Weekly Splash – September 16

**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.

**Team Picnic:** Welcome back to the new season! We will be starting the season with a picnic, which will be held at Camp Zehnder on Saturday, September 22nd from noon until 3:00 pm. We need volunteers to run this picnic and we need your donation of food items and other items. The volunteers (who will help with their time) will get points. There are no points for the donation.

**Practice Schedule:** 2019-2020 Practice Schedule and Fees can be found on the website under the “Calendars” tab.

**Sr and Sr1 Swimmers:** This Thursday, September 19th Sr/Sr1 practice is as follows:

* Sr swimmers early 5:00 to 7:00 pm (lift beforehand)
* Sr1 Swimmers late 6:45 to 8:45 pm (lift beforehand)

On Friday, Group 1 will spin first from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and Group 2 will spin 6:30 to 7:00

**Registration:** The registration for this season begins on Monday September 23rd and continues until Friday September 27th.

* Monday, September 23rd @ **Camp Zehnder** 4:30 to 7:00 pm
* Tuesday, 9/24  - @ **Red Bank** 4:30 to 7:30 pm
* Thursday, 9/26 -  @ **Red Bank** 4:30 to 7:00 pm
* Friday, 9/27 – @ **Red Bank** - 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Please take note of the times; if you show up after the end time you will NOT be able to register that day.  If for some reason you cannot make any of the above days and times please contact Joan at jtruscio@ymcanj.org.  The updated Parent Handbook will be emailed by the end of next week, please be aware you will need to bring the following forms with you from the handbook to registration: **Documents can be found on the website under Parent Information – Documents.**

* Swim Team Athlete Code of Conduct
* YMCA Rules
* Swim Team Parent Acknowledgement
* Swim Team Medical Release Form
* Anti-Bully Policy
* YMCA Photo Release Consent Form

Again, our updated Parent Handbook will be emailed and posted by Friday, September 20th. Please note your swim team registration will NOT be complete if one or more of these forms is missing.

**Sport Spot Fittings:** Sport Spot will be at Camp Zehnder on Monday, September 23rd during registration for fittings and orders. Due to the lobby being renovated at Red Bank Family YMCA; Sport Spot will not be present during registration.  Swimmers are welcome to go to Sport Spot (660 Broad Street, Shrewsbury) on their own to place their apparel orders and pick up their team suits beginning today.  Please be aware when ordering apparel that all swimmers will be given a team t-shirt and sweatshirt, you do NOT need to order this through Sport Spot.

**Registration:** If you have not already updated your swimmer's t-shirt and sweatshirt size in their account please do it immediately!.  If you are having difficulty updating their sizes please email their size to Joan at jtruscio@ymcanj.org.  Please remember to specify **YOUTH** or **ADULT** when ordering.

**Team Unify Volunteer Opportunities:** Team Unify Job Signup will open tomorrow between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm for volunteers to work the registration table. Team Unify is open for volunteers to work the team picnic which is Sunday 9/22 from 12-3 at Zehnder.

**Platform/Colorado System:** As we look to move forward into a new season, we are looking to expand the pool of parents trained to work the "platform" this year at Greater Monmouth hosted meets. In the past, volunteers have been trained to either work the Meet Manager program on the laptop or work the Colorado system. We will be making some changes to hopefully even out the responsibilities between the two roles.  Platform volunteers will be trained to work both positions and learn how to setup and breakdown the Platform. With these changes, the Platform will be considered a Level 2 Volunteer position once individuals are fully trained. Training will most likely take place during Saturday practices in addition to "hands on" training.

We hope to host an informal informational meeting at the team picnic on Sunday, September 22. Anyone interested, please email Alison Lovasz and Annemarie Zeni at  gmcplatform@gmail.com so that we can keep you posted on training opportunities.

**Family Folders:** We ask that you remove all items that were left in your family folder from last season.

**Save the dates:**

* **Red, White and Blue Intrasquad Tri Meet –** This is scheduled forOctober 5th
* **SVY Classic** – This is scheduled for October 19th and 20th
* **Harvest Haunt Meet –** This is scheduled for November 2rd and 3rd.
* **Zilinski Meet** – This meet is scheduled for November 10th.
* **First Frost** – This meet is scheduled for November 10th.
* **Gobble Gobble Meet** – This meet is scheduled for November 17th
* **Holiday Mini Meet** – This meet is scheduled for December 8th
* **Holiday Classic** – This meet is scheduled for December 13-15th
* **OCY Winter Classic -** This meet is scheduled for December 13-15th