

FHSC Water Hog Swim Team News
March 1, 2010

PERFECT . . . it's snowing AGAIN, but I get to think about summer ! Coach Karl Hodgson will be returning again this year, and we'll have details regarding the assistant coaches in our May mailing. As always, we are asking for 100% parental involvement. It's a great way to support your swimmer and, with almost 300 Water Hogs, it's the only way to make sure things run as smoothly as we've grown to expect over the years.

**REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING SWIMMERS !!
MUST READ - - NEW PROCEDURE !**

Because of our recent difficulty getting volunteers and based on a lot of input about how other large groups are now handling their volunteer situations, we are asking for your commitment along with your registration this year. Then, on Wednesday, June 2, at Suit Fitting Day, you will have the opportunity to fill in your specifics. If you cannot be there that day, the committee chair will contact you. Fill out the ENTIRE form and mail it with a check for the full amount to my address at the bottom of the form. Once tune-up starts, you can always drop things in the Hog Box. Checks should be made out to FHSC. As with last season, early registration is a must. All returning swimmers must have a complete registration form and dues paid BY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. We will be starting with an empty roster. If you aren't registered, you won't be on the roster, which means you aren't in a meet lineup. Again, the entire form must be filled out, including volunteer commitment.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW SWIMMERS

To become a WaterHog, a child must swim a length of the pool showing rotary breathing and above-water arm recovery (known as "freestyle" or "crawl") . If the swimmer needs a little more preparation before joining the WaterHogs, Pre-Competition Clinic is available through the Forest Hills swim lesson program. This is run through pool management, and is not a part of the swim team. Information will be available in the FHSC starting Memorial Day weekend.

Please join us on Saturday morning, May 29, for a "try-out" at one of the following times:

8yrs and Under as of May 30, 2010 10:15 a.m. 9 or 10 yrs old as of May 30, 2010 9:15 a.m.
11 or 12 yrs old as of May 30, 2010 8:00 a.m. 13 & over as of May 30, 2010 6:30 a.m.

If you cannot make the Saturday, May 29 tryout, there will be regular opportunities to try out for the team, which will be posted on the website and in the weekly newsletters.. The deadline is the day we are required to turn our roster in to the NSSL, which is usually the second or third week of June. This will also be posted.

Time Line 2010

May 1.....Next mailing; practice schedules, calendar, tryout dates and times
May 17Spring tune-up begins for returning team members.
May 29 Registration and dues deadline for returning swimmers.
June 2 . . . Suit fitting, volunteer sign-up
June 5 Time Trials

Meet dates: <u>Home:</u> Friday, June 18	<u>Away:</u> Tuesday, June 22	<u>B Finals:</u> Saturday, July 17
Monday, June 28	Thursday, June 24	<u>A Finals:</u> Sat/Sun, July 24/25
Thursday, July 1	Thursday, July 8	<u>Banquet:</u> Sunday, July 25

I'm looking forward to seeing all of our returning WaterHogs, and can't wait to welcome our new swimmers! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me either by phone or e-mail. Go H₂Ogs!

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