

# OTTERGRAM

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## 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.

**Parking is available at Elm Grove Elementary.** Please DO NOT Park on the apartment side of the street directly in front of the pool, there will be NO PARKING posted to help let you know where to park. This is so emergency vehicles can get down the streets. Parking in the pool lot is for coaches and board members only!

### Coaches Corner

Parents and swimmers we are excited to see all of you at time trials. Remember if you can't come to time trials write it in the coaches' book so that we can know. Those of you that don't make time trials will be timed at practice because we need times for everyone. We as coaches are excited to see you OTTERS swimming fast and having fun this year. Last week was good, so keep it up.

Coach Tyson

### LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

**Starting this week all Friday practices will be held at Elm Grove Pool for Station Practice.**

#### 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.

## 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.

### 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).

### WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEET?

1. Goggles and cap
  2. Towels
  3. Sunscreen
  4. Entertainment (puzzles, cards, "bop-it")
  5. Enthusiasm
- LABEL EVERYTHING!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brooklyn Jones 7 years on May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Christian Boss 9 years on May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Nicholas Garic 15 years on May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Alenka Cardenas 14 years on May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Shelbie Meyer 5 years on May 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Reminder

If you have not gotten your team swimsuit, please go by Lane 4 Swim and Run in the Brookdale Shopping Center. The team suit is not required but it does unify us a team!  
Go OTTERS!!!

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

## ATTENTION OTTERS!!!!

Stroke clinics start the week after time trials. Like last year stroke clinics will focus on different things each day. To start Tuesday will be backstroke day, Wednesday will be breaststroke, and Thursday will be butterfly. We will have sign up sheets at each pool. It will cost 5 dollars and it will start at 7:15 at the elm grove pool until school ends. There will be limited spots so sign up soon

Thanks, Coaches

### "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.

#### Mother's Day Raffle

At Time Trials we will be selling tickets for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00 and raffling off great Mother's Day gifts.

### 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 @ Newport  
June 28 & 29...Invitationals  
**Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!**

**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)

LOOK FOR INFO TO COME  
HOME WITH YOUR SWIMMER!

**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!

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

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

**Practice Schedule  
April 28-June 2**

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.

**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.