

OTTERGRAM

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April 28th, 2010

Welcome Otters!!!!

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!

Coaches' Corner

Welcome Back Otters!

Dear Otters!

I am having so much fun with you guys now that practice has started!!! Time trials are fast approaching us and I know that all of you will be ready to swim fast and show off your "Otter-tude"!!!! If you are going to miss time trials or a meet, please make sure you write it in the Coaches book to let us know you won't be there. The coaches are having a blast. Keep up the "Otter-iffic" work!!! GO OTTERS!!!!

The Coaches

Meet Schedule

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

Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!

SWIM TEAM HOTLINE

281-319-1300

Webmaster

webmaster@villageotters.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Picture Day
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
More information to come.

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

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Catherine Miller	April 4 th	7 yrs old
Justin Bennett	April 8 th	8 yrs old
Gage Elrod	April 8 th	10 yrs old
Erin Fagerquist	April 10 th	8 yrs old
Luis Fernandez	April 10 th	9 yrs old
Kaley Whitworth	April 10 th	10 yrs old
Joshua Phipps	April 11 th	9 yrs old
Heath Jackson	April 15 th	7 yrs old
Jacob Moore	April 17 th	8 yrs old
Isabella Garza	April 20 th	9 yrs old
Ashley Reep	April 23 rd	12 yrs old
Brianna Senechal	April 25 th	9 yrs old
Logan Parker	April 28 th	15 yrs old

**We wish everyone a Happy
Birthday!!!!!!**

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 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.

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.

**Rules for the pool
During practice**

1. PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED.

Girls must wear a 1 piece suit. No bikinis or tankinis. Boys must wear jammers or a speedo brief.

2. No running allowed on the deck of the pool.

3. Nobody is allowed in the baby pools.

4. All parents must watch from outside the fence.

5. 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, please plan on attending all meets as scheduled regardless of the weather. There is a possibility that the weather will clear and the meet will be held.

Swim Meet Information

Time Trials Saturday, May 8th 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 seed 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. **IF YOU DO NOT CIRCLE IN YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED ABSENT AND WILL BE SCRATCHED FROM ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS.**

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 A 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!!!