

# OTTERGRAM

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April 30, 2008

## Blast Off Party

Saturday, May 3rd

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Elm Grove Pool

Bring your appetite, enthusiasm, and love for swim Pizza, cookie, and drink only \$3

Don't forget suits and chairs!

### Coaches Corner

#### Welcome Back Otter Families!

We would like to welcome our rookies to the Village Otter team. We are so excited to see new and 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!  
Coach Tyson

### Meet Schedule

**May 10.....Time Trials**  
**May 17.....Atascocita Forest**  
May 24...@ Atascocita Country Club  
**May 31.....Newport**  
**June 7.....Oaks of Atascocita**  
June 14.....@ Eagle Springs  
June 21...Divisionals TBD  
June 28 & 29...Invitationals  
**Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!**

### **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 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](mailto:ottervolunteer@yahoo.com).**

### **"Attention: Concession Helpers"**

All volunteers who have signed up to help in Concessions need to be aware that you must wear tennis shoes or closed toed shoes, have your hair up and wear a Baseball cap or hair net (no visors please). This is required by the City of Houston. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **SWIM TEAM HOTLINE**

**281-319-1300**

### *FUNDRAISER INFORMATION!!!*

### **Juvenile Diabetes "SWIM ALONG"**

**MAY 21<sup>st</sup> @ Hunters Ridge and  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Elm Grove DURING  
PRACTICE**

**NEED LAP COUNTERS ON  
THESE DAYS (1 PER LANE)**

**GATHER A FLAT  
DONATION OR HAVE  
THEM SPONSOR THE  
SWIMMER PER LAP SWAM!**

**LOOK FOR INFO TO COME  
HOME WITH YOUR  
SWIMMER!**

**NO PRACTICE THE  
LAST DAY  
OFSCHOOL OR  
MEMORIAL DAY!**

**PICTURE DAY  
May 27<sup>th</sup> @ ELM GROVE  
POOL  
4:30 P.M.**

## **Practice Schedule**

### **April 28-June 3**

#### **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, talk with the  
coaches.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

LOOK FOR KRISTEN REEP AT  
MEETS AND MAKE SURE TO  
SIGN IN WITH HER SO THAT  
WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE AT  
THE MEET! THIS WAY WE  
CAN MAKE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE  
POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE  
FILLED.

## **COACHES BOOK**

THERE IS A BINDER AT EACH  
POOL SO PARENTS CAN LEAVE  
QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS,  
TO SWIM A CERTAIN STROKE,  
FOR THE COACHES. IF YOU  
ARE GOING TO MISS A MEET,  
PLEASE LET THE COACHES  
KNOW BY LEAVING IT IN THE  
BINDER!

## **Swim Meet Information**

**Time Trials- Saturday, May 10th at  
7:00 a.m. at Elm Grove Pool**

**Warm-ups are at 7:00 a.m. for ALL swimmers.**

The purpose of time trials is to establish a seed time for 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!**