

Dynamo Swim Club - Weekly Swimmers Ear

15 September 2009

Upcoming Events:

September 18	Last day to commit online for Doug Coers Pentathlon
	Last day to commit online for Chattahoochee Gold Invite
October 3-4	Doug Coers Pentathlon (Age Group and Masters)
October 3	Parent Pentathlon (Save the date!)

Fitter-Faster Clinic at Dynamo on September 19, 2009

Olympic medalists will be coming to Dynamo this fall to host two swim clinics on Saturday September 19. Learn about technique and goal setting from some of the best swimmers in the world by registering today to be a part of the Swim Champions' Fitter & Faster Tour. Each three-hour clinic will feature coaching by multiple Olympic medal winners Mark Gangloff, Christine Magnuson and Peter Vanderkaay. In addition to tips from top-caliber athletes, participants will have a chance to race the athletes, pose for pictures, get autographs and hold an Olympic gold medal! Parent information sessions and Q & A opportunities are also part of the package.

Registration is now open for the 9 a.m. - noon or 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. slots. Clinic participation will be limited to ensure individualized attention. Cost is \$75. Register by July 1 to receive a 20 percent discount off merchandise at speedo ..

Sign up online at <http://swimchampions.com/detail/atlanta-ga/>, or by calling 786-837-6880 ext. 302

Dynamo Scrip Program

Dynamo is pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for our organization. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop for everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials. With every Scrip purchase you make, Dynamo earns revenue.

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money, in other words, gift cards. These gift cards are purchased directly through Great Lakes Scrip which offers national and local retailers. Many popular retailers participate in the scrip program including Macy's, Home Depot/Lowe's, BP, Amazon, iTunes, Sports Authority, Wal-Mart and many, many others. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations like Dynamo, and in return we support them by shopping with scrip at their stores.

In order for Dynamo to earn revenue credit the cards must be purchased online through Great Lakes

Scrip program. Each Dynamo family will be provided information on establishing an online account soon.

We plan on having a table set-up at the Spring Splash to provide information about our new scrip program, and we urge you to stop by. You can also visit the Great Lakes Scrip site for more information at: <http://www.glscrip.com/howscripworks/index.aspx>. For a list of participating retailers, please go to www.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/default.aspx.

Meet Volunteer Sign-up has gone online!

As of the start of the 2009-10 season, Dynamo has gone to an online meet volunteer system, through our current website. The reason we went to this system is simple; we are trying to get all of our membership participating on a regular basis. Here is how it works:

1. It is recommended that you 'commit' your child/children to swim in the meet first, and then sign up for the volunteer hours. Please note the sessions your child will be swimming!
2. Each job will be given 4 hours of credit. Some will be a little shorter commitment/session, some a little longer, but all will be credited with 4 hours. Finals sessions will award 3 hours.
3. For every meet Dynamo Hosts, there will be a button directly to the right of the button you use to sign up for a meet (in this case Doug Coers Pentathlon).
4. Click on this button (you have to be signed in to see and do so), and a chart of jobs, sessions and openings will appear.
5. Volunteer for a job, brief explanations are listed. **PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION.** Make sure you sign-up for sessions corresponding to your child's swim schedule.
6. Some jobs, like Meet Manager and Computer operator, need specific training before signing up. Contact information is listed for those interested in volunteering for those jobs in the future.
7. If a meet has prelims and finals (pentathlon does not), we will list the finals sessions for sign-up as well. Parents of swimmers who are familiar and certain that their child will make finals are asked to sign up for those sessions first.
8. We ask each family to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours for the whole year, short and long course.
9. After the meet, our volunteer coordinator will go in and approve the hours worked and they will show up in your account.
10. At the end of the year, those families who have not met the 12 hour requirement will be billed \$25.00 per hour not worked.

The system is very easy to use. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the jobs for the Pentathlon have already been volunteered for with no notice or instructions.

Facility Drop-off and Pick-up

Each of facilities has it's own traffic pattern flow, and the beginning of the season is a good time to

remind parents about pick-up and drop-off procedures.

Alpharetta

- You May drop-off in front of the facility, and then it is requested you move on to complete your circle (back parking lot) and then either out or park
- It is recommended you park away from the parking spots immediately in the main entrance.
- Pick-up should be done from a parking spot not near the entrance, please take advantage of the spots nearer the new facility to make your exit easier.

Chamblee

- You may take advantage of the island in front of the main door for drop-off. Please pull off to the right and drop-off, then move to the back lot to park, or exit.
- Pick-up should not be from the island, or the fire lane where the cones are. Parents are asked to park, and have their children walk out to the back lot for pick-up.
- We have had more than usual issues this year, with a real backup on the island out into the street.
- Please do not park in the island for any amount of time, or block the staff front spaces.

We appreciate your cooperation making the Dynamo facilities safe for all our participants and programs!

Billing and Invoices (Read/Important)

Invoices through the online/billing website have been posted. The invoices are produced on the 21st of each month, and due on the first of the following (i.e. May bill is posted on April 21st, and due on May 1).

- ***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.***
- Even though we don't bill 9 month members for June, July and August, bills are still produced, as meet fees will continue through the summer.
- 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:

+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>Alpharetta Swim Center</u>	<u>Chamblee Swim Center</u>
<p><i>Group Meeting Schedule</i></p> <p><i>Monday Sept 14</i></p> <p>Early Green/Gold 3:30 PM AG2 6:15 PM</p> <p><i>Tuesday Sept 15</i></p> <p>Late Green/Gold 4:30 PM SR1 6:30 PM AGD 7:30 PM</p> <p><i>Wednesday Sept 16</i></p> <p>SR2 4:30 PM AG3 5:15 PM SR3 7:45 PM</p> <p><i>Thursday Sept 17</i></p> <p>AG1 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Practice Changes</p> <p><i>Saturday September 19 2009</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6:45-8:45 AM SR1/SR2/AG1 ○ 7-8:30 AG2/SR3 inside ○ AG3/AGD normal practice