

# OTTERGRAM

VILLAGEOTTERS.COM

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Welcome Otters!!!!

Welcome to Rookie Camp for the 2009 season. The OtterGram is published weekly to keep everyone informed of the team happenings.

*Parent Orientation will be held Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ Elm Groove Pool at 7:00 pm*

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> or at the first week of regular after school practice on April 27<sup>th</sup>. See you in a few weeks!

Otters Rule!!!

The Coaches

### Meet Schedule

May 9<sup>th</sup> .....Time Trials  
**May 16<sup>th</sup> ...vs. Oaks of Atascocita**  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> .....at Trailwood  
**May 30<sup>th</sup> .....vs. Kings River**  
**June 6<sup>th</sup> .....vs. Newport**  
June 13<sup>th</sup> .....at Bear Branch  
June 20<sup>th</sup> .....Divisionals at HHS

**Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!**

### SWIM TEAM HOTLINE

**281-319-1300**

**Webmaster**

[webmaster@villageotters.com](mailto:webmaster@villageotters.com)

## **ROOKIE CAMP APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>-APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**

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 parent orientation on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and at practice on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Hunters Ridge Pool and on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>TH</sup>**

### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>-JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**

#### **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

### **Volunteers Needed**

**We are in need of a Head Desk Parents, and an Announcer for our home meets, If you are interested please contact Kristen Reep at 281-354-6281 or at [ottervolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:ottervolunteer@yahoo.com).**

# **BLAST OFF PARTY!!!!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**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'Connor

Jordan Bennett

Samantha Johannsen