

# TEAM NEWS

December 14, 2009

## Giving

### Fight Poverty During Team Holiday Social

Our team social will be during practice on Saturday, December 23. Focus for this year's giving is to collect for MESA (Madison Emergency Services Association). We will collect cash or checks made out to MESA which will go toward paying electric payments, car payments, and fuel and heating costs of their clients. We will also collect non-perishable food items and used – but usable – clothing.

This private non-profit organization began more than 20 years ago to help combat poverty in Madison County. There is a house with five apartments that families may live in for up to a year, rent free, while they get a job and get back on their feet. MESA operates a food pantry where clients may obtain three-days worth of food as well as a thrift shop. Food clients are taken care of Tuesdays and Thursdays; the thrift store is open those days as well as Fridays.

MESA works with local schools, churches, and social services to help people in the county. The group will take anything Goodwill will take, plus non-perishable food and money. Checks/cash can be given to Becky Hofmann or a board member, and there will be boxes on deck for food and clothing donations.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Regular practice through December 18. Morning practices M-Th during the two weeks of December 21-24 and December 28-31 at these times:

- Pre/Senior - 8-10 AM
- Blue - 8-9:15 AM
- Purple - 8-9:05 AM
- Red - 9:05-10AM
- White - 9:15-10 AM

Resume regular schedule January 4.



### BASS Connects News

- **A BIG thank you** from our swimmers and parents to: *Leslie Sampsell and Kathy Kidwell* for passing-out drinks and motivational pretzel packs at the Freedom Center Meet to all of our swimmers; and *Sherri Azais* for helping to keep our swimmers hydrated, reminding them to drink, passing out granola bars, and even peeling clementine's on deck all the while helping to Clerk-of-Course Friday at the Swim and Rock Meet.
- **New Families:** Please let us know if you have not heard from your seasoned family this year. We are still working-out the kinks in our program. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Lisa Tate know. She will be happy to answer them for you, or find answers you need. If anyone has trouble finding information on our new web site, please email Lisa at [Tatelisam@aol.com](mailto:Tatelisam@aol.com).
- **Seasoned Families:** Please, continue to touch base with your new family each month.
- **Thank you to all families** for extending yourselves and reaching out to each other. We have heard many stories of kindness, including bringing a swimmer to a meet/practice; helping to watch over a swimmer while another parent volunteers; and lending sharpies/highlighters at a meet, extending extra chairs, or simply encouraging one another.

Up-to-Date Info for BASS Families

### Families, We Need YOUR Help

Parents don't forget that we need your help to make home meets run smoothly! Our two January meets are a major way that our team raises money to help keep our swimming fees as low as possible.

Please sign up for a job and to bring concession items on the Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets located on the bulletin board outside the pool office. We need every family to volunteer to work, and to help with concession items. Also, we need a few people with Clerk of Course experience to help at our meets. Please e-mail Paula ([pmdeo2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pmdeo2002@yahoo.com)) and let her know if you are able to help out with Clerk of Course. Thanks for your help!

### EVENTS

#### • Two January Home Meets

Please log onto the BASS website at [www.BASS-Swim.org](http://www.BASS-Swim.org) to sign up for our next two meets at home. Do take advantage of the short travel distance for the only two home meets we will have this swim season. These are also the last two regular meets before the February Championship meets begin. Both meets are open to all swimmers. We hope that every BASS swimmer will participate in all days of these upcoming meets:

- **January 3 New Year Sprint, Woodberry Forest**  
BASS sign-up deadline: midnight, Sunday, December 20.
- **January 30-31 BASS Winter Warm Up, Woodberry Forest**  
BASS sign-up deadline: midnight, Sunday, January 17.



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