

OTTERGRAM

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Welcome Otters!!!!

Welcome to the first OtterGram of the 2009 season. The OtterGram is published weekly to keep everyone informed of the team happenings. If you have any questions or would like to have something published in this newsletter, just email the webmaster at webmaster@villageotters.com. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a fun filled summer!!!

Coaches Corner

OTTERS 2009!

It is time to dive into a brand new season of swimming, fun and winning swim meets. We want to welcome back all returning Otters and to the new Otters this year, we are so glad to have you on our team. The coaches are looking forward to getting back together for an Otterific year! Be ready to perfect strokes, drop seconds and be the best you can be. We will see everyone at either rookie camp on April 20th or at the first week of regular after school practice on April 27th. See you in a few weeks!

Otters Rule!!!

The Coaches

REGISTRATION DATES

Friday, March 27th @ Bear Branch
Park
After school

Saturday, March 28th @ Elm
Grove Pool 10am-12pm

Sunday, April 5th @ Hunters Ridge
Pool 12pm-2pm

Late registration after May 1st
\$20.00 Fee

SWIM TEAM HOTLINE

281-319-1300

Webmaster

webmaster@villageotters.com

ROOKIE CAMP APRIL 20TH-APRIL 24TH

Rookie camp is a chance for first time competitive swimmers to learn the basics of the various swim strokes. Rookie camp will be held at the Elm Grove Pool. The schedule is as follows:

6 & under	4:30-5:15
7 & 8	5:15-6:00
9 & up	6:00-6:45

For our young swimmers, the determination will be made at the end of rookie camp whether they will remain on the team. The coaches base their decision on the following things: 1.) Are they water safe? 2.) Can they kick on the front and back? 3.) Can they jump in and swim? 4.) Can they swim 25 yds? Safety must come first for ALL swimmers! ONLY NEW MEMBERS AT ROOKIE CAMP!

Swim Suits

This year our swimsuits will be the TYR Thor. A representative from D&J Swim Shops will be at practice on Thursday, April 30th at Hunters Ridge Pool and on Tuesday, May 5th at Elm Grove Pool for swimmers to try on and purchase their swimsuits. Any questions please contact Jennifer Knouse at 832-233-1644.

REGULAR AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE BEGINS APRIL 27TH

PRACTICE SCHEDULE APRIL 27TH-JUNE 2ND

Elm Grove Pool

11 & 12	4:30-5:45
13 & up	5:45-7:00

Hunters Ridge Pool

6 & under	4:30-5:15
7 & 8	5:15-6:00
9 & 10	6:00-7:00

There will be NO SWIMMING UP this year!

Important Information

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers! Please do not forget to sign up for volunteer positions at registration. We require ALL families to volunteer 6 times this year (3 gold and 3 blue). We have 3 home meets plus time trials. Please refer to the Otter handbook for information on volunteering. **Questions?? Contact Kristen Reep @ 281-354-6281.** Remember volunteers are what make the meets run smoothly

Parent Orientation

Tuesday, April 21st @ Elm Grove Pool, 7pm

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a Head Desk Parents, an Announcer for our home meets, and a head timer. If you are interested please contact Kristen Reep at 281-354-6281 or at ottervolunteer@yahoo.com.

BLAST OFF PARTY!!!!

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND

4PM - 7PM

AT ELM GROVE POOL

PIZZA, COOKIE, DRINK

\$ 3.00

BRING SWIMSUITS, CHAIRS, AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SEASON!

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Please let any of us know if we can be of any help to you this year.

2009 OTTER COACHES

Please welcome back our coaches for this year!!!

Tyson Beaman- Head Coach

Kim O'Conner

Jordan Bennett

Samantha Johannsen