Weekly Splash – February 19

**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.

**Good luck to all swimmers that are racing at the 12 and Under YMCA States and 8 and Under Mini-Pentathlon meet this weekend. Swim Fast!**

**Practice Schedule Update for Junior Swimmers Attending 12 U States:** Monday @ RBY 6:15 - 7:30 pm--there will be no practice at Camp Zehnder; Tuesday @ Camp Zehnder from 6:45 to 8:00 ; Wednesday @ RBY from 6:15 to 7:30 pm ; Thursday @ Camp Zehnder from 4:00 to 5:00 pm (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME); Friday @ RBY 5:30 to 6:00 (for any swimmers not competing Friday at States)

**Practice Schedule Update for Senior Level Swimmers:** **13/O Silver/Bronze Swimmers (2B schedule):** Monday, 2/19 – 7:30 to 9:15 @ Red Bank ;Tuesday, 2/20 – 6:00 to 7:30 @ Red Bank; Wednesday, 2/21 – 4:00 to 5:15 pm @ Red Bank; Thursday, 2/24 – 3:45 to 5:00 pm @ Red Bank;Friday, 2/25 – 4:00 to 6:00 pm @ Camp Zehnder ( practice will end early)

**13/O State swimmers not attending SC Nationals (Sr2 schedule):** Monday, 2/19 - 4:00 to 6:30 pm @ Red Bank (spin 4:00 to 4:30 bring sneakers); Tuesday, 2/20 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm @ Camp Zehnder;Wednesday, 2/21 – 7:30 to 9:15 pm @ Red Bank; Thursday, 2/22 – 4:45 to 6:30 pm @ Camp Zehnder; Friday, 2/23 – 5:30 to 7:30 @ pm Red Bank; Saturday, 2/24 – 2:30 to 4:15 pm @ Red Bank

 **15/O State swimmers not attending SC Nationals (Sr1B schedule):** Monday, 2/19 – 7:30 to 9:15 pm @ Red Bank;Tuesday, 2/20 – 5:30 to 7:15 pm @ Camp Zehnder;Wednesday, 2/21 – 7:30 to 9:15 pm @ Red Bank;Thursday, 2/22 – 4:45 to 6:30 pm @ Camp Zehnder Friday, 2/23 – 4:00 to 6;00 pm @ Camp Zehnder ;Saturday, 2/24 – 2:30 to 4:15 pm @ Red Bank

**Points**: Just a friendly reminder the end of the short course season is rapidly approaching.  As per the handbook, there is a $50/point penalty for all points not earned.  It is your family’s responsibility to be checking Team Unify to be sure your points have been recorded properly. Just a friendly reminder that your yearly point obligation is the **minimum** required by the team.  As per the handbook, if your child is swimming in a Championship Meet you will most likely be required to work.

**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

**Thursday Practice and Spin Schedule for Senior/Senior 1:** This Thursday, Seniors are early and Senior 1 is late.

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

* 8 and under Mini-Pentathlon will be held on February 25th at SAY.
* YMCA 12 and Under States will be held on February 23-25th at OCY.
* YMCA 13 and over States will be held on March 8-11th at Franklin and Marshall College.
* NJ 14 and younger JO’s will be held on March 9-11th at Rutgers.
* YMCA Nationals will be held on April 3-7th in Greensboro.

**Championship Meets**: For detailed championship meet information, please refer to the 2018 Winter Championship Meet document that is found in the “Documents” dropdown of the “Parent Info” tab on the website.

**13 and Over State Championship Apparel:** This year you can purchase your State Championship meet apparel on-line. By pre-ordering, you will be offered merchandise that is only available on-line. Items available for sale at the meet will be limited to the short sleeve shirt with limited quantities. Please use the link below to order your State apparel. To ensure you get the item you want, we suggest you place your order now as items are limited in supply. Your order will be available for pick up at the meet. This online link will only be active until **February 19**, so don’t delay and place your order today! The link to order is: http://www.factorydirectpromotions.com/njymcastates13o. The password: NJChamp18

**13 and Over YMCA States:** There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of swimmers participating in states. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 6th**. Jobs and parking passes will be given out at the meeting.

**Important Reminder -** Your swimmer is done with the Short Course season after the completion of his/her last championship meet. For some this may be in February, while for others it may be in March. Any questions, contact your PLR.

**Spring Training:** Spring Training is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, April 16th.

**Swim Team Photos:** If you have swim team photos you would like to share, please email them to the following address: rbyswimteamphotos@gmail.com. Please make sure you include the swimmer’s names and their practice group.

**Family File Folders:** Make sure you check your family folders on a regular basis. If you have any medals or apparel in your folders please take them home.

**Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser –** The National Team is sponsoring a Flapjack Fundraiser on **March 4th** from 8-10AM. We only have a limited number of tickets available. If you wish to purchase tickets, place cash or a check made payable to The Community YMCA Swim Team in an envelope and label the envelope Swim Team Breakfast Social. The envelope should also have your family name and number of tickets you wish to purchase. Place the envelope in the metal box outside either location's swim team office. After money is received tickets will be placed in your family folder

**End of Season Banquet:** The end of season banquet for ages 9 and older is scheduled for Sunday, **April 22nd.** The banquet will be held at Jacques Reception Center (500 Palmer Ave in Middletown) from 12-4 PM. The theme this year is the 70’s.

To rsvp, please click on the link below before the **deadline of April 1st**:

[http://rbyswimbanquet2018.rsvpify.com](http://rbyswimbanquet2018.rsvpify.com/)

You will need to RSVP for each and every one of your swimmer(s) and parent/guardian attending. Due to the size of our team and space restrictions, no non-swimmer siblings are allowed.  All 12 and under swimmers must be accompanied by an adult.  If a parent cannot attend, another swimmer's parent must be responsible for your swimmer.

The cost of the meal for parents/guardians will be $38.00 while swimmers are included.   **For all swimmers 9-12 years of age, please select the child meal.**  If you choose, you can upgrade their meal for a $19.00 surcharge.  If you have any questions, please email rbyswimteam@gmail.com

**8 and Under end of year party**: The end of season party for all 8 and under swimmers will be held on Friday, **March 16th** from 5:30-7 in the YMCA GYM. Pizza and dessert will be served. Please commit your swimmer if they plan on attending.

**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. Adds are due **by March 1st!**