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News from the Westover Wild Orca Swim Team!

April 2007

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2007 Westover Wild Orcas Schedule

All Meets begin at 8:00 AM

Practice Starts - May 7th (check website for details)

Time Trials - Week of May 18th

Westover vs. F.A.S.T. Frogs @ Westover - May 26th

Great Hills/Jester vs. Westover @ Great Hills/Jester - June 2nd

Westover vs. Twin Creeks @ Westover - June 9th

Tuesday, June 12th - ORCA BINGO NIGHT - 6:00-8:00

Westover Intramural @ Westover - June 16th

CHAMPS @ University of Texas - June 24th

Westover Swim Team Party - June 24th after CHAMPS at Westover

ORCAS GEAR UP FOR THE SEASON!

Our Orca registration was a great success! We had over 215 swimmers register by the deadline. In addition, there were over 40 new swimmers register this year. In order to accommodate, Sandy wants to review those swimmer prior to officially registering them for the team.

If you are a "new" swimmer (or have one on your family) that has not had a chance to catch up with Sandy, please note that your swimmer needs to do a "checkout"

swim with Sandy before they are officially on the team. Our goal is to be sure all those who get a spot on the team meet the minimum requirements of the league. Sandy will be sending out an email regarding possible times separately to all of you. For all of you new swimmers who have already received the "green light" from Sandy, we want to welcome you to the 2007 Orcas!

If you did not get an opportunity to get your team swimsuit from Lane 4 at registration, stop by their store. They will have them available.

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Every ORCA family designated one or more volunteer positions that they were willing to participate in this year. I personally want to thank all of you. It truly is a parent-driven organization, and I can assure you it is more fun to participate than to sit on the sidelines. You will be contacted in the next few weeks from me or the chair of your committee regarding your volunteer position.

We are going to attempt to accommodate everyone's request whenever possible.

WELCOME F.A.S.T. FROGS!



We are so happy to welcome a new team to the league, The F.A.S.T. Frogs. They will be

our first meet of the season, and we want to show them a big Westover Wild Orca welcome. They are a neighborhood team from the Forest Creek neighborhood. While they do have a practice pool, they do not have a pool that they can hold meets in, so all the other teams in the league will be hosting them. Their website is www.fastfrogs.net if you are interested in knowing a bit more about them.

As you can see from the schedule, we will have three meets this summer at our pool and thought we would continue the tradition we started last season to reserve spaces in our "limited" parking lot to visiting coaches, handicap, and concessions. Please keep this in mind as you plan your arrival at Westover.

You might notice from the schedule above, that we will not be swimming against the Balconies Blue Waves until CHAMPS. It was a league decision this year to make sure that we did not run into the first weekend in July. I am sure some of you are disappointed as it is always a "spirited" meet...but let's save our energy for them at CHAMPS!

"EVENT BOARD ENVY" Just a Memory!

We are pleased to announce that we have ordered an electronic "Event-Heat" display board for the pool. We are hoping to have it arrive and installed before our first meet.

Many thanks to Orca Vice President, Carol Stapper, who spent endless hours of research on making the event board a reality for the Orcas!

TIME TRIALS

This season, we will be doing "time trials" for every swimmer who does not have a time in an event prior to our first meet.



This will allow us to put a swimmer in the appropriate heat at our first meet and allow the computer folks to get those first relays together quickly. Most

likely, Sandy will plan on doing these during practices the week of May 14th.