a particular stroke at Divisionals or the Invitationals!**

**Desk Parents
For the week of June 19th thru 23rd**

- 6 and under - Carlyn Pruitt
- 7 and 8's - Mitzi Morales
- 9 and 10's - help needed
- 11 and 12's - Theresa Mayo
- 13 and up - help needed

BANQUET MEAL TICKETS

JUNE 29TH 7pm @ ELM GROVE POOL

MEAL TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE @ SATURDAY'S MEET

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER PERSON

MEAL INCLUDES ENTRÉE, SIDE DISH, SALAD AND DRINK CATERED BY CARRABBA'S!!

***Swim*SCHEDULE**

June 17....vs Mills Branch/Woodstream
 June 24..... Divisional Meet @ Newport
 July 2-3ALL STARS & PONDEROSA
HOME MEETS ARE IN BOLD TYPE

**OTTERS ARE 4-0!!!!
 LET'S MAKE SUSHI OUT OF THE MARLINS THIS WEEKEND!**



ROTATING PRACTICE

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
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!

Stroke Clinics

Elm Grove Pool @ 11:00 am to 11:30 am
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, 6/12 Fly
- Wednesday, 6/14 Free/Back
- Thursday, 6/15 Breast

See Coach Barby @ Elm Grove to sign up.

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!

WAY TO OTTERS AND OTTER PARENTS—LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK-ONLY ONE HOME MEET LEFT!

LOST AND FOUND

WILL BE PUT OUTSIDE THE GATE AT ELM GROVE ON FRIDAY DURING PRACTICE. IF YOU ARE MISSING ANY ITEMS (TOWELS, SHOES, GOOGLES, ETC.), PLEASE CHECK THE HUGE PILE OF ITEMS THAT WE HAVE COLLECTED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS!!!

SWIMMERS WITH AN OTTER-TUDE!!!

JDRF Fundraiser



If you have not turned in JDRF money or paid the family opt out fee of \$25.00, please know that \$25.00 will be taken out of your volunteer fee. If you have any money that needs to be turned in please get it to Lisa Marucci or Jennifer Knouse ASAP.



We need a lot of volunteers to help fill the positions this week!!! Even if you are finished with your volunteer hours, please continue to help us! If you hear the call for volunteers on the weekend, please step up and give us a hand. THANKS! We truly appreciate it!



PONDEROSA & ALL STARS INVITATIONALS

July 1st & July 2nd

Many of you have qualified for All Stars already! A few Otters have Ponderosa times! You can still qualify at divisionals. If your Otter has qualified, or qualifies at the divisional meet and you want to attend the invitational (that you qualified for), you MUST pay your entry fee(s) by the end of the divisional meet on Saturday June 25th.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

All checks must be payable to Village Otters. Ponderosa is \$4.00 per individual event. All Stars is \$3.50 per individual event. The Otters will bear the costs of relays.

OTTER PARENTS

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the team? Several Board positions will be available for the next season. Just come to a Board Mtg. (every Sunday @ 7pm Elm Grove Clubhouse) to see how things are done. Not to scare anyone off but it is a very time consuming position and requires dedication and lots of hardwork!! Ask a Board member about it!

VOLUNTEER CARDS

ONLY 2 MORE MEETS LEFT TO FULFILL YOUR VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT!!

The VERY LAST DAY to turn in completed volunteer cards is the Awards Banquet on **June 29th**. If your card is full, please turn it in to Amy Hougen (our treasurer) or any board member to get your check back.

Volunteer Schedule-June 17th, vs. MARLINS

TIMERS

Shift #1

1. Shelby Billings
2. Angie Vance
3. Bridget Helms
4. Rob Haupt
5. Lynne Bouquet
6. Margot Rupp
7. Linda Bogert
8. Craig Townsend
9. J. Guerra-Prats

Shift #2

1. Debbie Brumley
2. Butch Brumley
3. Jim Tatum
4. Melissa Clifton
5. Lisa Reynolds
6. ----- **H**
7. ----- **E**
8. ----- **L**
9. ----- **P**

READY BENCH

Shift #1

1. Marian Jackson
2. Jane Meyer
3. Mary Patterson
4. Lora Torres
5. Shannon Rollo
6. Carlos Valcarce

Shift #2

1. Earl Anderson
2. Deana May
3. Diana Floyd
4. Kim Windham
5. -----
6. -----

EQUIPMENT

SET-UP (6:00am)

1. Derek Hawkins
2. Todd Pickard
3. Mark Cook
4. J. Guerra-Prats
5. Shelby Billings
6. Deanna Jenson
7. Rob Haupt
8. Kari Arntsen

TAKE-DOWN

1. Mickey Reynolds
2. Lisa Reynolds
3. Lynn Bouquet
4. Lisa Kroeger
5. Rob Haupt
6. -----
7. -----
8. -----

CONCESSIONS

SET-UP (6:15)

1. Anne Trapani 2. Dana Goodman 3. Linda Atkin

Shift #1

1. Gloria Anderson
2. Jamie Lawrence
3. -----
4. -----
5. -----

Shift #2

1. ----- **H**
2. ----- **E**
3. ----- **L**
4. ----- **P**
5. -----

Take Down

1. Angie Vance
2. Bridget Helms

SCRIBES

Shift #1

1. Sharon Voorhes
2. Wendy Maness
3. Jeanenne Arnold

Shift #2

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

DATA ENTRY

Shift #1

1. Heather Allgaier
2. Kari Pucci
3. Deanna Jenson

Shift #2

1. Sashie ?
2. -----

RUNNERS

Shift #1

1. Danny Rollo
2. -----

Shift #2

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

SWIM SHOPS

Shift #1

1. Sashie ?
2. -----

Shift #2

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

RIBBONS

Shift #1

1. Anne Trapani

Shift #2

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

DIVISIONAL MEET – JUNE 24th

We still have volunteer slots open for the divisional meet on June 24th at Newport. If you are still in need of hours to complete your obligation, please help out at divisionals. We need 9 timers, 3 scribes, 3 ready bench, 3 data entry/computer, and 3 runners. You may be contacted by the heads of these positions who are trying to fill up the slots so that we (as a team) fulfill our obligations at the divisional meet. They will be seeking out volunteers at the meet this Saturday. If you are interested in helping please call Lara Leigh Bergoon @ 281-359-4410