

ATAC SUMMER LEAGUE “BULLETIN”

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BUSY JULY:

Although we are more than half way through the summer, the team still has a great many activities to plan for with all the different swimming opportunities ATAC provides. When the team has over 350 registered swimmers this summer it can be quite daunting to get everything accomplished before school starts back up. Realizing that our Summer League is a big part of these numbers, it's important to keep our newer league families as informed as possible on all that is going on, specifically for their swimmers. Consequently, I've included a brief summary below of what's happening in July and the first week of August for our ATAC Developmental swimmers.

- **NOVICE / LEAGUE PARENT MEETING....TUESDAY JULY 19th, 5:40 PM – 6:30 PM** in the Recreation Dept. Community room in Myers park. Let's have at least one parent from each family try to attend. Our League Meet will not start until our parents are back on deck. We may not have time to answer all your questions due to trying to keep the Meet from running too late, but we can discuss them at practice also. If you are new to the team or have missed this meeting in the past please try to attend. There's a lot to learn about our team and the sport itself so we feel it is important for the coaching staff to give you as much information as possible as our swimmers' parents.
- **FLORIDA AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS (7/14-17/16) – Orlando....**A large contingent of our Age Group swimmers will be competing in this State Championship with the goal of finishing as a team in the top 15 again.
- **AREA I-IV CHAMPIONSHIPS – Trousdell Pool (7/30-31/16)....**This is **OUR** Championships where we need all our League swimmers! We want to encourage our Novice swimmers to discuss with their coaches what events to sign up for. We are the defending Champions for this North Florida championship so we need a large crowd both in the water and in the stands! Please plan to attend.....**ENTRY DEADLINE MONDAY JULY 17th by 6:00PM.**

NOTE: ATAC will be awarding the overall highest scoring 8&U and 10&U Girl and Boy REGISTERED as a SUMMER LEAGUE swimmers only a FREE FALL QUARTER REGISTRATION so sign up for the maximum number of events, if possible. This will be based on the number of points they score for ATAC at the Area I-IV Meet on August 1&2.

- **SUMMER LEAGUE END OF THE SUMMER AWARDS PARTY AND AREA I-IV “SPIRIT PARTY”** (Friday 7/29/16) 6:00 PM to aprox. 8:00 PM – Trousdell Pool....We would like to encourage all our League and Novice Swimmers and parents to make plans to attend this event to not only recognize the great swimming our league/Novice swimmers accomplished this year, but also to socialize and answer any questions for **THE FALL LEAGUE**, which we hope you all plan to register for. There will be refreshments and awards given out at this time..... We will also have access to The **ACTIVITY POOL** at 7 PM after the Awards and refreshments...Please be on time so your swimmer receives their award, food and a **FUN TIME**.

*Quite a full agenda for the Developmental ATAC program in this month! Although the schedule above is only a part of the **BIG PICTURE** of “opportunities” for all ATAC swimmers this summer, **“NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE”!!** All of your swimmers may not be seeing themselves as the next Fl. Age Group Championship or **OLYMPIC TRIAL** swimmers for ATAC, but neither did our swimmers currently in the State and National Championships ever imagine they would be Champions, but they are, and they got their start in **PRE-AGE GROUP/BRONZE/SILVER/GOLD**....Who would have ever guessed?!*

Although a great many of our Summer League swimmers may just be starting out with competitive swimming, there are a great deal more **“SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES”** yet to come for those swimmers continuing throughout the coming years.

FALL REGISTRATION:

KEEP IT UP....Consistency is the key to becoming the best swimmer you can be. You will receive an on-line registration form that we ask that you fill out as early as possible (July22), since we would like to have some time to work through any adjustments we may have to make based on the numbers we receive. Days of the week and times for practices will also be included. We are getting more requests about joining the team from potential new swimmers so, again, getting your registrations in now (by July 22nd) will insure you a spot for the Fall. After this time we will be filling in slots with new swimmers.

NOTE: Registration will be “First come / First served” and the time slots are limited by numbers of swimmers per lane.....so push those gymnastics, soccer and school folks on getting their schedules out to help you pick a good time for the pool. **ALSO**....The 6:15 to 7:15 has limited spaces so sign up as early as you can.

Keep up the Good Work Swimmers!

COACH GERRY