Weekly Splash – September 23

**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:** What a beautiful day it was for the picnic. Everyone seemed to have a great time! Thank you to all volunteers who helped with the food, the set up and the clean up!

**Registration:** The registration for this season began today and continues until Friday September 27th.

* 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](mailto: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
* Swim team draft form for fees

Again, our updated Parent Handbook was posted. Please note your swim team registration will NOT be complete if one or more of these forms is missing.

**Sport Spot Fittings:** 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. 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.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Welcome to the 2019-20 season.  We are currently looking for volunteers to set up as meet directors for each meet this season. This is a level 2 position and a lot of fun because you get to be on deck for meets and have a hand in how the meets are run!

We are in need of both Invitational meet directors and dual meet directors. Here is a quick recap on the difference between these two jobs and a quick summary of the responsibilities.

**Invitational Meet Directors:**

These meet directors are in charge of ONE session (am or pm) of an Invitational Meet (such as the Zilinski Meet, Holiday Mini Meet or the Strong Kids Meet). You would be overseeing the meet with another director and working with the volunteers prior to the meet. You will be assisting in either meet set-up or clean-up and making sure the meet is covered with enough volunteers. Your ultimate goal is to make sure the meet runs smoothly from start to finish and to make sure all teams leave happy the day of our hosted meet. If you have questions regarding Invitational Meet Directors, please contact Colleen Doogan at [colleen473@verizon.net](mailto:colleen473@verizon.net).

**Dual Meet Directors:**

This level two position is a little different than Invitational Meet Director in that it is more about emailing and communicating with your dual team prior to the meets. You will be required to send a welcome email to your dual team introducing yourself and giving details about the way the dual meets are run. You will then be required to email your team weekly to update the team about when and where the meets are and discuss bus schedule, etc. You are only required to be at and oversee the home dual meets (there are usually 2 or 3), not the away ones. Dual meets are just that, two teams, so they are quick and much less involved than an Invitational Meet. If you are interested in being a dual meet director for your child’s team, please contact Kristin Richards at [kristinannerichards@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinannerichards@hotmail.com)

**Family Folders**: As a new swim season gets underway, please check and clean out your Family Folders by the end of registration week (Friday 9/27) in order for us to prepare them for the '19/20 season. Families new to the team will receive a folder at their home base practice location in the upcoming weeks.

**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