

Annville-Cleona Otter Swim Team: Summer 2009 Registration Instructions

The registration deadline is May 1, 2009. Complete the attached swimmer registration form and mail it with your team assessment on a check (made out to “LVST”) to Lynne Gryboski by the deadline date. You must register before you can practice and before you are added to our summer email list. ***To successfully register for the team, you must also include the fees specified below and both the completed dual meet and All-Star meet volunteer forms included in this packet (see registration checklist).***

Fees: Our assessment fee has increased slightly in order to adequately compensate our coaching staff; \$65 per swimmer. If your family has more than one swimmer, you pay \$60 for the second swimmer and \$50 for each additional swimmer. **If your registration is received by May 1, you may deduct a discount of \$5 per swimmer.** ***To participate, each swimmer must also be a member of the A/C Pool.***

Pool Membership: If you were an Otter last summer, you have already received your pool application in the mail. Membership forms are also available on the Cleona borough website (www.cleonaborough.org – click on the community groups link and scroll down) or at the pool after Memorial Day. If you are new to the summer team or need more info about how to join the pool, you may contact Kathy Wingert at 279-0696.

Practice Schedule: Stroke clinics will be offered at LVC. An early season stroke-conditioning clinic is available in April: 7, 14, 21, 28 and in May: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21. Indoor Otter team practices will begin Tuesday, May 26 and continue through June 5. Beginning June 8, practices are held outside at the A/C Pool: 7:30-8:30 (older); 8:30-9:15 (younger); 9:15-9:45 (wee ones).

Meet Schedule: Dual meets are held on Saturday mornings beginning in June. The team also attends optional invitationals on some weeknights. The complete meet schedule is not available. Please check the website in the next few weeks for the schedule.

Meet Sign-ups: Swimmers sign up to participate in dual meets at practice. Swimmers must sign up to swim on forms in the practice area by Tuesday of each week. To participate in Divisional Championships, swimmers must compete in three dual meets. Divisionals is a qualifying meet for the All-Star meet, and the All-Star Meet is a qualifying meet for the Mid-Cap Meet. ***Swimmers who are not available to swim in All-Stars and/or Mid-Caps may swim in Divisionals but must note their unavailability for later meets on their Divisional events sign-up form.***

Volunteer Expectations and Sign-ups: Volunteers are the backbone of all swimming events. Our swimmers can't swim without you! As part of the registration process, families are asked to fill out and return with their registration form the enclosed two volunteer forms. One is for regular dual meets; the other is for the All-Star Meet. We expect that at least one parent from each family with children under the age of 11 will volunteer at each meet. For families with older children, we could use the help of both parents, but expect that at least one will serve at each meet. Signing up can be done by email correspondence or by signing up outside the practice area by Thursday of each week.

The 2009 MPSL All-Star Meet: A/C's role as the host of the MPSL All-Star Swimming Meet allows us to keep team fees low and avoid other fundraisers. Half of the proceeds of this meet-- scheduled this year for Sunday, July 19-- help fund substantially our annual swim team budget. The other half of the proceeds helps us fund long-term equipment needs and allows us to make an annual contribution to the A/C Pool. Hosting this meet is a huge undertaking, and it requires the help of every Otter family. So, please fill out the enclosed All-Star Volunteer Form as part of your registration process. **Note: Every family is asked to help set up and tear down for the All-Star Meet. Additionally, every family is asked to staff one of the many volunteer positions on meet day. For those vacationing on meet day and therefore unable to serve, we have some "leg work" positions that can be completed prior to All-Star weekend. If you are unable to serve on meet day, we ask that you volunteer for one of these positions.**

Team Communication: Otter news is communicated in two ways: our website, www.swimotters.org, and weekly email from dkwingert@comcast.net. If you utilize a spam filter on your email program, be sure it allows email from this address.

Team suits: Team suits can be ordered by contacting Tom at TNT directly at 656-8987. Due to the short summer season, we will not be placing a team order. **Team suits are NOT required.**

Team Picnic: Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m., at the pool pavilions. We will celebrate with covered dish supper, team awards, and fun and frolicking in the pool.

Indoor Practice Schedule: We anticipate indoor official team practice at LVC will begin on Tuesday evening, May 26 and continue until outdoor morning practice begins on June 8. The exact indoor schedule will be posted on the home page of the website. Check back often.

I hereby assume all responsibility for accidental injuries in connection with this program. I realize that I must use my personal insurance coverage or be otherwise responsible for any expenses resulting from such injury. I will not hold the Mid-Penn Swim League or the Lebanon Valley/Annville-Cleona Otters Swim Team liable for any injury, which may occur while this swimmer participates in the swim league.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Assessment:

First swimmer - \$65; Second swimmer - \$60; Each additional swimmer - \$50. A discount of \$5 per swimmer may be deducted if assessments and all registration materials are received on or before May 1, 2009.

This registration form must be completed and returned before the swimmer will be allowed to practice. **Coaches will not accept registration material, please mail to the address listed below. The registration and Otter Wear payment deadline is May 1.**

Registration check list:

- registration form with medical consent signature and date signed**
- check for assessment fees (made payable to LVST)**
- Dual Meet and All-Star Meet volunteer commitment form**
- 'Otter Wear' order with separate check (made payable to LVST) included (optional)**
- contact and payment has been received by the A-C Pool regarding pool membership (see "Pool Membership" information above)**

Mail all of the above to Lynne Gryboski, Treasurer, 427 West Locust Street, Cleona, PA 17042

If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or offers of assistance, please contact one of the following board members: Debbie Schug, President; Kathy Wingert, Secretary; Lynne Gryboski, Treasurer.

*BULKHEAD SET-UP/OTTER COVERED DISH
PICNIC*

We are planning a "dry run" bulkhead set-up covered dish picnic for our Otter families on Sunday, May 17 (Rain date will be Sunday, May 24).

Over the fall/winter, the A-E pool installed a new liner to the outdoor pool. In preparation for our summer home meets, we need to make sure the bulkhead can be installed without damaging the pool liner.

Because we Otters don't mind a little hard work, good food, and an excuse to spend time with friendly Otter families, we are going to make the bulkhead set-up trial into a family picnic. An email will be sent closer to the date giving more details. We just wanted to give everyone the heads (bulkhead) up! So, write this date and the rain date on your calendar.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the outdoor pool on May 17.