

Swim Team News

It's time to start getting ready for an exciting and fun 2010 swim team season! We're looking forward to seeing all our swimmers back, along with some new faces, this summer for another great season. We are fortunate to have another wonderful group of coaches with Matt Miller, Michael Matsumoto and Peter Hoff returning and Sara Behrens joining! All swimmers, from age 5 to graduating seniors, are welcome to be part of the Wedgwood Swim Team. For those of you beyond high school, remember there is always the adult swim team!

EVENING WORKOUTS

Assuming the pool opens on May 22nd, evening workouts will start on **Monday, May 24th** and will continue Monday through Thursday nights through June 21st. Practice times for age groups are:

- 8 and under swimmers 7 – 7:30 p.m.
- 9-10 swimmers 7:30 – 8 p.m.
- 11-13 swimmers 8 – 8:45 p.m.
- 14 and up swimmers 8:45 – 9:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

We are going to maintain our “green” philosophy by providing everything you need to register for the swim team, including registration forms, schedules for both workouts and meets, and the team handbook on the Wedgwood Pool website. The registration forms will be posted the first week of April. You can find links to the forms on the Wedgwood Pool website (<http://www.wwpool.org>) under the swim team link.

To register for the 2010 swim season, please complete all five pieces of the registration materials:

- Swim Team Registration form
- WW Swim Team Code of Conduct form
- Vacation/Absence Plans form
- Family Volunteer form
- swim team dues of \$75 per swimmer -- check payable to Wedgwood Pool (Note: please refer to the March newsletter for an explanation of the dues increase).

The deadline for returning all five pieces of the registration materials is May 16th – one week before evening practices begin. Registration materials received after May 16th will be charged a \$25 late fee (per family).

There are two options for turning in your materials this year:

1. Mail all the materials to Jacque Ives at 6823 – 27th Ave. NE, Seattle 98115.
2. Deliver the forms and payment in-person at the parent meeting at the pool on May 16.

Please remember, the registration and Code of Conduct forms must be completed and team dues paid in full prior to participation in workouts and meets. Also, don't forget to fill out the family volunteer form. Volunteers are a vital part of our team and are a big part of what makes our team so great!

SUMMER WORKOUT SCHEDULE

Morning practices will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd, after school ends for the Seattle Public Schools. As a reminder, practice times for age groups will be:

- 15 – 18 swimmers 7 – 7:50 a.m.
- 13 – 14 swimmers 7:50 – 8:40 a.m.

- 11 – 12 swimmers 8:40 – 9:30 a.m.
- 9 – 10 swimmers 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
- 8 and under swimmers noon – 12:45 p.m.

MEET SCHEDULE

A detailed calendar of meets and other swim team events will be included in the swim team handbook and in future newsletters and emails but just in case you're trying to make summer plans, here's a preliminary meet schedule:

- Tuesday, June 22 – Wedg vs. Wood
- Thursday, June 24 – WW at Innis Arden
- Tuesday, June 29 – View Ridge at WW
- Thursday, July 1 – WW at Sheridan Beach
- Thursday, July 8 – Sand Point at WW
- Tuesday, July 13 – WW at Blue Ridge
- Thursday, July 15 – Klahaya at WW
- Tuesday, July 20 – Aqua Club at WW
- Friday, July 23 – B Champs
- Monday, July 26 – Girls' Prelims
- Tuesday, July 27 Boys' Prelims
- Thursday, July 29 – Northerns
- Tuesday, August 3 – All Cities

PARENT MEETING AND SWIM TEAM SUIT FITTING -- SUNDAY, MAY 16, 4 – 6:30 P.M. AT THE POOL

Please come to the pool on Sunday, May 16th in the afternoon (Suit fitting: 4 - 6 p.m. and parent meeting: 6 p.m.) to hear an overview of the upcoming season from some of the coaches and to try on the team suit to determine the correct size. If you haven't already mailed in your registration materials, you also can turn them in at the registration table.

We decided to keep the same suit and design this year (i.e., black suit with the Super W). Sylvia's Swim Shop will come to the pool on May 16th and provide team suits for swimmers to try on. They also will have other swim gear (goggles, caps, jackets, suits, etc.) on sale. Suit orders from Sylvia's will be done online this year. We will try to have a few computers available for online orders that afternoon or you can order online from your home. You will need to order your suit(s) within a couple days of the suit fitting to receive the full team discount and obtain a suit with the Super W on it. In order to avoid having to pay individual shipping costs, all orders will be sent to the pool (the same as in years past).

If you cannot make it to this fitting you might want to go to Sylvia's Swim Shop and have your swimmer(s) try on the suit prior to the fitting date. Then you can order the right suit(s) online from home.

So mark your calendars and plan to attend the parent meeting (6 p.m.) and swim team suit fitting (4 – 6 p.m.) on May 16th. The pool will likely NOT be open for swimming yet but it will be a fun time to mingle with friends, new and old, and get excited for the upcoming season!

VOLUNTEER(S) TO RUN CONCESSIONS

We're still looking for one or more volunteers to fill the all-important job of running concessions for the upcoming 2010 season. You, along with a large group of hard-working concessions volunteers, would have the opportunity both to nourish and delight the swimmers and fans at each of our five home meets AND to contribute greatly toward financing the swim team (concessions

typically earns between \$5,000 and \$8,000 for the team each season!). Please contact one of us on the Swim Team Committee if you have questions or are interested in volunteering for this important position. We'll help you in whatever ways we can.

Swim Team Committee

Patty Cannon, Jacque Ives and Erin Manca