

OTTERGRAM

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May 12th, 2010

OTTERS TRAVEL TO BEAR COUNTRY

Saturday, May 15th, at 7:00am at Bear Branch Pool.

Swimmers please arrive at 7:00am to circle in.

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.

The Bear Branch Pool is located at 3215 Cedar Knolls Drive. From Northpark/Woodland Hills Drive: Head south on Woodland Hills to Pine Terrace (Kingwood Middle School). Turn left onto Pine Terrace. Follow Pine Terrace to the end (stop sign) and turn left onto Cedar Knolls. The pool is on Cedar Knolls on the left side just past Kingwood Middle School. *Street Parking is available please do not block any driveways, mail boxes or fire hydrants. Additional parking is available at Kingwood Middle School.*

Coaches' Corner

WOW! You all did an **AWESOME** job at Time Trials last weekend! I saw a **HUGE** improvement from last year and even from a couple of weeks ago. With all of the hard work I have seen at practice this week, I know we are ready to take on the Bear Branch Bears!! Don't forget to look for our stroke clinic schedule if you need a little extra help on a particular stroke. Let's all **SWIM FAST** and **HAVE FUN!** Don't forget to **CIRCLE IN** on Saturday!

GO OTTERS!!!!

The Coaches

FRIDAY PRACTICES

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Miller	May 12 th	6 yrs old
Karson Pickard	May 12 th	6 yrs old
Shelbie Meyer	May 12 th	7 yrs old
Alex Simmons	May 15 th	10 yrs old
Kimberly Jackson	May 16 th	15 yrs old

We wish everyone a Happy Birthday!!!!

STROKE CLINIC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 18th 9 & up (Butterfly)

Wednesday, May 19th 7 & 8 (Breast)

Thursday, May 20th 9 & up (Breast)

Tuesday, May 25th All (Starts/Turns)

Wednesday, May 26th All (Butterfly)

Thursday, May 27th All (Breast)

Please look for the sign up sheets at both pools. You must pay \$5.00 in advance to guarantee a spot. **CASH ONLY**

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

On the Apartment side of the street

Where any no parking signs are posted

YOU MAY PARK:

Along the pool side of the street

At Elm Grove Elementary

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Meet Schedule

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

Home Meets are in Bold Type!!!

ALL VOLUNTEERS

Please look for Kristen Reep at meets, and 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 contact Kristen

Reep at 713-806-3289 or
ottervolunteer@yahoo.com

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.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found boxes at both pools for missing items. We have many items that need to be reunited with their owners!!!!

****** MEET RESULTS ******

To view the results from any meet go to the Village Otters home page and click on the "meet schedule and results" link.

E-mail for more information

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.

*****Practice Pick-Up Reminder*****

Please pick up your swimmer promptly at the end of practice. It is not the responsibility of the desk parent to supervise unattended children. We can not have children waiting inside the gates and we can not let them outside the gate until a responsible party is present.

**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 supervised, 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 distractions.

7. 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 HUNTERS RIDGE POOLS. These rooms are for our equipment necessary to run the practices and meets.

SWIM TEAM HOTLINE 281-319-1300
Webmaster
webmaster@villageotters.com

PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, May 18th

Elm Grove Pool

4:30pm Individual pictures

6:00pm Team Picture

Wear your team suit and bring your smile!!!!

NO PRACTICE

DATES TO REMEMBER:

FUNDRAISER (DURING PRACTICE)

Tuesday, May 25th @ Hunter's Ridge Pool

Wednesday, May 26th @ Elm Grove Pool

SUMMER CHAMPS

Sunday, June 6th for 10 & under Boys and Girls

Monday, June 7th for 11-18 Boys and Girls

www.swimbluetide.org for more information

SCHLITTERBAUN

Tuesday, June 8th NO PRACTICE

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!!

**PRACTICE SCHEDULE
MAY 12TH-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

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

Volunteer Schedule-May 15th – Bear Branch

Timers

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Kathleen Pennuell	1	Mitch Moss
2	Billy Pennuell	2	Donny Rollo
3	Meeka Karger	3	Darren Owen
4	Karen Miller	4	Allen Brown
5	Susan Senechal	5	Doris Rawlinson
6	Suraya Birkhoff	6	_____
7	_____	7	_____

Scribes

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	MaryAnne Sokol	1	Martha Moore
2	Terri Criner	2	Jane Miller

Runners

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Natalie Guerrero	1	Michelle Moore
2	Alisa Cancino	2	Lynn Baker

Ready Bench

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Jason West	1	Gerardo Garza
2	Tina Smith	2	Jason Dalby
3	Emily Fuson	3	Janie Castro

Data Entry

<u>Shift 1</u>		<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Roni Morris	1	Jeff Morgan
2	_____	2	_____

Equipment

<u>Set up (6:30am)</u>		<u>Take Down(After meet)</u>	
1	Greg Day	1	Leo Longoria
2	Paul Rasmusson	2	Brandy Bedgood
3	Tim Burmingham	3	Terri Criner
4	Mike Roberts	4	Brandon Halbert
5	Eric Callens		

Ribbons

<u>Shift 2</u>	
1	Chris Phlegar
2	Roni Morris

Desk Parents Week of 5/17

6-u Suraya Birkhoff	7-8 Lara Boss	9-10 Susan Senechal
11-12 Henry Quiroga	13-up Linda Overton	

Desk Parents Week of 5/24

6-u Suraya Birkhoff	7-8 Lara Boss	9-10 Susan Senechal
11-12 JoAnne Loving	13-up Linda Overton	

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Remember, meets cannot run smoothly if we do not fill positions.

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