Weekly Splash – March 14

**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.

**Congratulations to our Swimmers:** Boys are overall state champions; Girls placed second overall; 15-18 girls took 1st place; combined 15-18 boys and girls are overall state champions; and the team took second place overall in the state of New Jersey! What a great accomplishment!

**Congratulations to our newest YMCA Short Course National qualifiers:** Vienna Eckerstrom, Ryan Foreback, Isaac Mercado, Casey O'Hagan, Kevin Truscio and Emily Zimmermann.

**YMCA 13&O States:** Dear Red Bank YMCA Swim Team Family Members,Thank you so very much to all the volunteers this past weekend who helped to make our 13 and over State Meet a great success! It is always amazing to see the amount of hard work and dedication our team puts into running a swim meet. We couldn’t have done it without everyone who pitched in and helped wherever we needed, without a question. Sincerely, Meet Directors: Virginia Maldonado, Susan Wright, Nereyda Nappi.

**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 16th!**

**National Team Practice Schedule:** Wednesday @ Camp Zehnder 4:00 to 6:00 pm ;Thursday @ Red Bank (split practice) ;Sr 4:45 to 6:45 pm ;Sr1/Swimmers with new cuts 6:30 to 8:30 pm ;Friday @ Red Bank 5:45 to 7:45 pm ;Saturday @ Camp Zehnder 6:45 to 9:00 am

**Scheduled Upcoming Meets:**

* NJ Swimming 2018 Senior Open will be held on March 15-18th at Berkeley Aquatic Center.
* Eastern Zones will be held March 29th -31st.
* YMCA Nationals will be held on April 3-7th in Greensboro.

**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. Registration for Spring Training is now open!!!  Please click on the link below to register online or stop by the Welcome Center (fee schedule is attached).  Please note that Spring Training will run from Monday, April 16th thru Sunday, June 17th. **Swimmers must register for the practice level group they were assigned to in September.**  Online registration will close Sunday, April 15th.  <https://operations.daxko.com/Online/2197/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?category_ids=TAG22415>

**Swim Team Tryouts – March 19th:** This tryout is for NEW swimmers ONLY. Current Red Bank swimmers do not need to attend this tryout.

**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.

**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.