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**NEXT  
BOARD  
MEETING**

Tuesday,  
June 14

8:30 pm

Gloria Dei  
Church,  
Nassau Bay

**ALL PARENTS  
INVITED AND  
ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND!**

## AQUASTAR Training Fee Policies Explained

Because we get new members every week, here is a brief overview of our payment policies.

### Billing

Invoices for the next month's fees are sent out via email around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

- Example: You will receive July's training fee invoice via email around June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Due Dates

All payments are due by the first of the month.

- Example: Your payment for July must be received by AQUASTAR by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Late Fees

Payments received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month incur a \$10 late fee. If you know a payment will be received after the 10<sup>th</sup>, add an additional \$10 to your payment. If not included, it will be added to your next invoice.

- Example: If you're on vacation through July 10<sup>th</sup> and mail your payment for July to AQUASTAR on July 11th, you should include an additional \$10. If not, the \$10 late fee will appear on your August invoice.

### Inactive Status

To go "inactive" for a month, notify the AQUASTAR treasurer before the first of the month you plan to be inactive to avoid being responsible for that month's fees. You will continue to receive invoices while inactive, but the training fees balance will be \$0, assuming you were current on your fees while active. We invoice inactive swimmers to ensure we have their current email address and to help them track their meet escrow balance.

- Example: You email the AQUASTAR treasurer June 17<sup>th</sup> that you're going to take

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## No More Five-Day Free Trial

Due to the labor intensive nature of tracking "trial" swimmers, we will no longer offer the five-day free trial for swimmers interested in joining the team.

AQUASTAR began offering the five-day free trial to allow swimmers to practice with the team a few times to ensure they wanted to join before making the financial commitment to do so. However, keeping track of the "trial" swimmers has become too difficult, while some have abused the offer, practicing at different pools effectively extending the "trial" period.

Swimmers interested in joining are welcome to observe as many practices as necessary before making a commitment to join the team. However until they officially join the team, they will not be allowed to swim during any practice sessions.

## A-Gleam Swim Shop Opens!

*AQUASTAR swimmers receive 15% discount*

A-Gleam Swimwear, a full-service swim shop, has opened on the Gulf Freeway, south of NASA Road One in shopping center with Bally's Fitness and the Dollar Cinema.

A-Gleam has become a team sponsor, providing 15% discount on all AQUASTAR member purchases. As such, we will work with A-Gleam to identify and meet our swimmer's equipment needs. However, team members may continue to patronize any swim shop or website that meets their needs.

Be sure to tell A-Gleam that you are an AQUASTAR member to receive your discount. Your USA Swimming ID card is a great form of identification! If you don't have an ID card, see the article on page 3 for more information.

Shop hours are Monday-Friday, 12-7 p.m., and Saturday from 12-5 p.m. You can contact A-Gleam by calling (281) 316-2200.

*"Some people say I have attitude - maybe I do...but I think you have to. You have to believe in yourself when no one else does - that makes you a winner right there." -- Venus Williams*

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July off, but will return August 1<sup>st</sup>. You may disregard the July invoice and no payment is due as long as you do not attend any meets or practices in July. You will be billed July 15<sup>th</sup> for August's training fees.

### Refunds/Credits

In general, AQUASTAR does not offer refunds for training fees paid. However, you may request a credit in certain circumstances.

#### **Before the first of the month**

If the AQUASTAR treasurer is notified via email before the first of the month that you will not be swimming that month and you have already paid your training fees for the month, you may request a credit toward the next month's fees.

- **Example:** You notify the AQUASTAR treasurer via email June 28<sup>th</sup> that your swimmer is taking the month of July off, but you've already paid your July training fees. You may request a credit to your account for the July fees as long as your swimmer does not attend any meets or practices during the month of July. This credit will go toward paying your August training fees.

#### **After the first of the month or when you've participated part of the month**

If you notify the AQUASTAR treasurer after the first of the month that you will not be swimming and you have paid the month's training fees, but have not attended any meets or practices, you may request a credit toward the next month's fees. ***Swimmers who attend even one meet or practice have participated that month and no credits will be issued.***

- **Example:** You pay July's training fees but are out of town the first two weeks of July. When you return, you decide to take the rest of July off. You may request a credit toward August's training fees as long as your swimmer did not attend any practices or meets in July.
- **Example:** Your swimmer attends practice July 1, 2 and 3 before you go out of town. When you return, you decided to take the rest of the month off. Since you participated in July, there will be no credit issued.

For more information about team payment policies, contact AQUASTAR Treasurer Ed Mullery at [jmullery@houston.rr.com](mailto:jmullery@houston.rr.com)

## "In Your Lane"



**Name:** Zachary Dao

**Age:** 10

**School:** Falcon Pass Elementary - 5th grade

**Swim Facts:** Started summer league at age 5. Has been swimming with AQUA since 2003.

**Practice Group:** White

**Favorite Stroke:** Backstroke

**Least Favorite Stroke:** Butterfly

**Favorite Part of Practice:** Free choice

**Least Favorite Part of Practice:** Hard sets

**Hobbies & Interests:** Drawing, playing with friends and camping

**Other:** He plays the piano.



**Name:** Claribeth De la Cruz

**Age:** 9

**School:** Moore Elementary

**Swim Facts:** With Aquastar since April 2005

**Practice Group:** White

**Favorite Strokes:** Butterfly and Breaststroke

**Least Favorite Stroke:** Backstroke

**Favorite Part of Practice:** The End!

**Least Favorite Part of Practice:** Body balance

**Hobbies & Interests:** Dancing

**Other:** She is an animal lover and vegetarian and has a leopard gecko, a cat and a gerbil.

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**Name:** Megan Hopkins

**Age:** 9

**School:** PH Greene Elementary

**Swim Facts:** With Aquastar since March 2005

**Practice Group:** Red

**Favorite Stroke:** Breaststroke

**Least Favorite Stroke:** Butterfly

**Favorite Part of Practice:** Kickboard drills

**Least Favorite Part of Practice:** Body balance drills

**Hobbies & Interests:** Writing, playing with friends, singing, art and drama

**Other:** She has a Weimeraner dog named Buddy and parakeet named Rainbow.

## Be Sure to Pick Up Your USA Swimming ID

Your USA Swimming ID card identifies you as a registered member of USA Swimming. It also contains information you need when attending meets, such as your swimmer's USA Swimming ID number, which is required on all meet registration forms.

Additionally, your USA Swimming ID card can be used as "proof" that you're a member of the AQUASTAR swim team, which can be helpful when asking for team discounts at team-sponsored retail stores, such as the A-Gleam Swim Shop.

As USA Swimming ID cards are received by the team, they are given to the "parent-on-deck," at the practice pool where your swimmer practices most. Therefore, if you haven't already received your 2005 registration card, be sure to pick up your ID card the next time you go to practice.

For more information, contact Marcy Barr at [barr18@earthlink.net](mailto:barr18@earthlink.net).

## June AQUASTAR Birthdays!

Be sure to wish each of these AQUASTAR swimmers a HAPPY BIRTHDAY this month!

Stephen Kimball, June 1

Amanda Maniet, June 1

Kendall Spear, June 2

Gregory Godinich, June 3

Camille Mullery, June 3

Maddie Boe, June 5

Arianne Finch, June 5

Nellie Wong, June 7

Samuel Yang, June 8

Zachary Carico, June 9

Will Kolodgie, June 10

Jared Barrientes, June 11

Peter Wan, June 11

Julia Nguyen, June 12

Tommy Goodman, June 13

Kimberly Butler, June 14

Molly Freeman, June 14

Lexi Temofonte, June 14

Jared McDugle, June 18

Lauren Fiske, June 19

Anna Monteith, June 19

Luke Romanko, June 19

Peter Tobia, June 23

Patrick Caldwell, June 24

Lauren Nutt, June 25

Taylor Silva, June 26

Bethany Randall, June 27

Morgan Taylor, June 27

Wendy Tsai, June 29

