

COLONY SWIM TEAM NEWS

Welcome to the Colony Crocodiles 2010 swim season. Coaches Mrs Renee Nowak, Mr. Ed Weber, and Mr. J. Belie 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 CROCS!!

REGISTRATION: Please mail your completed registration package to arrive **no later than FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH**. The fee to participate is **\$30.00** per swimmer (a family maximum of \$100.00) and must be included with your registration. Call Renee Nowak (734-776-1484) with your registration questions **Forms and payments should be mailed to:**

Robin Matyk

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 9th 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. Team families share the load by volunteering to work two dual meets; our new electronic sign-up process for volunteering will be discussed. Available merchandise orders will be distributed as well.

PRACTICE MEETS: First day of practice is **Monday, June 21st** and continues **Monday - Friday** until July 30th.

11 & older (8:00 am. - 9:00 am.) **10 & under** (9:00 am. - 10:00 am.)

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

☞ We will not hold practice on **Thursday, July 1st, Friday, July 2nd or Monday, July 5th**.

☞ There are no meets on **Thursday, July 1st, Tuesday, July 6th, or Thursday, July 22nd**.

Please be 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. (Northville will be hosting the League Championship Meet **this year on SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st**; there will not be an indemnity weather postponement date this season as the meet will be held indoors at the Livonia Recreation Center.)

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: 6/24, 6/29, 7/8, 7/13, 7/15, 7/20, 7/27, 7/29, & **SUNDAY 8/1 (CHAMPIONSHIP)**

☞ PAN CAKE BREAKFAST AT COLONY CONCURRENT WITH PRACTICE FRIDAY MORNING 7/23

☞ TEAM PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT 5:30 p.m. BEFORE THE BANQUET AT COLONY FRIDAY 7/30

M ERCHANDISE ORDER FORM : Please use this form to order team suits, t-shirts, sweatshirts or caps. Orders need to be received by mail **before Friday, April 30th** to enable us to have them for the start of our season. Contact Robin Madyk (734-459-6950) with your merchandise questions. **(All suits ordered after Friday, April 30th will be an additional \$5.00 each)** 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. If you are unsure of your size, contact Robin for assistance she has a sizing kit, Speedo has changed their sizing scheme, and now offer Youth and Adult sizes for females. 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. Female suits have wide straps again. A helpful hint for sizing girls: if you can lift the straps at the shoulders up to their earlobes the suit is too big.

TEAM SHIRTS: T-SHIRTS are available in two styles, the BASIC shirt in youth and adult sizes and a LADIES shirt in adult sizes only. All will be white. SWEATSHIRTS will be offered as hooded pullovers only. Adult sizes are white and youth sizes are light grey. For team spirit parents are encouraged to wear a team shirt also! **(Orders must be in by Friday, April 30th)** League Meet theme is "Swimming with the Stars" our shirt design will incorporate this Red Carpet event on it.

SWIM CAPS: Silicone 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.

GOOGLES: 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.

FLANNEL PANTS: We will look into flannel pants this season as a separate order from the other merchandise. We could use a volunteer to coordinate this effort, please contact Robin if you are interested 734-459-6950.

Thank you
See you in June

TEAM SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST FOR THE 2011 SWIM SEASON: Do you have an idea for the team shirt? Please email Mrs. Madyk (CEP1975@aol.com) or send via mail no later than **August 1st 2010**.

To: Robin Madyk 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 manner to be considered. Good Luck!

DATES TO REMEMBER :

April 30th Swimmer Registration and Merchandise Orders due to Robin Maslyk
(please write separate checks for these made out to Colony Swim Club)

June 9th Parent meeting at Colony Swim Club 7:00 p.m.
Please make every effort to attend this informational meeting

June 21st Practice begins 8:00 am. – 9:00 am. for swimmers 11 years and older
9:00 am. – 10:00 am. for swimmers 10 years and under

June 21st Meet Commitment Form sDue
(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 24th meet. Thank you for supplying this information to the coaches on or before June 21st.)

Meet Dates June 24th, 29th July 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 27th, 29th

No Meets July 1st, 6th, 22nd

No Practice July 1st, 2nd, and 5th

July 15th Last day to notify coaches of commitment for participating in the League Meet August 1st

July 16th Last day to turn in money for Breakfast, Banquet, League Meet, etc... ..

July 23rd Pancake Breakfast

July 30th Team Picture and Awards Banquet at Colony Swim Club 5:30 p.m.

August 1st League Championship Meet hosted by Northville at the Livonia Recreation Center

Aug. 1st 2010 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 (37 years)
- ✍ Northville was the first champion and has won 8 times, Burton Hollow champs 13 times, Fairway Farms twice, Newburgh champs 6 times since 2000, and Colony champs 12 times. (Years: 1979, co-champ 1984, 1986, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- ✍ 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!