

## COLONY SWIM TEAM NEWS

Welcome to the Colony Crocodiles 2011 swim season. Coaches Mrs. Renee Nowaske, Mr. Ed Weber, and Ms. Lauren Maslyk are excited to see all of you after a long cold winter and are looking forward to a season of great swimming and awesome team spirit. GO CROC's!!!

**REGISTRATION:** Please mail your completed registration package to arrive **no later than FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**. The fee to participate is **\$30.00** per swimmer (a family maximum of \$100.00) and must be included with your registration. Call Renee Nowaske (734-776-1484) with your registration questions. **Forms and payments should be mailed to:**

**Robin Maslyk**

**7390 Chesterfield Dr. E**

**Canton, MI 48187**

**PARENT MEETING:** Please plan to have at least one parent attend this important season kick-off meeting; **Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, at Colony Swim Club. Our coaches will take this opportunity to share their desires for the team and answer any and all questions you may have. League Meet logistics will be discussed and this will also be a great time to volunteer if you haven't already signed up. Available merchandise orders will be distributed as well.

**PRACTICE TIMES:** First day of practice is **Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** and continues Monday – Friday until July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**11 & older** (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.) **10 & under** (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Please attend the practice for your age group unless you have talked with the coaches. All schedule conflicts should be discussed with Coach Nowaske. (Summer school, jobs, sport clinics, camp, participation with other club teams, etc....)

➔ We will not hold practice on **Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>**.

➔ There are no meets on **Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Please be as committed to the swim season as your family calendar allows.

**MEETS:** For a swimmer to be eligible to compete in a meet they must be able to swim safely the distance required of their age bracket. (One length; 25 meters 10 & under, or two lengths; 50 meters 11 & up) The Coaches will let you know ahead of time should they feel your swimmer is not ready. Swimmers must participate in two dual meets in order to be entered in the League Championship Meet. (Colony will be hosting the **League Championship Meet this year on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**; the inclement weather postponement date is **Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**.)

Please complete one **Meet Commitment Form** per swimmer and turn in **NO LATER** than the first day of practice. Let the coaches know of any changes (in writing) to your commitment form as early as possible, they need to have time to adjust meet line-ups.

- MEET DATES: 6/23, 6/28, 7/7, 7/12, 7/14, 7/19, 7/21, 7/26, & **SATURDAY 7/30** (CHAMPIONSHIP)
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT COLONY CONCURRENT WITH PRACTICE FRIDAY MORNING 7/22
- TEAM PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT 5:00 p.m. BEFORE THE BANQUET AT COLONY THURSDAY 7/28

**DUAL MEET VOLUNTEERING:** Our dual meets could not happen without the assistance of all our swim team families. We ask that each family volunteer for two dual meets. Sign-up Genius our electronic volunteer site for Dual Meets will be active May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through a link at the Swim Tab on the Club Web-site. Volunteering for the League Meet will be in addition to the two dual meets and is explained below. Thank you for your participation.

**MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM:** Please use this form to order team suits, t-shirts, sweatshirts, flannel pants, caps and / or window decals. The registration package includes pictures of all team apparel. Orders need to be received by mail **before Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** to enable us to have them for the start of our season. Contact **Robin Maslyk (734-459-6950)** with your merchandise questions. **There will only be one order for merchandise this year.** Please write separate checks for registration and merchandise.

**TEAM SUITS:** It is awesome when every swimmer has a team suit to wear and show their team spirit. This season our suits will be orange to coordinate with the League Meet Theme “Swimming Fiesta”. Female suits have a fly-strap this year, this could affect the size you wear since it doesn’t give like the wider straps do. Please contact Robin with any questions and / or to arrange an appointment at her home to try suits on if you are unsure of the size you need. Suit sizing dates and times are listed below. Keep in mind that a dry, new suit should be quite tight. Suits will stretch when wet and will stretch the more they are worn. Please do not buy suits big for growing room. They will wear out before you can grow into them.

**Suit Sizing Dates and Times at Robin’s Home**

March 29 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup>	12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
April 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**TEAM SHIRTS:** T-SHIRTS are His / Hers basic 100% cotton. SWEATSHIRTS are hooded pullovers. We encourage parents to purchase a Team shirt to wear throughout the season as well as the day of the League Meet as our Volunteer Wear. See attached for screen art and colors. **Orders must be in by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**SWIM CAPS:** Caps will be available throughout the season. To guarantee a cap at the start of the season please pre-order them on your merchandise order form. A reminder: that only Colony caps or plain caps may be worn at meets, all other caps need to be worn inside out.

**FLANNEL PANTS:** These popular pants are now a part of our annual order form. Plaid with Colony screen printed down one leg.

**WINDOW DECALS:** New for the club this year are window decals sporting the Colony Crocodile Mascot on a clear 4 X 6 oval that can be applied to the outside of a car window. They may be pre-ordered on the swim team merchandise order form, a great way to show how proud you are to belong to Colony Swim Club.

**GOGGLES:** Trading post carries a wide variety of styles and sizes for you to choose from. Remember meets are held outdoors when deciding between tinted or clear lens.

**TATTOOS:** Tattoos can be purchased at practice and at meets. The coaches will let you know the “do’s and don’ts” of wearing tattoos in a competition.

**TWITTER:** Come to the Parent meeting to hear how the Colony Crocodiles will be using their Twitter account for dual meets and the day of the League Meet. If you are versed in Tweeting and would like to be our Twitter Volunteer the day of the League Meet, please contact Robin.

**EVENT PAYMENT FORM:** Please complete this form and return by Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> with Cash Due to assist with streamlining the collection of money for the season.

**AWARDS BANQUET FORM:** Please complete this form and return by Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> with Cash or Check to RSVP for this event to be held Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> following the Team Picture.

**LEAGUE MEET INFORMATION:** We are excited to be hosting the League Meet this year at our club. Pre-Season preparation has started. There are lots of positions to fill to enable the day to run smoothly. All families are encouraged to volunteer one or two times, this will guarantee you one parking spot per family in the Colony Parking Lot, all others will park at Plymouth High School. Everyone is asked to assist with the Clean Up at the conclusion of the meet.

**Volunteer Sign-up:** You may sign up at a suit sizing appointment, at the Parent meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>, or by calling Robin (734-459-6950) to volunteer in the following areas. (Marshalling, Timer, Finish Line Recorder, Scoring, Runners, Awards, Swim Meet Program / Meet T-shirt sales, Concessions, Parking, Advertising, Decorations / Parade, Merchandizing, Set-up) By signing up early you will have more opportunities available to choose from.

**Volunteer Wear:** We encourage volunteers to wear a 2011 team shirt the day of the League Meet. This will enable the other clubs to know who the Colony members / volunteers are.

**Set-Up:** This committee will need to be available Friday late afternoon into the evening for setting up the meet grounds.

**Questions:** Contact Robin 734-459-6950, [PCEP1975@aol.com](mailto:PCEP1975@aol.com)

*Thank you  
See you in June*

**TEAM SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST FOR THE 2012 SWIM SEASON:** Do you have an idea for the team shirt? Please e-mail Mrs. Maslyk ([PCEP1975@aol.com](mailto:PCEP1975@aol.com)) or send via mail no later than **August 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**.

**To: Robin Maslyk      7390 Chesterfield Dr. E.      Canton, MI 48187**

If your idea or a major part of it is used you will receive one free T-shirt. The idea must include the Colony Crocodile and be presented in a good sportsmanship manor to be considered. Good Luck!

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** Swimmer Registration and Merchandise Orders due to Robin Maslyk  
(please write separate checks for these made out to Colony Swim Club)

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** Parent meeting at Colony Swim Club 7:00 p.m.  
Please make every effort to attend this informational meeting

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** Practice begins; 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for swimmers 11 years and older  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. for swimmers 10 years and under

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** Meet Commitment Forms Due  
(Due to timing constraints between the first day of practice and our first meet, any swimmer that has not turned in a commitment form by this date WILL NOT be entered in the Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> meet. Thank you for supplying this information to the coaches on or before June 20<sup>th</sup>.)

**Meet Dates** June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

**No Meets** June 30<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**No Practice** July 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** Last day to turn in money for Pancake Breakfast, Banquet, League Meet, etc.....

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** Last day to notify coaches of commitment for participating in the League Meet July 30<sup>th</sup>

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** Fire up / Spirit Pancake Breakfast

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** Team Picture and Awards Banquet at Colony Swim Club 5:00 p.m.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** League Championship Meet hosted by Colony Swim Club

**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>** 2011 Team shirt design entries due to Robin Maslyk

## LEAGUE TRIVIA

- ❖ Name of our league: Summer Independent Swim League (S.I.S.L)
- ❖ The league has been in existence since 1973 (38 years)
- ❖ Northville was the first champion and has won 8 times, Burton Hollow champs 13 times, Fairway Farms 3 times, Newburgh champs 6 times since 2000, and Colony champs 11 times. (Years:1979, co-champ 1984, 1986, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2009 and.
- ❖ The championship has been shared 3 times, Burton Hollow with Northville 1976, Burton Hollow with Colony 1984, and Burton Hollow with Fairway Farms 1992.

Congratulations to everyone!