

Otter Newsletter for Week of February 21, 2010

Championship Weekend is here! Here's what you need to need to know to make it through the week:

Alterations to the "normal" practice schedule:

- 1) **On Wednesday, February 24, there is a CHANGE to the PUBLISHED practice schedule.** The LVC Women's Basketball team is hosting a play off game that evening, and so we need to be out of the Sports Center and its parking lot earlier than usual. **Therefore, practice for Groups A and B (the highly competitive and competitive groups) is from 4:30-5:45 that evening. Practice for Group C (beginning competitive) is from 5:45-6:15.**
- 2) **On Friday, February 26, as noted in the PUBLISHED schedule, practice for Groups A and B (the highly competitive and competitive groups) is from 4:30-5:45, and practice for Group C (beginning competitive) is from 5:45-6:15.**

Meet information for those that signed up with Jim to compete:

Divisional championships are Saturday, February 27, at the Hershey Cocoa Plaza Pool.

- 1) 8 and 10 and under swimmers should arrive no later than 7:15 for warm-ups; 12's, 14's, and unlimiteds should arrive no later than 11:45. Swimmers should report to the upstairs gym area. Parents, except for our gym monitor volunteers, are required to find seating on the pool deck bleachers.
- 2) To get to the Hershey Cocoa Plaza pool, follow these directions from the meet host. "From West (Harrisburg): Traveling East on 322/422 they split just before the Hershey Park Exit. Take the 322 East/Ephrata Exit (W.Governor Rd) which bears to the right. This will take you past the Hershey Medical Center. Continue on W.Governor Rd. ~2.0 miles until you get to Cocoa Ave. (The 6th light on W. Governor Rd, old white hotel on right, Antique Barn on left) Turn left on Cocoa and travel ~0.3 mile. On your right is the Hershey Parks & Recreation facility. There is plenty of parking in the rear. Hershey Library is also on the right before the Hershey Recreation Center. There is overflow parking available in that lot.
From East (Lebanon): Follow Route 422 into Hershey. At the intersection of 422 and Cocoa Ave. (Hershey Theatre on left), turn left on Cocoa. Travel approx. .5 mile. On your left is the Hershey Recreation Facility.
Directions to Homestead Road (additional parking) from the Recreation Center: (overflow parking inschool parking lots) From the main entrance of the Hershey Recreation Center, turn right onto Cocoa. Proceed a short distance and make the third right onto Areba Ave. Follow Areba to the stop sign at Areba and Homestead Rd. Make a right onto Homestead. The schools are located on the right side of the road. If you enter the Elementary school lot (the first right), proceed to the rear of the school to the parking lot. If you enter the 2nd right, you will be in a parking lot. Park and proceed to the walkway to the Recreation Center."

- 3) Divisional entries can be verified using the following link:
<http://www.hacswim.org/resources/divisionalpsychsheet2010.pdf>.

- 4) We submitted the following volunteers for the divisional meet. Final assignments will be posted by the meet host on the home page of their website, www.hacswim.org under “volunteer assignments.” Thanks to all who volunteered to serve our team and our kids.

Morning timers: 1) **Megan Lauer**, 2) **Kevin Mowery**, 3) **Russ St. Clair**, 4) **Melissa Hilty**; Afternoon timers: 1) **Gerri Brennan**, 2) **Kris Fox**, 3) **Jess Dreibelbis**, 4) **Debbie Schug**;

Morning stroke and turn officials: 1) **Gil Weik**, 2) **Gary Peters**;

Afternoon stroke and turn officials: 1) **Paul Marakowski**, 2) **Mark Schug**;

Morning “gym monitors”: 1) **Brenda Oren**, 2) **Mindy Nguyen**, 3) **Lynn Gryboski**, 4) **Rachiele Peters**;

Afternoon gym monitors: 1) **Erin Cassel**, 2) **Annette Dyer** 3) **Mary Fair**, 4) **Nicole Enigk**.

All-Stars are Sunday, February 28, at the Cumberland Valley Aquatic Club. Qualifiers for this meet are based on Saturday’s performances and will be posted on the CPAL website, www.swimcpal.org on Saturday evening. **IMPORTANT! If you are swimming in the divisional meet on Saturday but cannot attend the All-Star meet on Sunday, you must let Jim know immediately!**

- 1) 8 and 10 and under swimmers should arrive no later than 7:55 for warm-ups; 12’s, 14’s, and unlimiteds should arrive no later than 1:30.
- 2) To get to Cumberland Valley High School, “Take I-81 South to the Route 114 exit and make a left at light - go to traffic light at Rt. 11 -(Giant Store/Sheetz's gas station on right, Silver Springs Commons on left) bear right at light (Rt. 11 south.) Proceed approximately 2 miles to the CV Education Park on the right. To get to pool pass the main entrance and stadium and make right onto Dapp Road. Make right onto access road past Stadium and go straight ahead to pool parking. Enter pool at the large “CV” Entrance.”
- 3) Volunteer names submitted for this meet are:
Morning timers: 1) **Russ St. Clair**, 2) **Kevin Mowery**;
Afternoon timers: 1) **Megan Lauer**, 2) **Mark Schug**;
Morning stroke and turn: 1) **Gary Peters**;
Afternoon stroke and turn: 1) **Paul Marakowski**

For our competitive swimmers and their families, the Otter Team Banquet will be on Friday, March 5th in the arena beginning at 6 p.m. The team will provide an entrée item, beverages, and seating. Families attending should bring a covered dish and dessert to share. There is no cost to attend the banquet; however, you must RSVP the number of people attending by February 19 to Rachiele_peters@pasd.us. We are required to rent special “arena-safe” tables and chairs for the evening, and we need an accurate number of those attending by that date. Those swimmers who qualify for the All-Star meet should arrive by 5:15 for a news photo.

Our treasurer, Susan Hauck is collecting money towards a “Coach’s Gift.” If you’d like to contribute, place a check made out to LVST in the Hauck folder at the college.

Good luck to all of our swimmers this weekend!

Kathy Wingert, Secretary