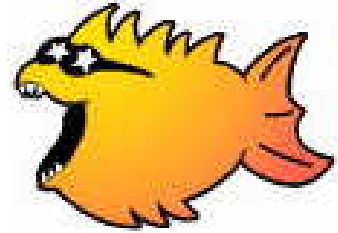




PINELOCH PIRANHAS



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June 5, 2009

Dickinson Gators - 225 PineLoch Piranhas - 451 2 New Piranha Records!

Congratulations to all of our Piranha swimmers who worked together for win this meet! Congratulations also to **Monica Pruet** who broke **two** Piranha records at the meet. She broke her previous 15-18 girls 100 Breaststroke record of 1:12.13 with a new time of 1:11.68! She also broke the 15-18 girls 100 Backstroke record with a time of 1:03.54. The previous record was 1:04.97 and was held by our own Coach Alex since 2002.

A special big "Thank You" also goes to Randy's Smokehouse which donated all the meat for the B-B-Que sandwiches we sold at concessions!!!

Swimmers of the meet are: Connor Adams, Chelsea Alexander, Cristian Ali, Jacob Arend, Zach Arend, Matthew Barrett, Megan Blackwell, Bailey Buchanan, Jaden Burkett, Kate Burkett, Brennan Butcher, Brittney Butler, Dylan Capece, Christopher Castillo, Nick Clemmer, Haleigh Davis, Danielle Dolifka, Courtney Eck, Sean Ervin, Sophia Gilbride, Alexander Goddard, Tess Hammock, Vivian Jaouhari, Kista Shae Layman, Mitchell Mason, Lexi Munoz, Bailey Orr, Annesley Pulse, Sarah Stevens, Cade Talley, Sarah Taylor, Ethan Williams, Andrew Witt, Austin Witt, and Lauren Young, .

These swimmers improved all their individual swim times at the La Porte meet as compared to their first official times recorded on 5/23/09. They also swam all of their individual strokes legally (no DQs).

Thank You Volunteer Lifeguards



Thank you Mike Garske, Patrick LaBrose, Eric Miles, Brandon Steinkuehler, and Austin Witt for taking turns lifeguarding in between swim events at the Dickinson meet. We really appreciate your help!

MORE PIRANHAS' SPONSORS

Since our last newsletter, we have received some additional sponsorships. Please patronize and support these businesses.

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If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please check out our sponsorship information on our website!

More Piranhas Earn 100% Event Awards @ Dickinson Meet!

Congrats to all the following swimmers who have successfully swum all individual events legally in their age category! They are: Bethany Boyer, Ian Burkett, Kate Burkett, Emmie Causey, Nathan Craig, Alexander Goddard, Joe Haddican, Bailey Orr, Natalie Loupe, Donald Richardson, Cade Talley, Ethan Williams, and Andrew Witt.

Note: Alexander Goddard, Devashish Gupta, and Connor Thurman were mistakenly named last week as achieving this. To achieve this award, the 6 & unders are expected to swim the 25 FREE and the 25 BACK. These 3 swam the 25 FREE and the 25 BREAST Brooks meet. At the Dickinson meet, Alexander Goddard swam the 25 BACK so he has now earned the award. Devashish and Connor need to swim the 25 BACK to earn it! So sorry for the errors.

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Swimmers Improve Technique at La Porte Meet!

Congratulations to the following swimmers who reswam a stroke they DQed on at the first meet and swam it legally at the Dickinson meet. They are: Sabrina Adams, Zach Arend, Steven Beadling, Katelyn Cole, Eric Lucas, and Eric Mendoza,

Our Second Meet vs. Dickinson Produces More Reserve and Champ Times!

RESERVE TIMES:

Patrick Alexander – 50 FLY
Jared Arend – 50 FREE
Matthew Barrett – 25 FREE, 25 BREAST
Samantha Biskynis – 50 BACK, 50 BREAST
Ian Burkett – 100 IM, 50 FLY
Dylan Capece – 50 FREE, 50 BACK
Nathan Craig – 50 FREE, 50 FLY
Cayley Devries – 50 BACK
Courtney Eck – 100 IM, 50 BREAST
Jasmine Juliette – 50 FREE, 50 FLY
Jason Juliette – 50 BREAST
Rebecca Loupe – 100 IM, 50 BREAST
Eric Lucas – 100 IM
Patrick Miller – 25 FREE
Donald Richardson – 100 IM, 50 FLY
Blake Talley – 25 FREE
Connor Thurman – 25 BREAST
Andrew Witt – 50 FREE, 50 BACK, 50 FLY

CHAMP TIMES:

Jacob Arend – 50 FREE
Zach Arend – 100 BREAST
Nick Clemmer – 100 IM, 50 FLY
Trey Cole – 50 FREE, 50 BACK
Cayley Devries – 100 IM, 50 FREE
Danielle Dolifka – 50 FREE
Mike Garske – 200 IM, 100 BACK
William Garske – 200 IM, 100 FREE
Cristal Hart – 25 FREE, 25 BACK
Jasmine Juliette – 50 BREAST
Patrick LaBrode – 200 IM, 200 FREE, 100 BREAST
Eric Miles – 50 FREE, 100 BACK, 100 FLY
Abby Monteith – 50 FREE, 50 BACK, 50 FLY
Monica Pruet – 200 IM, 100 BACK, 100 BREAST
Brandon Steinkuehler – 200 IM, 100 BREAST, 100 FLY
Cade Talley – 50 BACK, 50 FLY
Madelyn Walker – 100 FREE, 50 BACK, 50 FLY
Avery Witt – 50 BACK



Piranha Swim Tip:
When swimming breaststroke or butterfly, make sure you touch the wall with both hands at the same time (two hand touch)!

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Several Piranhas Swim up at Dickinson to Support the Team (or just for fun)!!!

Special thanks go to the following Piranhas who swam up to help support the team!

J. Haddican (6) – 8 & Under 100 Medley Relay AND 8 & Under 100 FREE Relay
S. Stevens (6) – 8 & Under 100 FREE Relay
C. Thurman (6) – 8 & Under 100 Medley Relay
Avery Witt (13) – 15-18 200 FREE Relay

Great job to the following Piranhas who swam up for fun!

Caitlyn Clemmer (13) – 200 FREE
Nathan Craig (11) – 100 FREE
Alexander Goddard (6) – 25 BREAST
Sarah Stevens (6) – 25 BREAST
Connor Thurman (6) – 25 BREAST
Avery Witt (13) – 200 FREE

Note: Alexander Goddard (6), Devashish Gupta (6), and Connor Thurman (6) also swam the 25 BREAST at the Brooks meet.

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Thank you Christa Walker & Calling All Band Members

Thanks to Christa Walker who helped us by playing the national anthem at the swim meet on May 30. For our next home meet on June 13, we would like more band members to participate. You can download the music off of our website. Please let Cindy Walker know if you are interested by contacting her at 281-480-5661 or walkercs@earthlink.net.

**PIRANHA PICTURE DAY
has been rescheduled
again!**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Mabry Mill Pool**

Wear Your Swimsuit!

**8 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
TEAM PHOTO – 9 a.m.**

Memory Mate \$7
*(order envelopes are available at the pool
now and on picture day)*

**** no practice on picture day ****
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PARENT NEEDS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Melanie Fogleman is the mother of a 10 year old swimmer on the team. Due to some lay offs at her work she is unable to take her daughter during the summer practice time schedule. She is wondering if someone would be able to take her daughter to some of the practices for the last two weeks of swimming. She is a 9-10 swimmer but has been going to the 11 & up practices due to her mom's work schedule. Her daughter doesn't have to go every day, but anything would be very helpful. They live in the College Place Subdivision @ 45 South and Dixie Farm Her cell number is 281-636-2618. Please contact Melanie if you are able to help



Announcing the June 10, 2009 Piranhas SWIM-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Piranha Calendar

2009 Piranha Calendar

June 6 – Meet #3 @ Southbelt Sharks
June 8 - First Morning Practice
June 9 – Meet #4 Meet sign-up deadline
June 9 – Picture Day
June 10 - Swim-A-Thon
June 13 – Meet #4 vs. Heritage Park Wahoos
June 16 - Meet #5 sign-up deadline
June 17 - Wacky Relays @ Nassau Bay
June 20 – Meet #5 vs. Seabrook Stingrays
June 21 – Novice Meet (morning) & Reserve Meet (afternoon) @ Galena Park
June 22 – First post season practice
June 23 - Last Chance Meet
June 27 - Champ meet @ Galena Park
July 1 – Piranhas Awards Picnic @ Bay Knoll Park & Pool

All Piranhas are asked to participate in a Swim-a-thon fundraiser by seeking sponsors, swimming their best and having fun during the Wednesday June 10th practice times. We will have a “party atmosphere” at the pool during the Swim-a-thon with snacks, drinks and cheering. At the end of the season picnic, prizes and awards will be distributed.

Parents and swimmers are asked to please help us reach our goals of 100% participation with a contribution of \$20 from each swimmer.

WHEN IS THE SWIM-A-THON?

On Wednesday June 10th during their regular practice times, each swimmer will attempt to swim as many laps as possible. The completed laps are counted by coaches and volunteers. After each practice, there will be snacks and drinks provided at the pool!!

WHAT IS THE SWIM-A-THON?

A Swim-A-Thon is a fundraiser in which participants earn money for the team by swimming lengths of the pool. Swimmers seek monetary pledges from sponsors using a pledge form prior to the swim-a-thon. Swimmers get donations either for a fixed pledge amount or for each lap they swim. A lap goal, based on the swimmer's age, is listed on the pledge form.

Fixed pledge donations should be collected from sponsors at the time of pledge and a thank you note/donation receipts provided to the sponsors by the



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swimmer. Swimmers should turn in fixed donations with pledge forms on Wednesday June 10th.

For lap-based donations, post-swim-a-thon collections and thank you receipts should be distributed by swimmers so that all donations can be turned into Piranhas Board members by June 26, 2009.

Details regarding sponsorships \$50 or above, swim-a-thon forms and sponsor receipts can be found at www.pinelochpiranhas.org.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE SWIM-A-THON?

Piranha Families please volunteer to help make the Swim-a-thon successful and fun by attending, counting laps, cheering, bringing snack or drink donations, and creating a party atmosphere. Contact Lisa Juliette at "lyj_77062@yahoo.com" or 281-461-6840 for further information about how you can help.

Please start collecting contributions from your neighbors, friends, grandparents, and parents. Support your team and keep the Piranhas swimming!

Youth Volunteering



One of my tasks is to track youth volunteering. We had some youth such as Andrew Barrett (scoring assistance) and Christa Walker (second shift timer) who volunteered at the meet. If you

have volunteered, please let me know so I can track your volunteer hours. After the season, I will mail a letter with your volunteer hours on it.

Thanks!

Cindy Walker (walkercs@earthlink.net)



Scoring 101

Since scoring for swim meets is truly a team effort here are some basics about it.

1. Only swimmers in heat 1 (the fastest heat) have the opportunity to score for the team.
2. 6 & under swimmers who swim in 6 & under events do not score for the team. This keeps this age group less competitive and more relaxed.
3. In a regular season meet (dual meet) only the fastest 2 swimmers or relays from each team in heat one score for their team. The individual and relay events are scored as follows: 5, 3, 2, 1.
4. If 2 swimmers tie, the points are divided evenly between the 2 swimmers.
5. If we want to win a swim meet, it is a total team effort. When Coach Newton is working on the entries for a meet, she is trying to make sure that we have at least 2 entries for every single event, if possible. The ultimate would be to have at least 3 entries for every event so that we are covered if someone gets sick or gets disqualified (DQed) during the race.
6. Your swimmer can help score for the team by first of all showing up for the meet. Then, they can help by being willing to swim in a relay, being willing to even swim up in a older age group to support a relay, or being willing to swim different swim events that are hard to fill such as the 100 IM or the 50 FLY.

Want to know more? You can find the detailed scoring rules in the CCSL handbook. You can see a copy on the CCSL website, or you can purchase a 2009 CCSL Handbook for \$5.

CCSL Handbook Champ and Reserve Times are Incorrect

Please note that some of the champ and reserve times in the CCSL handbook are incorrect. The correct times can be found in PDF format on the Champ/Reserve links on the Piranhas website or at the top of the CCSL website.

General Meet Preparation Deadlines & Information

In order to run and participate in meets smoothly, we need your help! Here are some steps you should take so that we run the most efficient and successful meets possible.

A. Let us know the **Tuesday before a meet** if you plan to swim at the meet **or not**, and any stroke preferences your child has if he/she is swimming. There are three ways to do this:

1. Sign the meet notebook at practice or at a meet and indicate preferences there.
2. Email our clerks of course at piranhas_clerkofcourse@yahoo.com to let them know.
3. Call Jill Stevens at 281-280-0642 to let her know. This is the least preferred method because we have 3 clerks who do this job together.

This is important because it takes many hours of work for our head coach to come up with the final entries for a meet, and for our clerks to enter the entries into the computer system.

B. If your child is attending the meet, please sign up to help volunteer at the meet. If we are hosting the meet, please also sign up to help bring drinks to the meet. You can sign up by contacting our volunteer coordinator Annette Craig at piranhas_volunteers@yahoo.com or 281-286-4851. **It is impossible to run a swim meet without every family helping out!**

C. On **Wednesday or Thursday**, the meet entries should be posted at the pool. Try to make practice that day to check the entries for accuracy. By accuracy, we mean that your child is not entered in more strokes than allowed; your child was entered in strokes if they plan to swim, or that your child needs to be scratched because you are not coming to that meet. Please note that your child might not get to swim the exact strokes they requested. Coach Mandi may need your swimmer to swim different strokes so that we have a balanced set of entries. Also, she might know that your child is not ready to swim a certain event yet, and doesn't want your child to get DQed. Even though swimmers swim individual events, swimming is a team effort!

D. On **Thursday**, the final meet entries must be exchanged with the team that we are swimming

against. After this point no more changes may be made to the meet entries until the morning of the meet. If your swimmer has a late breaking reason as to why he/she can't make the meet, please let our clerks know ahead of the meet time. That way, Coach Mandi can start to plan how to cover the events your child cannot swim. For example, a late breaking reason would be that your child has an ear infection and won't be able to swim at the meet.

E. By **Friday**, you should also be able to see the meet entries that have been exchanged with the other team. Please note that it is too late to change entries at this point. We have already exchanged with the other team and are not allowed to change individual swim events around.

F. On **Saturday**, please check in between 6:30 and 7:00 am. Our clerk of course will have to start scratching swimmers at 7:10 am sharp! If for some reason you are running late that morning and still plan to make it to the meet, or if your swimmer wakes up sick and won't make it, please call Dawn Alexander on her cell @ 832-877-5635 to let her know!!! Also, if you will not be able to volunteer because of your child not swimming, please let our volunteer coordinator Annette Craig know.

It is our goal for every swimmer to successfully swim each stroke in their age category. We also want each swimmer to participate in a relay at least once this season.

When we have lots of scratches the morning of the meet due to swimmers who don't show up, it can cause the meet to start late because it takes the clerks from both teams a lot of time to rework the scratches.

Also, in general, we will not schedule your child in a relay until we know that they plan to come to a meet. Relays are very difficult and time consuming to rework!

Please be considerate to the rest of the team and let us know your plans ahead of time!



Next Meet: Saturday, June 6 @ Southbelt Sharks

Our meet against Southbelt Sharks this Saturday morning will be held at Ashley Point Pool located at 12315 Blackhawk Blvd, Houston, TX 77089.

Event Limits The Sharks have a time constraint on the use of the pool. The homeowner's association needs to pool to open to the public at 2pm. As a result, the Sharks have seriously limited the number of heats per event. In our larger age groups (9-10 and 11-12) not all swimmers will be able to complete in every event they requested. Don't worry, there are two more meets this season for swimmers to achieve reserve and champ times.

Directions to the pool Take Dixie Farm Rd. to Blackhawk. Take a right on Blackhawk. The pool will be on your right. Weber Elementary is further down on the left. I have attached a map.

Parking Since this is a neighborhood pool, there is VERY limited parking so be ready to carry your stuff. There is no parking on the street by the pool or in the nearby neighborhood. You will need to park at Weber Elementary further down Blackhawk. You can drop off your things and then park the car. According to the Sharks it is about a 1/4 mile walk.

Camping The pool is in a park so there is plenty of room to camp. Be sure to bring your own canopy/tent, chairs, sun screen, drinks and light snacks. We are not bringing the team tents. It is a good idea to bring something to keep your swimmers occupied between events. And, of course, don't forget your towels, swimsuits, goggles and caps.

Swimmer Check In Swimmers will need to check in with the coaches between 6:30 and 7:00 am and pick up their stickers which list their events. The coaches will be wearing blue Hawaiian shirts so you can easily find them. The events are written in Sharpie marker on the swimmer's hand and the parents normally put the sticker on their clothes. If you have signed up for the meet, and for some reason can't make it or are running late, please contact our meet clerk, Dawn Alexander, at 832-877-5635 by 7:00 am to let her know. If for some reason you can't reach her, you can contact me (Carolyn Miles) at 281-773-4438. Our swimmers will warm up as a group from 7:20 to 7:40 am.

Volunteers All first shift (events 1-40) volunteers should check in with Annette Craig around 7:30 am. Second shift volunteers will check in around event 37 to begin working at event 41.

General The meet will start with the National Anthem at 8:00 am, and it will be over between 1 and 1:30 pm.

Piranhas Meet Pictures



You may have noticed that we are posting links to meet pictures on our website. We are very thankful to Louise Chuang who shoots lots of wonderful photos at each and every meet. In order to make it easy for you to view the photos, the site is public; however, to keep general people from searching out the site, we have decided to password protect the site. The password to view the photos will be "piranhas2009". We will also post this password on our website so you can access them at any time without the hassle of remembering another password.

If you would like to upload Piranha pictures to the site, you should be able to do that. If you have questions about uploading, please contact Louise Chuang at louise.chuang@gmail.com.

Also, this is our last outdoor meet, so you should take some photos of your child if you get the chance because you get the absolute best shots outdoors due to great lighting!

Awards and Recognition



One of our biggest goals is to recognize each individual swimmer. In order to do that, we have many awards that we give out to help each swimmer feel special and celebrate their achievements over the season. As a parent, you need to get your child to some meets so that they can earn these awards. In order to earn a trophy, your child must participate in at least two regular season meets. There are only two meets left to sign up for, so please get your child to the last two meets if he/she hasn't attended one yet. Additionally, your child will receive a small medal if he/she successfully swims each stroke event for their age at least once (without a DQ) during the season.