

Dynamo Swim Club - Weekly Swimmers Ear

Week of February 16 2009

Upcoming Events:

Feb 17-18	Dynamo Swimathon
Feb 22	Dynamo Sundae Special
Feb 24	Registration Deadline for AG Sectionals

Take Home your Bag Weekend is here!

Dynamo requests that all of its members take home their equipment bag this week, as of Thursday(2/19) after practice. This will allow us to get rid of some bags that have been sitting on the wall for quite a while with not owner and clean the walls behind them. Please inventory them as well, and make sure you have all equipment needed for your group. Talk to your coaches about what equipment you would need to bring in on Friday and Saturday for practices. As of Monday practices, you can begin to leave your bags on the wall again. Thanks!

Dynamo Rocks the Pool

Dynamo Facts

Did you know that Dynamo, started in 1964, is a non-profit, parent-run organization, designated as a 501 (c) 3? Did you know that we own more pool space than any other club in USA Swimming? Dynamo owns roughly 175 yards of covered pool space between our Chamblee and Alpharetta locations. By owning pool space instead of just "renting" lane space from other aquatic centers, we can offer so much more than the average swim club. We can host spectacular swim meets, offer swim lessons, masters swimming, aqua aerobics, life guard training, scuba diving training and more. No other club in the Atlanta area can compete with that!

Dynamo's achievements have been nationally recognized over the years. We are one of 32 Gold Level Swim Clubs designated by USA Swimming out of 2,800 swim clubs across the country. Pretty impressive!!! Even more impressive is that Dynamo is one of 11 clubs in the U.S. that has been a Gold Level Club since 2005 (longest period tracked). No other team in Georgia performs at that level! Our coaches are top notch. Your swimmers are fabulous... and the parents??? Always willing to help. Dynamo is truly a family and we have so much to be proud of. However, we are always looking to raise the bar, which is why we host an annual "Swim-A-Thon." While the Swim-A-Thon is a USA Swimming sanctioned event, Dynamo Swim Club will keep 95% of the donations raised and 5% will go to USA Swimming.

What is expected of my swimmer?

We are challenging each swimmer to collect at least \$150 in order to reach a goal of (drum roll please)... **\$100,000**. Your swimmer can contact aunts, uncles, grandparents, long distance friends by phone or letter. You will receive copies of the Dynamo fundraising letter next week. Your child can contact neighbors too. All donations are tax deductible. Your swimmer will be rewarded with prizes at different levels of participation. The prizes are fabulous this year! On February 17th or 18th your swimmer will swim with their respective groups and have a great time!! They will have 2 hours to swim up to 200 lengths of the pool. Snacks will be provided. The music will be rockin' to the greatest hits of all time.

How can I as a parent contribute?

You can mail a bunch of fundraising letters, mentioned above, and help us reach our goal. Being a non-profit organization, Dynamo is also a candidate for "corporate matching" programs. Please check with your employer and help us that way! You can count laps during the swim-a-thon. You will receive a packet of information in your swimmers' mailbox by the end of next week. Make sure to ask to see the information and encourage them to raise as much money as possible. We are certainly rocking the pool in so many ways. Let's rock outside the pool too!

Please direct questions to "Dynamo Rocks the Pool" Band Members:

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Shane's Spirit Days

Shane's Rib Shack, a sponsor of Dynamo Swim Club, is having Dynamo Spirit Days on February 17th and 18th. Please drop by one of four convenient Shane's locations for lunch or dinner, mention you are affiliated with Dynamo Swim Club, and Dynamo will receive 10% of the total bill. As you hit the streets for Swim-a-thon donations make sure your pass along this information to your neighbors and co-workers. Thanks again to our friends at Shane's Rib Shack for supporting Dynamo!

[link to flyer](#)

Dynamo Alpharetta "Air" Update:

As mentioned in prior newsletters, we have been evaluating the best option to address the air issues we have been having in the new Dynamo Alpharetta space. We have received recommendations from the architect and mechanical engineer and are ready to begin soliciting bids for the work that needs to be completed. We hope to have final bids within the next two weeks and then begin the work following. If any of our Dynamo families are in the mechanical/hvac field and are interested in helping, please contact Jason Turcotte this week.

Billing and Invoices (Read/Important)

Invoices through the online/billing website have been posted. The invoices were produced on the 21st of January, and due on the first of February.

- ***Bills are late after the 10th of the month, and when invoices are generated (automatically through the website) on the 21st, those with an outstanding balance will be charged a \$25.00 late fee.***
- Make sure you are checking your accounts to see all payments that are posted, and charges incurred are correct. If you need to have your password re-sent please email [Jason](#).
- With the dissolution of our Meet Entry Account (remaining balance at that time credited to November 2008 bills) we now roll a \$3.00 fee into our meet entries to offset the meet entry administration and costs. This is an industry standard, with many Teams charging \$5.00 per meet entry.

Dynamo Parka Orders

With the winter months fast approaching don't forget to place your Parka orders. Orders are placed the 1st and 15th of each month with a four week turn around time...remember to plan ahead for holiday shopping. For your convenience the [order form](#) can be found on Dynamo's website.

Facility Reminders:

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- +Dynamo no longer accepts the American Express card.
 - +Dynamo is not responsible for equipment bags or contents left at the facility.
 - + When paying for dues with a Credit Card, always write the name of the swimmer account on the receipt. The same is true for the memo portion of a check that is submitted for dues payment.
 - + Please stay alert when driving through the parking lot - look out for Dynamo swimmers participating in dry land activities.

<u>PRACTICE SCHEDULE CHANGES</u>	
<u>Alpharetta Swim Center</u>	<u>Chamblee Swim Center</u>
