

June 25, 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Webster Waves

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CONGRATS ALL AROUND

Another congratulations goes out to both the swim and dive teams for victories over Sunset Hills. Everyone did a great job of staying out of the unsupervised pool areas as well (I know that was difficult) as well as deal with a compact and congested bullpen area. Your awesome Bullpen Team Rep Jeff Vetter scoped out the challenging bullpen situation prior to meet day and came up with a game plan, which contributed substantially to our team's organization. Jeff and Dee would like to congratulate the 12 and younger swimmers (13 and older too, but they are not under their direction in the bullpen.) In two meets, we haven't had a "present" swimmer miss an event. This is unparalleled!

More kudos go out to Computer Rep Craig Hannick. With a team (including juniors and divers) of 295 athletes, he deals with a myriad of late drops and adds. We're lucky he's a rock star! Also, huge thanks go out to Mike and Lisa Albers, as well as Shannon Beck, for organizing the volunteers. We're nothing without our volunteers and they had to do some last minute scrambling, as it was discovered that Sunset Hills had eight lanes rather than six. We're truly blessed with our parent board.

REMINDERS

- Some pools have rules against writing on backs, as the permanent marker gets on their white or light colored lounges. Let's make it a policy to not write on our backs. You can write on your arms, front of your legs, whatever, but keep away from backs and backs of legs.
- It's IMPORTANT that parents let us know of sudden absences due to illness or injury. First thing would be to shoot Craig an email at channick@sluh.org. If the meet entries have already been posted, please make sure Coach Lea and the bullpen staff know. This will avert a last-minute scramble to fill a relay.
- Remember to check the website WEEKLY and remember to email Craig if your swimmer is listed for meet events and you know your swimmer is NOT planning on participating, or if your swimmer is not listed for meet events and you know they ARE planning on participating. With such a huge team, it's inevitable that there would be an error or two. Please do your part to double-check.
- Junior Swim Team, Coaches Patty, Brigid and Lea may call upon you to step up to big team for a meet. We've had a number of kids offer to fill in on relays "if we need them." Those kids rock! Parents, check the meet entries online at www.websterwaves.com.

JUNIOR SWIMMERS LOOKIN' GOOD!

Junior Swim Team started up on June 8, and boy, howdy, do they look good! We've got quite the farm system. Coaches Patty and Brigid are making inroads and has already moved quite a few up to big team. Keep it up, juniors!

IS THERE PRACTICE?

Here's the official rain policy for our team. In general, swim practice will be held unless it's thundering or lightening. (We must close for 20 minutes after the last lightening sighting or hearing of thunder.) Otherwise, we'll swim through cold or rain...let's say, the coaches will be present, but it is definitely parents' discretion as to whether or not to send your child. Hopefully the kids will warm up as they get some laps in. Practice may be cut short. Diving follows a slightly different policy. Though divers can dive in a very light sprinkle, a heavier rain may also cause practice to be canceled if the boards get slick. Please call the hotline (963-5664) ½ hour before practice when in doubt.

THE MEETS THIS WEEK

We take on Kirkwood at Webster on Thursday, June 30. Diving warm-ups begin at 2:30 p.m.; Dive meet at 3:30. Swim warm-ups begin at 5:30; Swim meet at 6:00 p.m. They're a big team, but so are we! Get psyched!

ROTARY CLUB OF WEBSTER GROVES DUCK RACE EXTRAVAGANZA

We have a bonus invitational fun swim relay meet scheduled for June 1. This is a combination swim meet/pool party/Duck Races in conjunction with Community Days Family Night. You'll have a host of activities to choose from that night.

- 5:00 p.m. Lions Club Carnival and midway opens; unlimited wristbands for ages 12 and younger only \$25!
- 5:30 p.m. Warm-ups for the fun swim meet. We're expecting Shrewsbury and Crestwood in force, but all ten municipal swim teams have been invited. (Sorry, there's no diving on this night, but divers are welcome to compete in the fun swim meet.)
- 6:00 p.m. Fun relay meet begins. There will be no times kept, only places picked. All events are relays. The only rules are that there can be no swimmer older than the upper age. (eg. A 12-year-old can't swim in a 10 and younger event) and you can only swim in one of each category of relays (e.g. free relays, back relays, etc.) Other than that, anything goes. This includes...a swimmer swimming twice in relay teams of only three people, a 10-year-old swimming in an 18 and younger relay, etc. **Please note: There is a \$5 fee to participate in the meet.** Each participant will automatically have a duck in the race. Check in as you enter the pool breezeway.
- 7:00 p.m. Duck Races: Additional ducks cost \$2 and will be available for purchase at the meet. There will be three duck races, with \$150 gift certificates to The Hub Bicycle Shop going to the first place finishers in each race, as well as heat winner prizes given out. Additional major sponsors include Total Access Urgent Care, Sant Automotive, Schaefer Autobody, and Commerce Bank. The duck races will be followed by (what promises to be a humorous) challenge swimming relay race between the Rotary and Lions Clubs of Webster Groves, as well as parent-child and coach relays (so yes, 'rents, bring your suits!) The proceeds of the Duck Races fund water safety lessons for underprivileged area youth.
- Following: The swim meet will resume. The leisure pool will remain open to the public through 8:00 and for swim meet participants only until the end of the meet.

Also 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Pet Parade in the gymnasium (if you prefer not to swim in the meet)

And 4:00 – 11:00 p.m. Webstock at the Action Park. Area youth rock 'n' roll bands will show their stuff, as they rise on the charts. See them before they become big!

NOTE: If we have any frustrated actors or ex-swimmers out there, who might be interested in announcing the events, please give Miki at call at 963-5656. You get a front row prime seat for the events!

HERE'S WHAT ELSE IS ON TAP FOR COMMUNITY DAYS...

SATURDAY, JULY 2

1:00 -11:00 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Miss Webster Groves Pageant (Kelsey Moore of the swim team is a candidate.)

Entertainment – The Webster Groves Jazz Quartet

SUNDAY, JULY 3

1:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Entertainment – Kim Bauer and Gary Mitchell (variety and show tunes)

8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Entertainment – Phil Stendek (1-man band, looping artist)

9:30 p.m.

Fireworks Preview

MONDAY, JULY 4

10:00 a.m.

Parade

11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ

7:00 –11:00 p.m.

Entertainment – Jumbo Shrimp (Island, Jimmy Buffet music)

9:45 p.m.

Fireworks Spectacular

For more information about Community Days call 314-963-5600 or visit www.webstergroves.org.