

OTTERGRAM

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Time Trials

Saturday, May 12th 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!

VOLUNTEERS

****NEW THIS YEAR****

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.

THERE ARE MANY POSITIONS THAT STILL NEED TO BE FILLED. ON THE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4, WE ARE IN NEED OF TIMERS, SCRIBES AND RUNNERS!! PLEASE REMEMBER IF WE DO NOT FILL THESE POSITIONS, WE WILL HAVE TO STOP THE MEET.

Meet Schedule

May 12.....Time Trials
May 19.....@ Eagle Springs
May 26.....Fall Creek
June 2.....@ Woodland Hills
June 9.....Newport
June 16...@ Atascocita Country Club
June 23...Divisionals @ Eagle Springs
June 30 & July 1...Invitationals

Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!

Practice Schedule

April 30-May 24

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, talk with the coaches.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

We are in need of
SPONSORS for the team.

Anyone that gets a NEW SPONSOR for the team at \$250.00/sponsor will get a FREE SWIMMER! Each sponsor gets advertisement in home heat sheets, numerous announcements during the meet, placement in the weekly Ottergram and a thank-you plaque at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please ask a Board Member.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEET?

1. Googles and cap
2. towels
3. Sunscreen
4. Entertainment (puzzles, cards, "bop-it")
5. Enthusiasm

LABEL EVERYTHING!

NO PRACTICE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL OR MEMORIAL DAY!

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.

Thanks for your understanding

SWIM TEAM HOTLINE

281-319-1300

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BIRTHDAYS

Kristen Duensing 16 yrs on May 1st
Zachary Reynolds 11 yrs on May 2nd
Christian Boss 8 yrs on May 7th
Adam Macias 11 yrs on May 8th
Nicholas Garic 14 yrs on May 10th
Kimberly Jackson 12 yrs on May 16th

LOOK! LOOK!

Hunters Ridge HOA and Crystal Pools would like to thank us for being patient while they improve the pool. The deck looks great but please be careful, it can get slick when wet!

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!!!

COACHES CORNER

Fellow Otters:

Well, despite Hunter's Ridge pool being closed and more bad weather; we did get some practices in last week. We only saw the 9-10 group once last week and that was not until Friday. We really need to get busy this week and have five good days of practice. Be prepared to concentrate on all four strokes in practice this week. Our time trials are this Saturday at Elm Grove pool. They are run just like a real meet except that there is only one team...US! It is VERY important that everyone try to be there so that we can get a time on you in each event. Don't forget to circle in when you arrive so that we know that you are there. Come ready to swim your fastest.

Ten and Under Otters, please welcome Coach Tim at Hunter's Ridge pool. He is our substitute coach for the next two weeks. Also, we are all glad that Coach Jeff made it in safely from college in Utah. We are so glad to have him back even though he was pulling for the Jazz against our Rockets in the playoffs!

I had a great time at the Blast Off Party on Saturday. It was so nice seeing so many of our Otter swimmers in attendance and having so much fun. See you at the pool as we attempt to get better for our upcoming Time Trials.

Coach Mark