

# SPLASH NEWS

Huntsville Lakers Swim Team

Spring, 2010

Welcome to the 2010 Huntsville Lakers Swim Season. We start practice at the Huntsville Aquatic Center April 26<sup>th</sup>!

Please read the 2010 swim registration form, calendar and the stroke-and-turn clinic information. In addition, be sure to fill in all information required on the registration form. Please include an e-mail address. **Be sure to sign the release and the parent agreement, and attach your registration fee and mail to the address below to take advantage of the lower registration fee!** The checks will not be deposited until April. If you prefer, you may register online at [www.huntsvillelakers.net](http://www.huntsvillelakers.net). Avoid the crowds at the pool the first few days by registering early!

Please visit our web page at [www.huntsvillelakers.net](http://www.huntsvillelakers.net) and make it your home page. The weekly newsletter, *Splash News*, will be on the web page along with other important information.

**ALL PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HELP DURING THE MEETS. PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!** In order for a meet to run smoothly at least one parent per family will be given a job to do at each home meet. We also need board members, especially a Communications Director. If you are interested in getting involved on the board and making a difference please contact Chris Cirrito. We will train you.

**New Swimmer Information:** The Huntsville Lakers Swim Team is for children ages 18 and under who want to swim competitively.

**Laker - Minimum qualifications:**

Ages 10 and Under - Swim 25 yards / freestyle  
Ages 11 to 18 Swim 50 yards / freestyle

**Pre-Laker qualifications: (None)**

Pre-Lakers may participate in meets when they are able to swim 25 yards

**Registration Information:** Mail-in or take to Nautilus Health Center or register online **before April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Our fees include the required \$5 per child City of Huntsville sports usage fee.

One swimmer is \$85.00. Each additional swimmer is \$65.00. Bring a 12 pack of *Coke products* to the pool the first week of practice for a fund raiser.

**April 26<sup>th</sup> or later:**

1 swimmer \$100.00 / each additional swimmer - \$80.00 each plus a 12 pack of *Coke Products* the first week of practice

Limited scholarships are available. Call Chris Cirrito for details at 293-8408.

Other optional costs:

Goggles and swim caps, Swim suits (same suit as last year) – Girls (Approx - \$55.00) Boys (Approx.\$30.00) and Team and Group Pictures, Laker T-shirts, Tank Tops, Hoodies, Shorts, Caps, Visors, Bag, Towels, and Parent Sponsorships

**Mail your registration forms to:  
Huntsville Lakers Swim Team  
PO Box 296  
Huntsville, TX 77342-0296**

OR

**On-line registration at  
[www.huntsvillelakers.net](http://www.huntsvillelakers.net)**

**2010 Swim Team Information:**

We had a wonderful third season last year at our new pool thanks to all of our parents, swimmers, and coaches and their hard work. **Anyone interested in becoming an official please contact Chris Cirrito at 293-8408 soon. Officials training will be held in Huntsville, but registration for officials can be found at [www.nwal.org](http://www.nwal.org).** All officials must be re-trained this year. We really need additional officials so we can continue to host meets. Information about our league is also posted on the NWAL site: [www.nwal.org/](http://www.nwal.org/) (there is a link from our web site).

**AS AN INCENTIVE TO BECOME AN OFFICAL – YOUR REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE WAIVED (FIRST CHILD) IF YOU BECOME CERTIFIED BY MAY 1<sup>st</sup> AND OFFICIATE FOR AT LEAST 3 MEETS. TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY REGISTRATION AND THE OFFICIALS DISCOUNT – WRITE US A CHECK FOR:**

**1 SWIMMER – \$85.00 (check will be returned after you officiate 3 meets)**

**2 OR MORE SWIMMERS – write us 2 checks – 1 for \$85.00 (to be returned after the 3 meets) and \$65.00 for each additional swimmer.**

The Lakers are also looking for team sponsors. If you know anyone interested in being a team sponsor, please call Chris Cirrito at 293-8408. We have 3 levels of sponsorships: Sponsor: \$125.00 - 1 year / \$200.00 - 2 years / Supporter: \$60.00 - 1 year / Contributor: \$30.00 - 1 year. Laker Sponsors, Supporters and Contributors will be recognized in our heat sheets and on our WEB site.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Now** – Mail in registration form  
March 23rd to April 22nd – Stroke and Turn Clinic – Contact Nautilus Health Center at 291-0051 for information  
March 27<sup>th</sup> - Registration at Nautilus Health Center– 10 to 2 pm  
Officials training - Call Chris Cirrito at 293-8408  
Registration forms and checks may also be mailed to the Laker Swim Team or left at Nautilus Health Center  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – First practice – Goggles and swim caps will be available for purchase.  
Beginners: 5:00 – 5:30 pm  
Intermediate – 5:30 – 6:15 pm  
Advanced: 6:15 – 7:30 pm  
May 3rd – Purchase Team Swim Suits—We will use last year's suit.  
May 8<sup>th</sup> - Time Trials and Parent Meeting  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – Individual and Team Pictures  
TBA – End of Season Picnic and Award Ceremony

## **2010 Swim Meets**

Date	Meet	Location
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lakers - Time Trials	Huntsville
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Huntsville vs. Brenham	Huntsville
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Navasota vs. Huntsville	Navasota
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Huntsville vs. Bryan	Huntsville
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lee County-(Giddings vs. Huntsville)	Giddings
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Huntsville vs. College Station	Huntsville
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Prison City Splash and Dash Invitational	Huntsville
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Divisionals (All 6 teams)	Navasota
June 26-27 <sup>th</sup>	Invitational Meets	Houston area

### **Parents:**

Part of your registration packet is our parent agreement which is below. It is important that the agreement is followed and entries are made Mondays, newsletter is picked up on Monday and entries are verified on Wednesdays. If you have questions, please contact any board member.

### **PARENT AGREEMENT**

I agree to be responsible for entering my swimmers(s) into the swim meets during the 2010 swim season. Each week on Monday, I, as a parent of a swimmer, will come to practice and enter my swimmer(s) into 1 to 3 individual events to be swam the following Saturday. On Wednesday, I will come to practice and verify that my swimmer(s) was correctly entered into the events of their choice. In addition to entering my child, I will also be responsible for getting and reading the weekly Laker newsletter. The coaches and computer staff will enter swimmers into the relays based on their official times in each event.

I understand that my child(ren) is **NOT** automatically entered into the swim meet. If I do not mark anything on the entry sheet, my child(ren) will not be entered into the swim meet and will not be allowed to swim. The deadline for entries is Tuesday at the end of practice. Any corrections to the entries can be made on Wednesday. The Laker entries are combined with the other teams on Thursday mornings for the upcoming meet for Saturday.

I understand there will be **NO CHANGES to the meet entries** except for relays during each Saturday's meet.

I will not complain to the coaching staff, computer entry personnel, board members or other team parents about not being entered correctly into the swim meet, because I know that I, as a parent of a swimmer, am responsible for making sure my swimmer(s) was entered correctly earlier in the week.

The Lakers also understand that sometimes there are computer errors. Therefore, we will have the parent verified printout from Wednesday at the swim meet in case of computer error. The only time we can change entries at the swim meet will be if there is a computer error, not a parent error.

**I also understand that in order for a swim meet to run smoothly that I will meet my obligation as a team parent to help at each meet (timer, age group parent, set-up/take down equipment helper, official, runner, or any other necessary duty.) It is also my responsibility to be sure that my child(ren) are supervised at all times.**

I agree to the "Parent Agreement" and I will also encourage my swimmer(s) to do his/her best and teach them good sportsmanship through example.

During the season there are invitational swim meets that swimmers can participate in: Pentathlon, All Stars, Ponderosa and Red-White-Blue. Swimmers must qualify to swim in these invitational meets. The Lakers will be sponsoring the new **Prison City Splash and Dash Invitational** for 10 and under swimmers. We would like to encourage your children to do their best and qualify to swim in these meets. Please read the weekly newsletter for more information. Participants will be required to pay their entry fees to attend these invitational swim meets.

We will see you April 26th at the pool. If you have any questions, please call: Chris Cirrito– President – Huntsville Lakers – 293-8408, visit the Lakers WEB site: <http://www.huntsvillelakers.net> or email Matt Wagner, Director of Coaching, at [irondad7@hotmail.com](mailto:irondad7@hotmail.com) for more information.