



SplashZone!

**News from the Westover Wild Orca Swim Team!
March 2007**

Swim Team Registration
Thursday, March 29th from 5 to 7

Coach Sandy will be there along with all your summer league friends!
 Looking forward to seeing you there!

Dear Orca Families,

It is hard to believe that another school year is flying by, and we are already preparing for the summer swim season. Sandy will be returning as coach, and I am happy to be returning as President of team. I am also very pleased that Carol Stapper has agreed to be the Vice President for the team this year.

This is a very special team and is always an important part of our family's summer as I am sure it is for yours. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to the pool in May for another great season! In the meantime, we are busy making plans for the summer swimming season.. We will keep you posted via email and the website as activities and schedules are finalized.

Pat Tomsho

TEAM SUIT SELECTION



In the past, we have tried to wear the same suit for two seasons; there is not good availability of the suit we selected last year, so we have selected new team suits for this year. Lane 4 has indicated that

there will be availability of this suit through the summer of 2008.

As always, we are happy to have any team member wear their older team swim suits for the meets if you do not want to purchase a new suit for this season.



For your convenience, Lane 4 will have a supply of the new suits at registration

A FULL TEAM

As history has it, we will probably reach our swimmer limit again this season. We will wind up wait-listing swimmers, as we did last year. If you would like to be on the team this year (and you know Coach Sandy wants you back) make sure you get your registration papers & fees in **on or PRIOR TO March 29th**. Otherwise, you may find yourself on the waitlist. On that date, we will open up any remaining slots on the team to others.

Verbal and email confirmations are not considered a registration. We need the following three items completed:

- medical release
- registration form with the designation of parents volunteer position
- your payment

Forms and a description of the positions can be found on our website <http://www.wildorcas.com> .

Please note that we will not be doing "pre-competitive" this year for new swimmers as we have done in the past. New swimmers will need to prove proficiency in the water prior to establishing team membership. If there is a sibling of one of our current Orca swimmers who has not been on the team previously, please feel free to register your swimmer in order to hold a spot and testing will follow soon after registration. Swim testing date TBA.

If you have questions regarding the swim test, please contact Coach Sandy via email sneils@austin.rr.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

CHAMPS & ORCA BANQUET Sunday, June 24th

Many thanks to Dan Germain, our League Representative, for his time and efforts this winter in working with the other team representatives to prepare for the season. The representatives have decided to have the end-of-the-season championships at UT on Sunday, June 24th.

The end-of-the-season Banquet will be held on the same day at the Westover Pool.

There are more details to follow, but wanted you to have the date. The meet dates are not available yet, but will be soon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The success of the team and the season is dependent on each family doing their part by volunteering their time and talent to one of the volunteer opportunities we have.

Our website lists the committees we have available. Take a look at the opportunities and be ready to select one or more that you might be interested in. Because of the large number of swimmers we have and the need to see that the meets run smoothly, we are making it a requirement as part of registration that a parent from each family indicates their volunteer preference on the registration form.