

OTTERGRAM

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Welcome Otters!!!!

Welcome to Rookie Camp for the 2010 season. The OtterGram is published weekly to keep everyone informed of the team happenings.

Parent Orientation will be held Thursday, April 22nd @ Elm Grove Pool at 7:00 pm

Coaches' Corner

Swim Season is **FINALLY** here! I am very happy to be back this year and looking forward to a fun filled season with both the returning and new **OTTERS**. Coach Kathleen, Coach Marty and I are having a blast at rookie camp and can't wait for Coach Sam and Coach Chelsie to join us! The rookie camper's are looking **VERY** impressive this year, so get ready returning OTTERS, you might have some competition!!! Keep up the **GREAT** work! **LET'S GO VGO!!!**
Coach Kim

Meet Schedule

May 8thTime Trials
May 15that Bear Branch
May 22nd.....vs. Forest Cove
May 29thvs. Trailwood
June 5that Mills Branch
June 12that Walden
June 19thDivisionals TBD

Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!

SWIM TEAM HOTLINE
281-319-1300

Webmaster
webmaster@villageotters.com

ROOKIE CAMP APRIL 19TH-APRIL 23rd

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!

Hunters Ridge Parking

For those of you moving over to Hunters Ridge Pool next week for practice please do not park on the cul-de-sac across from Hunters Ridge Pool during the practices. Please try to park along the streets on Oak Garden.

**Regular after school practice
begins**

April 26th

Practice Schedule

April 26th-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 2 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

SWIM SUITS

This year our swimsuits will be the TYR THOR the same as last year. This was a 2 year suit. For the new swimmers and those in need of a new suit a representative from D & J Swim Shops will be at Elm Grove Pool on Monday, April 26th and Hunter's Ridge Pool on Tuesday, April 27th. Girls' suits are \$44.00 and Boys' jammers are \$29.00. If you are not able to attend either of those days please email Jenny Valcarce with your order. Jenny will also be taking pre-orders for hoodies and shorts. Jenny_valcarce@yahoo.com

Blast Off Party!!!!

Saturday, May 1st

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.

2010 Otter Coaches

Please welcome our coaches for this year!!!

Kim O'Connor- Head Coach

Samantha Johannsen

Marty Purcell

Kathleen Jackson

Chelsie Kidd

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Swim Suits

Monday, April 26th @ Elm Grove

Tuesday, April 27th @ Hunter's Ridge

Blast-Off Party

Saturday, May 1st
4-7PM @ Elm Grove Pool

Picture Day

Tuesday, May 18th
Elm Grove Pool 4:30pm

Fundraiser (During practice)

Tuesday, May 25th @ Hunter's Ridge
Wednesday, May 26th @ Elm Grove

Schlitterbaun

Tuesday, June 8th
Look for more information to come.

**NO PRACTICE ON
MEMORIAL DAY OR THE
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!**

Rules for the pool during practice

1. No running allowed on the deck of the pool.
2. Nobody is allowed in the baby pools.
3. Please do not talk with the coaches during or between practices. Please use the coaches' binders for questions or see a Board Member to talk about any concerns. We run the practices very tight so we need the coaches to concentrate without a lot of distractions.

Information Weather Information

If you are unsure if we will be holding practices due to weather, please call the hotline. The only time practice will be cancelled is due to lightning and/or thunder. Also, even if the weather is bad, please show up for meets. There is a possibility that the weather will pass.

COACHES BOOK

Starting Monday, April 26th there will be a binder at each pool. These binders are for parents to write down questions, concerns and requests for the coaches. If you are going to miss a meet, please let the coaches know by writing it in the binder.

SPONSORS!!! SPONSORS!!! SPONSORS!!!

Any family that brings in a new sponsor for the team at \$250/sponsor will get a FREE SWIMMER! Each sponsor gets a full page advertisement in home heat sheets, your company information in our divisional heat sheet, (seen by six different teams and hundreds of parents) numerous announcements during the meet, placement in the weekly Ottergram and a thank-you plaque at the end of the season. If you have any questions or would like to pick up the sponsor letter please ask a Board Member.