

COBIA CURRENTS

20 July 2008

We've had a great season so far this year and are quickly reaching the end. We have three meets left, IM Carnival, Mini Meet and Divisionals.. We have two more social events which will continue to keep up busy! All the details should be in this newsletter, which may be the last!

THANK YOU: A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteers this year. We have had so many people step up to help at the meets and at the socials that I can't name them all but I would like to thank a few who go above and beyond. First thanks to our concessions team of Patty Jarrett, Stephanie Grammer, Elizabeth Hurst and Penny Grammer (along with many other helpers!). It is a huge job and an important money maker for our team so we really appreciate everyone who handles this job. Concessions is one of a few jobs on the swim team that can't be done just at the meet. The concessions workers are usually the first to arrive at a meet and some of the last to leave plus they spend a huge amount of time buying everything. I know they will be working hard this week getting ready for Divisionals. Thanks Ladies and great job!!

POOL IMPROVEMENTS: Special thanks go to our swim team parents who helped improve our pool this year. We had many families come to the clean-up day which is a huge help to the pool board and helps get the pool off to a great start. Rich Dexter has been working hard on the landscaping all season, mowing, edging, mulching, etc. Kevin Criste has been doing plumbing for us and Joe Trayers has a list of projects he is working on (thanks to me!). Paul MacKinnon and Keith Harris are both on the pool board, handle a lot of the maintenance issues around the pool, help at just about every meet, and, in their spare time ☺, have been hosting our new TGIFs. Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work. The more help we have at the pool, the better it will be.

IM CARNIVAL: The IM carnival will be Monday, July 21 at 6:30 at Daventry Pool. The events are 8 and under fly and IM for the other age groups. Swimmers must have legal strokes to be able to attend. Swimmers should arrive at 5:45 for warm-ups at 6:00.

Directions to Daventry: Take the Fairfax County Parkway to Rolling Road North. Turn right on Hunter Village Drive. Turn left on Painted Daisy Drive. The address is 7721 Painted Daisy Drive.

Parking further up Painted Daisy where the pool is located is restricted because it is residential and mostly numbered parking. It is recommended that participants park along Hunter Village Drive before you reach the pool and not in areas designated in Yellow as cars are subject to be towed.

BOWLING - July 23th at 11:00 at Bowl America in Burke. The cost will be \$7.50 for two games and shoes as part of the group rate. Please bring extra money if you want to buy lunch. We have 6 lanes reserved which should be enough to accommodate anyone who wants to come. Please meet at Bowl America. Anyone 10 and under must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

DIVISIONALS: The Divisional Meet will be on Saturday, July 26 at home. As I stated before we will need a lot of volunteers to run this meet. I will have sign-up sheets at the pool on Monday for volunteer slots. This meet is a little different than our regular meets. It is split into two halves and most volunteers only work half the meet. We will have only two swimmers per event at this meet. We do not compete as a team. Swimmers compete as individuals. First through sixth place will receive plaques. We will do the swimmer selections at the beginning of the week. You will know by Thursday morning if your child is swimming. I will send out an e-mail this week with more details.

END OF SEASON AWARDS BANQUET: The end of season party will be on Saturday, July 26 at 6:00. You should have received an e-mail from Jill Wheeler with an RSVP form (there are also some extras in the swim team box). Please complete it and put it in the team rep folder at the pool. The end of season banquet is for all Cobias, including minis. We are having Red Hot and Blue this year.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST:

It's time to start thinking about t-shirt designs for next year. We will be having a design contest again this year. Swimmers who are interested in submitting a design should sketch their design on a piece of paper 8x11 or larger (but not as large as a poster board, please!). We will display the

designs at our end of year banquet and have parents and swimmers vote on them. The winner will receive a free t-shirt next year. If you have a team of 2 designers they will both win a t-shirt. Let's Get Creative!!!

PICTURES: The pictures are in. They will be handed out to PARENTS ONLY at practice this week. Any that we have left at the end of the week will be put in the swim team folders. It seems we have some group pictures that didn't come in. If you did not get your order let me know ASAP.

VOLUNTEER CHECKS: Please complete your volunteer form (they are in the front of the swim team box) and put it in the team rep folder. We will put the volunteer checks in the folders on Friday if we have received your form. If you will be out of town you may check the folder when you return. The box will remain in the office so please ask the guards to get your folder for you (you may have to be a bit forceful on this one since some of the guards might not know what you are talking about!).

AWARDS: The awards will be given out at the Banquet. If you are not attending the banquet your award will be in the office during the month of August.

GO COBIAS!

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