



League City Swim Team
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Dear Barracudas,

Welcome to the 2011 swim season. As all of us have suffered through a brutal winter season, we will welcome some much needed heat standing by the pool watching our kids swim! We finished on a great note last season, moving up to 3rd place at the champ meet, so we will be hoping this year to climb into the #1 spot with the help of our awesome swimmers!

We are excited to have Coach Stefani Toungate be our head coach this year. Stefani has been on the team for 16 years as a volunteer coach, senior coach, college coach, and assistant coach. She is thrilled and ready to tackle being the head coach this year. Joining Coach Stefani will be Coach Jacob Berg. He comes to us with an extensive and impressive swim background, and we are so excited for him to be our newest Barracuda. As of now, we know that Coach Cody will be returning as one of our college coaches. Cody has been a valued part of our team for many years, so we are glad he will be returning again this year.

We have some exciting things planned for this season...during each week of May we will be offering Barracuda BBQ night. We know how crazy and hectic the weeknights are during school, so to help you out we will have dinner plates you can purchase, pick up at the pool, and take home for dinner once a week. We will have a kick off party/pep rally before our first meet, and our fun nights out to dinner in the month of June. All of this is along with our movie day with the coaches and wave pool day. We are always looking for other fun ideas, so if you have any please share them with us. Be on the lookout for all of our updates through e-mail and the website.

We know how overwhelming swim team may seem to new parents, so we will be implementing a new parent liaison this year. Victor Esquivel will be putting together information for new parents. We know he will bring great knowledge and excitement to this position.

Again this year we will only be offering mail-in and walk-in registration. Even if you mail your registration, we encourage you to come by the walk-in registration to see the new merchandise we have this year, buy your bathing suit, get your handbook and pick up your t-shirt. T-shirts will be on a first come first PICK UP basis. We are not taking sizes.

Mail-In Registration: Due by Friday, March 16th. You can go to the Barracuda website, www.lcbarracudas.org and print your registration form and volunteer contract. Return both forms with your payment to our post office box. You can either come by registration to pick up your t-shirt and handbook or get them the first week of practice. Volunteer positions will be filled on a first come basis.

Walk In Registration: Saturday, March 26th, 1:00 - 4:00PM, League City Recreation Center, between the pool and civic center.

The registration fee of \$125 will remain the same as last year. All high school and US swimmers are \$75 with a maximum family fee of \$300. All swimmers registering after Tuesday, April 26th will be assessed a \$25 late fee. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** No refunds after April 29th. Any refunds before April 29th will be assessed a \$10 administrative fee per swimmer.

Volunteers: Swim meets are very labor intensive and we ask that each family volunteer for at least 3 shifts throughout the season. Volunteer spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

NO CHILD WILL BE REGISTERED UNLESS YOUR VOLUNTEER FORM IS COMPLETELY FILLED OUT!

Swim Suit Sales: We will be offering new suits this year. We are selling 2 different styles for girls: one with wide straps and one with thin straps. We have chosen coordinating suits, so which ever suit your child chooses is fine. A limited amount will be available at registration on March 26th, and the swimsuit salesman will be at the pool on May 3rd.

First Day of Practice: Tuesday, April 27th, League City Pool
 4:00-5:00pm: 8 & Under Practice
 5:00-6:00pm: 9-12 years Practice
 6:00-7:00pm: 13&up Practice

Parent Meeting: Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:30 PM in the League City Recreation Center.

Age Requirements: All new swimmers must be at least six (6) years of age, as of May 1, and be able to swim the required 25 yards. We will be accepting five (5) year old siblings of any returning Barracuda families. Proof of age will be required for new swimmers.

Tryouts: All new swimmers will have tryouts on **Monday, April 25th** at the League City Pool from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Each CCISD high school will be having stroke clinics in April in order to help get the kids ready for summer league. That information will be sent to you, available on the website, and available at registration.

Sponsorships: We are looking for any and all sponsors. We have a Barracuda Spirit Banner that hangs at all of our meets, home and away, to recognize our wonderful sponsors. Keeping with the Olympic theme, we are offering three levels of sponsors. This can be your business or your family name that is printed on the banner. It is just another way for you to show your Barracuda Pride!

Gold Level: \$250.00 and above
Silver Level: \$100.00 - \$249.00
Bronze Level: \$ 25.00 - \$99.00

Ads: We will be selling ads in our handbook this year. A business card or ¼ page ad is \$25.00, a ½ page is \$50.00 and a full page is \$100.00. An ad for the handbook can be of your business or wishing your child “Good Luck.” All ads are due in by March 12, 2011. We will continue to take banner sponsors throughout the month of May.

Fundraising: We will again be doing different fundraising opportunities for the team such as the Chick-Fil- A night, Chili’s, and Red River BBQ. We are always looking for others, so please let us know if you have any ideas. Please keep an eye out for more information on these dates.

Website: As we approach the season, please keep checking the website as this is our communication to you. Also, you can find all the contact information for board and committee members.

I look forward to serving you as president again this year. Our goal as a board is to insure that your swimmer improves his or her skills while having fun and enjoying the Barracuda spirit and traditions. We look forward to another great season of swimming and fun for the whole family. See you on the pool deck!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any board member.

Regards,
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 President
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