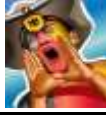


Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Woodley Swim Team, June 16 2014 No. 4



Pep Rally and End of School Party June 20th

A team pep rally and end of school party will be held Friday, June 20th, from 6:30-8 p.m. to (officially) launch the 2014 season. More information will be arriving in *e-mail* and posted on the bulletin board.

We are trying something new this year and having a pasta dinner instead of pizza (there will also be popsicles available). Please contact Michelle Kline with questions at mkline76@gmail.com as I am sure she could use some help as well.

And **Congratulations** to Woodley swimmers who are graduating seniors this year - James Sturges and Amanda Mazza (and Jonathan Burgess (my nephew) who is not swimming on the team this year but is working as a lifeguard. He swam on Woodley from age 8 until 16). PLEASE also let me know if I am missing any seniors so we can be sure to recognize their time and contributions to the swim team!!

Saturday's Time Trials

Again wanted to give BIG thanks and *round of applause* to the parent volunteers, coaches AND swimmers who participated in last Saturday's time trials!! It was a long meet but an important one and fun to see all the new Woodley swimmers in races and to see their parents volunteering on deck (or at Clerk of Course, Timing, Concessions, Tables or helping with set-up/tear-down)!!.

A Meet vs. Sleepy Hollow Rec (SHR) AT WOODLEY on Saturday, June 21st

Our first competitive, scored "A" dual meet will be held this Saturday, June 21st at WOODLEY. Based on the results of time trials, last year's time and their availability, swimmers will be selected to swim this meet. Officials will be assigned in a similar manner as the time trials except your name should only appear if your child is swimming but we do sometimes make mistakes.

Robin's goal is e-mail the official's list (and swimmer entry lists) to parents by Wednesday evening or Thursday morning!!. Coaches will notify swimmers on Thursday at practice if they are swimming and what their events will be (a swimmer can only swim 2 events and one or two relays).

Thursday evening, the swim representatives from Division 13 exchange our final selections in electronic and paper format. *If you are not sure if your child is swimming or they don't remember what they were told, please ask the coaches or the swim reps!*

PLEASE ALSO NOTE that there is a good possibility that your swimmer will be entered in the Saturday morning meet because the team reps and Coaches try to fill every lane and relay. I already know of at least one family that will be on vacation for this meet. Substitutions are allowed and are not as strict at the first A meet (after first A meet you cannot substitute a faster swimmer). ***PLEASE MAKE SURE to read the e-mails and/or talk to coaches to see if your child is swimming!!!*** Also all the team would love it if teammates came out to cheer even if they are not swimming!!!

Woodley's warm-ups will be at 8AM. In other words, swimmers must be ready to get into the pool at 8AM. We will have exactly 20 minutes for warm-ups. The meet will begin at 9:00AM.

Friday Night Set-Up

As with time trials - we would love for families to stay after the pep rally and help us set-up for the home meet. It should not take too long.

Vacation Plans

We understand that summer is almost here and family plans are important however we do ask that you try and not schedule vacations during the swim season. It is really only a short 5 to 6 weeks!!

HOWEVER if either parents or swimmers will not be at meets (especially A meets) - PLEASE EMAIL ROBIN by Monday or Tuesday of the week of A meet.

I know that you also entered that information in our online system but as of now - I am not able to organize the information to review (THANKS IN ADVANCE and apologies if I do forget that you are out of town - I do have to track the other 100+ families as well as my own - (:).

FIRST B MEET (Away) vs. Lake Braddock at LAKE BRADDOCK -Monday June 23rd

Everyone can participate in this meet swimming a maximum of 2 events and I.M. (unless they placed first, second, or third in one of those events at the previous Saturday's "A" meet). This is a swimmer's chance to improve their times and bump a teammate for an A Meet slot. In some of our larger age groups, it is expected that this will happen quite often throughout the season. Woodley warm-ups will be at 5:20 p.m.

Any swimmers who want to participate in the I.M. Carnival on July 2nd, should sign up for I.M. at this meet as most likely preliminary entries will be due by SUNDAY - June 29th. There will also be more information about Todd Potts IM Carnival in the next newsletter.

Instructions/Directions and officials assignments for the B meet will be coming soon to a location near you (e-mail and posted on bulletin board).

Upcoming Dates

June 17: Dive Judges clinic at Sleepy Hollow Rec (SHR) - 6:30PM

June 18: Stroke & Turn Clinic at Hunt Valley & Sully Station 7PM

June 19: Dive Referee Clinic at Truro 6:30PM

June 20: Pep Rally/End of School Party

June 20: Woodley Set-up for Home meet @ 8PM

June 22: **FIRST A Meet (HOME) – SHR at Woodley**, Warm-ups 8AM

June 23: **FIRST B MEET (AWAY) – Woodley at Lake Braddock** Warm-ups 5:20PM

June 25 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Fairfax County

June 26 - Morning & Afternoon practices start

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