Weekly Splash – December 11th

**Good Luck to all swimmers that are swimming at Holiday Classic this weekend. Swim Fast!!!**

**RBY Swim Team Mission Statement:** To provide a positive team environment that promotes respect, integrity, perseverance and accountability which enables optimal health and athletic development through swim training, instruction and competition.

**Senior and Senior 1 Swimmers: This Thursday, 12/14, Sr. 1 swimmers will have the early practice session, and Sr. swimmers will have the late session.** There will be no spin until after Christmas.

**Jr1 and Jr2 swimmers**: Swimmers who competed at OCY Winter Classic this past weekend will be off on Monday and Tuesday, December 11th and 12th.

**REMINDER - Tech Suit Update** - As per New Jersey Swimming, "Tech suits" are not permitted at any meet for 12 and under swimmers.  "Tech Suits' are defined as a suit that has Bonded Seams, Kinetic Tape or Meshed Seams. **Red Bank YMCA 12 and under swimmers are allowed to wear ONLY the following non-restricted "tech suits" in black from Speedo:** SPEEDO: AQUABLADE (male & female), POWER PLUS (female), FASTSKIN 2/FSII (male & female). his rule is effective immediately and will be enforced at both OCY Winter Classic and Holiday Classic.

**Scheduled Upcoming Meets:** See website for additional details. Please commit your swimmers for the meets.

* Holiday Classic will be held on December 15-17 at Rutgers.
* Boys Black vs OCY will be held on December 16th at OCY.
* Boys White vs FSPY will be held on December 16th at RBY.
* Girls White vs GMY will be held on December 16th at RBY.
* 9/10 and 11/12 Tri Meet will be held on January 6th at OCY.
* Winter Splash Distance Invitational will be held on January 6-7 at Camp Zehnder.
* 8 and under Tri Meet will be held on January 6th at RBY.
* 2018 Wahoo Winter Invitational will be held on January 12-14 in CT.
* 10 and under Tri Meet will be held on January 13th at Camp Zehnder.
* Strong Kids Invitational will be held on January 28th at RBY.

**8 and Under Holiday Party**: The annual 8 and Under Holiday Party will be held at the Red Bank YMCA on December 15th from 5:30-7:00pm at Red Bank YMCA. There will be pizza/dessert and games. Blue level swimmers will be dismissed from practice early in order to attend. We will be doing a secret Santa - boys will exchange with boys and girls with girls - $5.00 per gift. Please commit your swimmers so we have a head count for food. For Blue Group out of Camp Zehnder, you will practice at RBY that night.

**RBY Swim Team Giving Tree -** It is a tradition for the RBY swim team to give back to local charities. The giving trees is posted on the bulletin board in Red Bank, and on the easel by the family folders at the Wall location. Please help support St. Vincent de Paul. For those of you participating in this worthy cause, contact Jeannine Barlotta via email nene2972@gmail.com to set up a time to hand in your gift(s). Gifts need to be turned in by December 19th.

**Coaches Gifts:** As the holiday season quickly approaches, we will be collecting for a gift for our coaching staff**. Please place your donation in an envelope labeled “Attn: Paula La Chance-Coaches Gift”, along with your family name.** Red Bank swimmers can place their donation in the metal box on the wall outside Jack's office. Wall swimmers can place their donations in the box labelled "swim team" outside the YMCA door at Camp Zehnder. Deadline for donations is 12/19.  Any questions regarding this holiday gift for the coaches can be directed to Michele Foreback.

**Team Year Book**: Every year our team publishes a Team Year book that includes Senior bios, team participants, record breakers, ads showing parent appreciation of their athletes, etc. This is the time where you as a parent can show how proud you are of your swimmer's accomplishments, performance, self-motivation and success on any level. Every swimmer leaves the banquet with this Year Book that he/she will keep for many years as a remembrance to look back on. Whether you're a parent, grand parent, aunt, uncle, business associate, etc... let's show our kids how impressed we are with them. Why not put in there a piece of lasting memory, that they will treasure for years to come. We will be posting additional information regarding the Year Book in the next couple of weeks.

**In case you missed it:**

**Habitat for Humanity** - Coach Georgann Tice (RBY Blue Group Volunteer Coach) is excited to announce that she will be traveling to Guatemala in February with Habitat for Humanity where she will be part of a team replacing outdated cooking methods with vented stoves: <https://vimeo.com/23209672> “Currently many people cook indoors on an open flame. As you can imagine, breathing in the toxic fumes while preparing food puts Mayan women and children at risk for respiratory illnesses, blindness and burns on a daily basis. The Guatemala Smokeless Stove Project has a goal to help families change over to a healthier vented stove. Please consider supporting my trip by clicking on the following link: [https://share.habitat.org/georgann-tice-gv18522#](https://share.habitat.org/georgann-tice-gv18522)

When I return I will share photos and stories of the lives your donations helped to change. Thank you again in advance, Coach Georgann Tice.”

A block of rooms was reserved at the Courtyard Glassboro Rowan University Marriott hotel for at the 2018 YMCA Silvers Championship weekend. It is never too early to reserve your rooms.  Rooms at this location fill up quickly.  If you are interested in staying at this hotel, click on the link to the right. The rate is $139 per room per night plus tax. [Book your group rate for Red Bank YMCA Swim Team](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Red%20Bank%20YMCA%20Swim%20Team%20%5EPHLGB%60RBSRBSA%60139%60USD%60false%604%602/16/18%602/18/18%601/26/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

**Swim Team Photos:** If you have swim team photos you would like to share, please email them to the following address: rbyswimteamphotos@gmail.com.

**TEAM UNIFY - VOLUNTEER POINTS**

**HOW TO CHECK YOUR POINTS**

* Sign into the team's website
* Head to the My Account > My Invoices/Payments section
* Click on the Service Hours Tab
* You'll see your hourly/points obligation and balance on the far right side of that screen. You may need to scroll over to see this, which can be done with the arrow keys on the keyboard