

All PS news and team information can also be found by visiting www.psswim.com and clicking on the newsletter hot button!

Please note that meet entries for the Fallbrook "C" meet are due by 8:00pm today, Monday, October 26.

Please SIGN UP for our Pacific Swim A/B Meet that is being held on November 13-15!

There will be **NO WORKOUT** for the following groups on **Friday, October 30: Red** (Coach Robbie), **White** (Coach Carolayn) and **Blue** (Coach Owen). Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Don't forget the **Time Change** this Sunday, November 1. We have a new schedule out, which is attached to this Newsletter, which becomes effective on Monday, November 2. There are very few changes, but please check the schedule to confirm practice times and locations.

Novice Meet this Saturday! Please note that we have received new dates and locations for upcoming **2009-2010 Novice Meets**. The first Novice meet will be this **Saturday, October 31 at Cathedral Catholic High School**. Novice swimmers, please see your coaches for the Meet Sheet. The remaining Novice Fun Event Schedule has been added to the Meet Schedule. Remember that there is no prior sign-up required for Novice Meets. As long as you are registered with USA Swimming, you can show up on the day of the meet for sign up.

Officials Clinic For all and any parents interested in becoming officials, San Diego Imperial is hosting an **Officials Clinic on October 28, 2009**. This clinic is at 6:30pm, at the City of Oceanside Swim Center, 130 Brooks St, Oceanside. Call the Swim Office at (619) 275-1292 for more info. Pacific Swim relies heavily on our parent officials! As an official, you get the best view of the pool, free food and drinks at every meet, and an exemption from ever having to time or transport tarps to the meet...

Parents – PLEASE be on time to collect your kids after swim practice! It is getting cold and dark, and certain locations are unsafe at night.

Team Pictures & Awards are available at Rancho Arbolitos For those of you who took Team Pictures, they are in, and are available for collection at Rancho Arbolitos. Also, PLEASE check your folders for awards. We have many folders that are BULGING with ribbons and medals.

A Note from Di

We follow USA swimming guidelines, and 200yd Events (other than 200 IM) are not event for 10unders. In the past year we have had a few swimmers sign up for the 200 yd's in the open events and then claim it as a Team Record. The coaches discussed this for this years banquet and have decided that since these events were not recognized by USA swimming, we would no longer do this. Actually anyone swimming the event and not DQing would be a record holder, and that is not our goal for these swimmers. All the other 200 - 10under records will be removed from our team records except for the 200 IM. Soon enough they will be able to qualify as 11 year olds. If there are any 10 year olds who do indeed meet the time standards for open 200yd events, they are allowed to enter these events. As a team, however, we will not recognize these as Team Records

Pacific Swim Holiday Charity – Adopt-A-Family Each year, Pacific Swim sponsors a charitable cause over the holiday season by adopting a family in need or asking PS families to donate to Toys for Tots. This year, with the need in the community greater than ever, PS has decided to adopt seven families for the holidays, one for each PS group. We will adopt families through the Poway Unified School District. Each PS group will receive a family's "wish list" that includes basic necessities and modest gifts. If you would be able to help organize the adoption for your swimmer's group, please contact Kim Chevallier KandCDC@aol.com. The seven groups are: novice, red, white, green, blue, silver and gold. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation, the Adopt-a-Family program is a 501(c)(3) organization, making donations tax deductible.

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Meet Jobs Update and Final Request

Wow, thanks everyone who has signed up to help with all team jobs for the upcoming swim meet. We truly appreciate your support.

We have some jobs that remain that we really need to get assigned. Please read through the list and sign up for any of these jobs you can help with and sign up online.

Meet Set-up (Friday) we need 4 people to sign-up or we can not get the meet started.

Meet Take down and clean up (Sunday) we need at least 4 more bodies to take the meet down and tidy up the pool deck. The set up and clean up are the only going to take about 1 hour of your time each.

Snack bar:

Friday night sales; we need 3 more people to sell a light menu to attendees Friday night.

Saturday sales: Late afternoon 3:30~5:00pm - no grill just sales.

If we can get these jobs filled then we are totally good to go and can proceed with the meet as planned. – Thank You

Clarification of Year Round and Seasonal Swimming

We find it necessary to answer a growing number of questions from team members asking about the differences and advantages of being in our year round swim system vs seasonal swimming. With a growing number of seasonal swimmers requesting to receive team emails and access to the online system for swim meet signup we would like to clarify the advantages of becoming a year round swim participant.

Question: Is there a difference in cost between Seasonal and Year Round?

Answer: No both year round and seasonal cost the same to participate in your group.

Question: How do I receive team email and important information electronically?

Answer: The only way PS can send you electronic team information is if you switch or sign up for year round swim team.

Question: How do I stop participation in year round swim?

Answer: Only if you are in the year round swim system you will need to provide a two weeks written notice to stop swimming. This does not apply to seasonal. Seasonal is month to month swimming with payment due on the First of each month.

Question: If I only swim two times in a month and then wish to stop can I get a refund or not pay for the month?

Answer: Our team rule has always been that if you swim for any part of a month then you owe for the whole month.

Question: How can I pay online for swimming? Can I pay by Credit Card or ACH?

Answer: You must have an active account on the PS year round system to take advantage of payment online. Using our PS online system you can pay by credit card (MC or Visa), Debit bank card, or ACH routing number. Note: online payment is optional. Our system default is manual check payment (non-electronic)

Question: How do I change or update my credit card online?

Answer: Due to security requirements of our merchant broker. Pacific Swim does not have access to your individual credit card numbers or debit card numbers or any personal payment information such as expiration dates. We can only view your information by card type and we see only the last 4 digits of the card number. Any changes to your payment option must be updated by each account holder not PS admin. If you card exp. or changes the account holder must log into their account and make the necessary changes themselves.

Question: How do I sign up for a swim meet? What if its novice?

Answer: Pacific Swim is completely online for meet signup. Signup for participation in any A or above, B, or C level swim meet must be done online with PS. If you wish to sign up for a USA sanctioned swim meets then you will need to have an active year round online account with PS in order to take advantage of participating in sanctioned swim meets with PS. Novice level meets are exempt from online sign up. All novice level events are show up, sign up, and swim type events.

Question: What is a USA swim card and do I need one even if I am seasonal swimming?

Answer: Everyone that swims at any level is required to have a valid USA swim registration card. The card registration forms can be obtained at Rancho Arbolitos. If you are a first time register then you will need to provide an original birth certificate or valid passport to register. These will be returned promptly once registration is complete. A copy is not an original and will be rejected by USA swimming.

We hope that by answering these most commonly recurring questions we will reduce the amount of anxiety in or parents and swimmers that are new to PS. We are always there to help you and answer any questions you have. Do to the fact that the cost is the same for each program we encourage everyone who would benefit from electronic distribution of team information, planning on swimming a meet, or wishing to pay for swim online electronically to make the switch to year round swimming.

Pacific Swim Meet Schedule SC 2009/2010

All Entries should be done on-line at www.psswim.com

Late entries will be subject to a \$10.00 reprocessing fee if accepted.

DATE	MEET/EVENT	PS Entry Due	Host Team	PS MEET COST
Sun. Oct. 18	RSD A/B/C All Ages Pardee Aquatics Center-Solana Beach <i>Due to PS Banquet we will NOT be attending Saturday Oct. 17th and we WILL NOT be sending ANY Coaches to this meet on the 17th</i>	CLOSED	RSD	7.00/entry 3.00/event
Sat. – Sun. Nov. 7-8	C-Meet All Ages (Fallbrook) Fallbrook High School	October 26th 8:00pm	FAST	7.00/entry 3.00/event
Fri. – Sun. Nov. 13-15	Pacific Swim A/B All Ages Poway Community Center	November 2 8:00pm	PS	7.00/entry 3.00/event
Fri. and Sun. Dec. 4 and 6	Senior Meet 13 and Over Joan Kroc Center – Special Due date!!!	November 19 8:00pm	CAST	7.00/entry 3.00/event
Sat. Dec. 5	12 and Under Pentathlon Joan Kroc Center – Special Due date!!!	November 19 8:00pm	CAST	TBA
Sat.-Sun. Dec. 12-13	B/C All Ages Loma Verde Pool – South Bay	November 30 8:00pm	SBA	7.00/entry 3.00/event
Fri.-Sun. Jan. 8-10	SI LSC Q-Meet (Qualified swimmers) Palomar College	December 28 8:00pm	ICAC	TBA
Sat.-Sun. Jan. 23-24	All Star Tri-Meet (by application from Q-meet results)	Thru SI- swimming	TBA	Unknown
Fri.-Sun. Jan. 29-31	12 and Over – No Time Standards Any 12 and Over PS Swimmers El Cajon Valley High School	January 18 8:00pm	HSA	7.00/entry 3.00/event
Fri.-Sun. Feb. 5-7	A/B/C 12 and under (North) Fallbrook High School	January 25 8:00pm	FAST	7.00/entry 3.00/event
Fri.-Mon. Feb. 12-15	SI Senior Classic (Qualified Swimmers Only) Location TBA	February 1 8:00pm	SI- Swimming	TBA
Fri.-Sun. Feb 19-21	2009 SI SC Junior Olympics (Qualified Swimmers Only) Location TBA	Must be into PS by 8:00p Feb. 8th	SI- Swimming	TBA
Fri. – Sun. Mar. 5-7	2009 SC JO MAX (North) A/B/C Only No events you have JO cut in. Palomar College Pool	February 22 8:00pm	ICAC	7.00/entry 3.00/event

Novice Fun Events 2009-2010

Saturday, October 31	Cathedral Catholic HS	7:30am Check In. 8:15am Start
Saturday, November 21	Wave House, Pacific Beach	1:00pm Check In. 1:30pm Start
Saturday, January 16	Coronado City Pool	Time TBA
Saturday, March 13	TBA – Pacific Swim will host	Time TBA

**(Please Note: If a meet is not listed in the schedule above Pacific Swim is not participating)
PS will not send coaches or process entries for any meets not listed on our schedule!**

**Special senior level qualifying meets will be updated as we decide which meets we will attend!
They will be announced to the team as we decide those special meets.**