

OTTERGRAM

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April 29th, 2009

Welcome Otters!!!!

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!

Coaches Corner

Welcome Back Otters!

We would like to welcome our rookies to the Village Otter team and welcome back our returning Otters! We are so excited to see all the new and the familiar faces at practice. Former otters please welcome our new swimmers and make them feel a part of the team. We are all excited to begin a new season. We are looking forward to working hard this year and making this the best swim season yet!! Don't forget the Blast off Party is this Saturday at the Elm Grove pool.

Hope to see you there!!

The Coaches

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

**SWIM TEAM HOTLINE
281-319-1300**

Webmaster

webmaster@villageotters.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Blast-Off Party
Saturday, May 2nd
4-7 PM @ Elm Grove Pool

Kingwood Country Club Night!!!
Friday, May 8th
4pm-8pm

PICTURE DAY
May 21st @ Elm Grove Pool

SCHLITTERBAUN
June 9th
Tickets: 12+ \$30.00, 3yr-11yr \$25.00
Meal is additional \$8.00
Tickets go on sale Wednesday, April 29th at
both pools.

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

Meet Schedule

May 9th.....Time Trials
May 16th...vs. Oaks of Atascocita
May 23rd.....at Trailwood
May 30th.....vs. Kings River
June 6th.....vs. Newport
June 13th.....at Bear Branch
. June 20th.....Divisionals at HHS
Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!

BIRTHDAYS

Blake Nash 9 years on May 3rd
Zachary Reynolds 13 years on May 2nd
Happy Birthday!!!!!!!

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!

If you are going to miss an entire week of practice, Please write the week to be missed in the coaches book.

Important Information

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!
Please do not forget to sign up for volunteer positions. 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 Parent, and an Announcer for our home meets, if you are interested please contact Kristen Reep at 281-354-6281 or at ottervolunteer@yahoo.com.

**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. All parents must watch from outside the fence.
4. Please do not talk with the coaches during or between practices. Please use 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.

Hunters Ridge Parking
Parents, we have been asked by the residents to not park on the cul-de-sac across from Hunters Ridge Pool during practices. Please try to park along the streets on Oak Garden.

**Important 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 clear and the meet will be held.

Swim Meet Information

Time Trials Saturday, May 9th at 7:00am at Elm Grove Pool.

Warm-ups are at 7:00am for ALL swimmers.

The purpose of time trials is to establish a see time for all swimmers in all events. **ALL SWIMMERS MUST CHECK-IN UPON**

ARRIVAL AT THE POOL. There will be a table with a list of all the swimmers. Please circle your name to indicate that you are at the meet. After you check-in, find the team parent for your age group and get your heat assignments. It is not the responsibility of the team parent to keep up with your child during the meet. Their responsibility is getting them to the ready bench at the appropriate time.

LOOK FOR REMINDER OF VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE NEXT OTTERGRAM!!

COACHES BOOK

There is a binder at each pool so parents can leave questions and requests for the coaches. If you are going to miss a meet, please let the coaches know by leaving it in the binder!!!