

COLONY SWIM TEAM NEWS

Welcome to the Colony Crocodiles 2009 swim season. Coaches Mrs. Renee Nowaske and Mr. Ed Weber, 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 THURSDAY, MAY 1ST**. 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:**

<p>Renee Nowaske Colony Swim Team P.O. Box 700313 Plymouth, MI 48170</p>
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PARENT MEETING: Please plan to attend our season kick-off meeting; **Wednesday, June 3rd 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 at least one dual meet, sign-up sheets will be posted at the meeting. Available merchandise orders will be distributed as well.

PRACTICE TIMES: First day of practice is **Monday, June 15th** and continues Monday – Friday until July 26th.

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 **Thursday, July 2nd and Friday, July 3rd**.

→ There are no meets on **Thursday, June 25th, Thursday, July 2nd, or Tuesday, July 7th**.

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. (Newburgh will be hosting the **League Championship Meet this year on Saturday, July 25th**; Sunday, July 26th is the inclement weather postponement date.)

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: 6/18, 6/23, 6/30, 7/9, 7/14, 7/16, 7/21, 7/23, & 7/25 (CHAMPIONSHIP)

TEAM PICTURES ARE TAKEN BETWEEN THE LEAGUE MEET & THE BANQUET AT COLONY 7/25

MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM: Please use this form to order team suits, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or caps. Orders need to be received by mail **before Friday, May 1st** to enable us to have them prior to the start of our season. Contact **Robin Maslyk (734-459-6950)** with your merchandise questions. **(All suits ordered after Friday, May 1st will be an additional \$5.00 each)**

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 ear lobes 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, May 1st)**

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.

GOGGLES: We will continue to offer a basic goggle at practice and meets. Two sizes are available. Trading post carries a wide variety of goggles should you desire more freedom of choice.

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.

TEAM SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST FOR THE 2010 SWIM SEASON: Do you have an idea for the team shirt? Please e-mail Mrs. Maslyk (PCEP1975@aol.com) or send via mail no later than **August 1st 2009**.

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:

May 1st Swimmer Registration and Merchandise Orders due to Robin Maslyk
(please write separate checks for these made out to Colony Swim Club)

June 3rd Parent meeting at Colony Swim Club 7:00 p.m.
Please make every effort to attend this informational meeting

June 15th 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 15th 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 18th meet. Thank you for supplying this information to the coaches on or before June 15th.

Meet Dates June 18th, 23th, 30th July 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd

No Meets June 25th July 2nd, 7th

No Practice July 2nd and July 3rd

July 25th League Championship Meet at Newburgh

July 25th Team Picture and Awards Banquet at Colony Swim Club after conclusion of League Meet

July 26th Inclement weather postponement date for League Championship Meet

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 (36 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 10 times. (Years:1979, co-champ 1984, 1986, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2007, and 2008.)
- ❖ 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!