

# Dynamo Swim Club - Weekly Swimmers Ear

1 September 2009

## Upcoming Events:

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

## *Fitter-Faster Clinic at Dynamo in September*

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.

You can 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](http://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 vey easy to use.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the jobs for the Pentathlon have already been volunteered for with no notice or instructions.

### ***Georgia Officials***

Georgia Swimming Officials are typically parent volunteers, at home or away meets (anywhere throughout the United States), who are well taken care of with up-to-date heat sheets (even when none are sold), free food in hospitality, free admission, an up-close view of the pool, and often free

parking as well.

Are you able to write off any of your travel-related expenses for swimming? Do you put miles on your car traveling to swim meets? Have you paid for parking, tolls, hotel rooms, and even airfare in order to attend a swim meet? USA Swimming is a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Georgia Swimming Officials, upon advice of their personal tax preparer, may be able to deduct their volunteer expenses when preparing their personal tax returns.

Our team is looking for volunteers interested in becoming certified with Georgia Swimming as entry-level officials: either Stroke & Turn Judges, who evaluate swims; or Administrative Judges, who deal with swimmers' entries, timing equipment and scoring, working with Clerk of Course.

Clinics will be offered in Alpharetta on **Saturday, September 12** and **Sunday, September 13**. Advance Registration is required. "Walk-ins" are not permitted. Clinic pre-registration and payment must be received as soon as possible to secure a space in the class as well as to review advance materials if needed. For more information, contact Rob Schreer, Georgia Swimming Officials Training Chairperson ([h2oref@bellsouth.net](mailto:h2oref@bellsouth.net)) or Julie Allen, Clinic Sponsor, ([allen.julie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allen.julie@sbcglobal.net))

**Don't delay in expressing your interest to participate. Volunteers from other teams will also have the opportunity to register and spaces are limited.**

### ***Billing and Invoices (Read/Important)***

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

- ***Bills are late after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, and when invoices are generated (automatically through the website) on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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>PRACTICE SCHEDULE CHANGES</u>	
<u>Alpharetta Swim Center</u>	<u>Chamblee Swim Center</u>