

OTTERGRAM

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TIME TRIALS

Saturday, May 8th, at 7:00am at Elm Grove Pool.

Please arrive at 6:45am. Warm-ups start promptly 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 the children to the ready bench at the appropriate time.

Parking is available at Elm Grove Elementary. Please **DO NOT PARK** in the Sherwood Trails pool lot. Please **DO NOT Park** on the apartment side of the street directly in front of the pool, there will be NO PARKING signs posted to help let you know where not to park. This is so emergency vehicles can get down the streets. Also please do not park in any no parking zone including Fire Lanes and in front of fire hydrants. Parking in the pool lot is for handicap marked vehicles, coaches and board members only!!!

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEET????

* Goggles and Cap * * Towels * * Sunscreen * * Entertainment (puzzles, cards) *
* Enthusiasm *

LABEL EVERYTHING

CONCESSION HELPERS

All volunteers who have signed up to help in the Concessions need to be aware that you must wear **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

ALL VOLUNTEERS

Please look for Kristen Reep at the meets to make sure to **SIGN IN** with her so we know you are there!!! This way we can make announcements for the positions that need to be filled. If you have not chosen a volunteer position for Saturday please take a look at the unfilled positions on the schedule and see Kristen Reep at the meet to volunteer your time.

SWIM SUITS

A representative from D & J Swim shops will be at Time Trials from 7am -8:30am.

NEW THIS WEEK

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. Please do not check in for practice more than 10 minutes prior your scheduled time.

Swimmers must stay outside the gates until 10 minutes prior their practice time.

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

4. Nobody is allowed in the baby pools.

5. All parents must watch from outside the fence at Elm Grove & Hunters Ridge.

6. Please do not talk with the coaches before, during or after 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 distraction.

6. Please keep all bikes outside the gates of the pool, locked on the bike racks. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE STORAGE ROOMS AT ELM GROVE OR HUNTER'S RIDGE POOLS.** These rooms are for our equipment necessary to run the practices and meets.

FRIDAY PRACTICES

Starting this Friday, May 7th

ALL FRIDAY PRACTICES WILL BE AT ELM GROVE POOL.

Please come at your regular practice time. This allows all of the children to practice their starts and dives.

ELM GROVE PARKING

*Please **DO NOT PARK** in the following areas:*

In the Sherwood Trails pool lot

In front of any fire hydrant

In the Elm Grove Apt. parking lot

Where any no parking signs are posted

YOU MAY PARK:

Along the pool side of the street

At Elm Grove Elementary

HUNTERS RIDGE PARKING

Parents, we have been asked by the residents **NOT to PARK in the cul-de-sac across from Hunters Ridge Pool during practices.** Please try to only park along the street on Oak Garden.

COACHES CORNER

Hey Otters!

This week of practice has been a great one!

I have see BIG improvement both in the new and returning Otters. We still have a lot of work to do before time trials on Saturday. If you are not able to be there,

Please make sure and write it in the Coaches book as soon as possible. Also, please make sure you are at Elm Grove Saturday morning in time for warm-ups!

All of the Otters are doing a Terrific job!!!

GO OTTERS!!!!

The Coaches

SWIM TEAM HOTLINE

281-319-1300

webmaster@villageotters.com

BIRTHDAYS

Brooklyn Jones	May 6 th	9yrs old
Christian Boss	May 7 th	11 yrs old
Laney Albert	May 9 th	8 yrs old
Abigail Overtow	May 9 th	12yrs old
Nicholas Garic	May 10 th	17yrs old
Ethan Blake	May 11 th	11 yrs old

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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!!!

Any family who 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, the 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 question or would like to pick up the sponsor letter please ask a Board Member. The deadline for the 1st heat sheet will be 5-18-10

Meet Schedule

May 8th.....Time Trials
May 15th.....at 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

COACHES BINDER

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!!

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, May 18th
Elm Grove Pool
4:30pm
NO PRACTICE

FUNDRAISER (DURING PRACTICE)

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

SUMMER CHAMPS

Sunday, June 6th and Monday June 7th
Look for more information to come.

SCHLITTERBAUN

Tuesday, June 8th
NO PRACTICE
Look for more information to come.

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

Practice Schedule

May 5th-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

If you are going to miss an entire week of practice, please write the week to be missed in the coach's book.

Volunteer Schedule-May 8th, Time Trials

Timers

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Laurie Trease	1	Allan Fagerquist
2	Terri Abbey	2	Mike Hardy
3	Lara Boss	3	Jason Hohneke
4	Meeka Karger	4	Diego Rincon
5	Allan Fagerquist	5	Katherine Rincon
6	Emily Fuson	6	Leon Resendez
7	MaryAnne Sokol	7	Lora Dickerson
8	Katherine Rincon	8	Peter Marucci
9	Terrence Washington	9	Michelle Moore
10	Fallon Smiley	10	Martha Moore
11	Suraya Birkholz	11	Greg Miller
12	Kristi Walls	12	Gerardo Garza
13	Ashley Jackson	13	Donny Rollo
14	Martha Fernandez	14	Denise Townsend
15	Kari BrooksMartin	15	Craig Townsend
16	Debbie Masterson	16	Jessica Owens
17	Deanna Cox	17	Allen Brown
18	Janie Castro	18	_____

Scribes

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Jeff Burkholder	1	Jeff Burkholder
2	Kae Eichler	2	Lora Dickerson
3	Christina ElzaScudder	3	_____
4	Gerardo Garza	4	_____
5	Leon Resendez	5	_____
6	Melissa Krantz	6	_____

Runners

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Diego Rincon	1	Lisa Maurucci
2	Natalie Guerrero	2	Betty Vasquez

Data Entry

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Iris Kelley	1	Jeff Morgan
2	Jeff Morgan	2	Nancy Duran Mendieta

Ready Bench

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Lynn Baker	1	Darren Owen
2	Alberto Nunez de Alvarez	2	Allen Brown
3	Mitch Moss	3	Doris Rawlinson
4	Janie Castro	4	Kristi Walls
5	Donny Rollo	5	JoAnne Loving
6	_____	6	Lora Dickerson

Concessions

<u>Set up(6:00am)</u>		<u>Take down(after meet)</u>	
1	Laurie Trease	1	Lacey Glosson
2	Susie Callens	2	Jaime Burns
3	Fallon Smiley	3	Jessica Owens

Concessions

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Karen Fagerquist	1	Meeka Karger
2	Kathryn Washington	2	Karen Fagerquist
3	Alisa Cancino	3	Kae Eichler
4	_____	4	Alisa Cancino
5	_____	5	Jaime Burns

Equipment

<u>Set up (6:00am)</u>		<u>Take Down(After meet)</u>	
1	Greg Day	1	Mike Hardy
2	Paul Rasmussen	2	Jason Hohneke
3	Tim Rasmussen	3	Craig Miller
4	Jereck Boss	4	Diego Rincon
5	Eric Callens	5	Katherine Rincon
6	Chad Karger	6	Kristen Saunders
7	Brian Albert	7	Brandy Bedgood
8	Chris Krantz	8	Peter Marucci

Swim Shop

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Nancy Duran Mendieta	1	Iris Kelley
2	_____	2	Brandy Bedgood

Desk Parents Week of 5/10-5/14

6-u	_____	7-8	Lacey Glosson
9-10	Debbie Masterson	11-12	_____
13-up	Linda Overton		

Facilities Volunteer

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	? Miller	1	_____

We have many positions that still need to be filled!!

Team Parents: You will be contacted through email!

Please contact Kristen Reep @ 713-806-3289 or ottervolunteer@yahoo.com