



## Forest Hills Waterhogs Swim Team

May 2011 News

Welcome Back! We are looking forward to the 2011 Waterhog swim season. We will be having a parent informational meeting on Wednesday **May 25 at 6:30pm** at FHSC in the snack bar area for new and potential new swimmers and those returning swimmers who would like a refresher on our policies and procedures.

### A Note from Coach Karl

Welcome back to the 2010 NSSL Champion Waterhogs... and a BIG welcome to all new swimmers. I am excited to be returning for my 23<sup>rd</sup> season as Head Coach of the Hogs and to be working with another group of talented swimmers. I am busy lining up assistant coaches and will update you as the season gets closer.

Our challenge this year is to develop our swim skills, positive attitudes, team spirit and good sportsmanship. We want to make this summer season a memorable, fun-filled one. Therefore, we need **returning swimmers to register and pay your dues for the 2011 season by May 28!** If you do not register and pay, you will not be on the team. Forms are available at [www.fhsc.net](http://www.fhsc.net) under the 2011 March Mailings.

I will again be offering an **optional Spring Tune-up** for our returning swimmers only. This will run Monday through Friday from May 16-27 at FHSC. The deck, restrooms and showers will be closed, as the club is not yet officially open. We will follow the schedule for evening practices prior to June 17 below. The fee is \$30, payable to "Karl Hodgson." Please leave your payment in the Hog Box on the first day you attend.

**New swimmers**, we welcome you to try out for our team. You must be able to swim a length of the pool in a front crawl style. We have relaxed our rotary breathing requirements this year. You must try out, even if you are joining us from another competitive swim team. This will allow us to initially assess your skill level and place you in the appropriate lane.

**Try out dates are: Sat May 28, Mon May 30, Wed June 1, Fri June 3, Tues June 7, and Thurs June 9.** Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of practice for your child's age group with your registration paperwork completed and checkbook ready. Wait next to the baby pool gate. Please make every attempt to attend one of the scheduled try-out times so that your child can participate in as many practices as possible before our first meet. Registration forms are available at [www.fhsc.net](http://www.fhsc.net) under March 2011 Mailings.

For those children needing additional instruction before qualifying for the team, the club will be offering pre-team lessons for a fee. You may contact the staff at the front desk to enroll your child in those lessons. They are not offered through the swim team.

### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE!!! Waterhog Season officially opens Saturday May 28 (no Sunday practices).**

#### Saturdays, Memorial Day and mornings starting June 20

13 & Up	6:30-8:15am
11-12	8:00-9:30am
9-10	9:15-10:30am
8 & Under	10:15-11:00am

#### Weekday evenings prior to June 17

8 & under	5:00-5:30pm
9-12	5:30-6:30pm
13 & Up	6:30-8:00pm

**CLUB RULES** Please remember that club rules are enforced during practice times. This means that swimmers under age 10 must have a designated responsible adult present with them during practices. If that person is not the parent, be sure your swimmer is aware of who has been designated. Adults can wait in the snack bar area or behind the baby pool. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO SIT ON THE DECK CHAIRS OR THE LAWN CHAIRS NEXT TO OR BEHIND THE MAIN POOL.** The baby pool is closed during practice. Your presence in those prohibited areas is very disruptive to the practicing swimmers and coaches. Be sure Dads, babysitters, and Grandparents are aware of these rules. You will be asked to leave prohibited areas.

**TEAM SUIT FITTING** Our team suit fitting is set for **Thursday June 2 from 4-7pm**. Different Strokes, our team suit supplier, will be on hand with sample suits for your swimmer to try on. They will take paid orders for the team suit on that day. They accept cash, check or credit cards. If you cannot attend the fitting day, you can visit Different Strokes to try on and order your suit at any time. Contact them at 248 477-0521 for hours and tell them you are ordering a team suit for "Forest Hills". Every swimmer is required to have a team suit. If you already have a team suit from past seasons that fits, you do not have to purchase an additional suit.

**HOGWEAR** Jen Tew has been working hard on our 2011 Hogwear collection. Hogwear samples and order forms will be available at **the suit fitting June 2 and during Time Trials, June 4**. Pre-paid orders must be turned in during sales times or placed in the Hog Box by Monday June 6 by 7pm. Orders turned in after that time will not be filled.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP** Every family is required to sign up for at least two volunteer commitments. You had the opportunity to indicate the dates and times on your registration forms. If you did not do this, you may designate your commitments during the **suit fitting June 2**. Signup sheets will be available on that day. Failure to indicate your volunteer commitment will result in your being assigned to an available spot

**TIME TRIALS** All swimmers aged 12 and under are expected to participate in Time Trials on **Saturday June 4**. Please arrive with your swimmer ready to swim by **7:45 am**. This is a practice meet used to establish times for league meets. Your child will swim every event in his/her age group. **YOU MUST SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN TIME TRIALS.** The signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on the back gate. The signups will close on Thursday June 2 at 7pm. There will be NO DECK ENTRIES.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Wednesday May 25, 6:30pm	New and returning parent meeting
Saturday May 28	Practice begins and REGISTRATION AND FEES DUE
Thursday June 2, 4-7pm	TEAM SUIT FITTING, HOGWEAR sale and volunteer sign up.
Saturday June 4 7:45-11am	Time trials

**INFORMATION** Team information and handbooks will be available on our website, [www.fhsc.net](http://www.fhsc.net) In addition, each Wednesday after Memorial Day a team newsletter will be posted on the website and a copy will be on the bulletin board on the fence in the snack bar. Please check the newsletter for important information regarding upcoming meets and team events. Other important news will be sent via email. Please put your updated email information on your registration form. Any questions can be directed to Julie Hiotaky at [jhiotaky@wideopenwest.com](mailto:jhiotaky@wideopenwest.com) or 248 219-2972.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making this a great season, we cannot do this without your help!

Julie Hiotaky, Anne Wilkins and Lisa Milton, Swim Team co-directors.