

## **Bluefish Blast - June 7, 2021**

Hello Bluefish Families!

What a great start to our 2021 season! It's wonderful to see our Bluefish back in their lanes and on the diving boards. This Bluefish Blast has a lot of information, so please read all the way through. This Blast covers announcements, registration, new swimmer evaluations, team suits, personalized caps, afternoon practice, Remind 101, meets, apparel, pep rallies, volunteer opportunities, and Junior Bluefish Instructors!

### **Announcements**

We are excited to announce two new coaches to our swim coaching staff this year, Andrew Taylor and Cate Zane, both former Bluefish themselves. Andrew is our Assistant Swim Coach and Cate will be running our Little Blues program. *Welcome Coach Andrew T and Coach Cate!*

### **Communication**

You can reach me, Brian Shuff - Booster Chair, through email ([brianshuff1@gmail.com](mailto:brianshuff1@gmail.com)), text/call (609-560-3996), or drop a note in the Booster Chair folder. Swim and Dive folders including folders for coaches can be found in the Club House near the front door. Please check your folders regularly. Folders will be set up today.

### **Registration**

Registration has been open for the last few weeks and our team has 165 swimmers/divers. If you haven't registered yet, click on the following link and it will take you directly to the registration page. [Deer Brook Registration](#) As always, you can pay for your registration by sending a check to Amy Sullivan (address in link) or for a small fee you can now use your credit card online.

### **New Swimmer Evaluations**

All new swimmers must complete a new swimmer evaluation. Evaluations will be held every afternoon this week. If you are unable to schedule a time through the links below please click [here](#) and we will set up an evaluation time.

[June 3 signups \(moved to June 10th\)](#)  
[June 4 signups \(moved to June 11th\)](#)  
[June 7 signups](#)  
[June 8 signups](#)  
[June 9 signups](#)

### **Team Suits**

This year, the team suit is available through the Pro Shop at the NL Aquatic Center. **You can purchase your suit online or in person.** For online purchasing, simply click the following link and it will direct you to our team page on their site: [Pro Shop - Deer Brook Suits](#). On this link, you can order our team suit and a few other swim accessories if you choose. For in person purchasing, you can come to the Deer Brook Club House on **Friday June 11th from 5pm-7pm** and try on and purchase the suit.

### **Personalized Caps**

During the registration process, you were given the option to purchase personalized swim caps. The swim caps come in a set of two for \$25. If you didn't pay for your caps or you changed your mind and still want to purchase, it isn't too late! Please click [here](#) to send me a message. I will

send out personal emails and or texts to clarify what name you want printed on your personalized caps.

### **Afternoon Practice**

Afternoon practices began this past Tuesday for all divers and swimmers who have previously been on our team or have passed their evaluation. Click below for practice times.

**\*Morning swim practice times have changed to accommodate our friends at The Wave Swim Team (Medford Fitness) practicing in our pool in the morning. Please update your calendars with the new times:**

[Swim Practice Schedule](#)

[Dive Practice Schedule](#)

### **Remind 101**

We will use Remind 101 (in addition to Facebook post) when we need to communicate canceled practices or other time-sensitive information. Please be sure to sign-up this week for our Remind. **Send a text to: 81010 and text the message: @deerbr**

### **Meets**

#### **Time Trials - Saturday, June 19th at Deer Brook**

The Time Trial meet is the first unofficial swim meet of the season and is open to all of our age group swimmers (8U, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/18). Time Trials provides the opportunity for swimmers, old and new, a chance to swim in the competitive environment and also provides our coaches with a more accurate time for each of the strokes. This year, we will be hosting our friends from Woodstream for a friendly competition. We will have a family team pizza party following the conclusion of the meet.

What are your kids swimming?: Swimmers will compete in **every** stroke in their age group.

When to report: all swimmers should report on deck at:

11 and older (11/12, 13/14, 15/18): **7:30am**

10 and younger (8U, 9/10): **7:50am**

Job Signup: Whether we are home or away, all meets need the help of parents like you to make them fun and exciting for our swimmers. Please check the Job signup tab on each event and see where you can help.

Please email Coach Andrew ([swimcoachg@gmail.com](mailto:swimcoachg@gmail.com)) if you are not able to attend.

### **A-Meets**

A-meets are our competitive meets where we keep score and swimmers can qualify for the championship meet at the end of the season.

What are your kids swimming?: Who swims each event is determined each week by our coaches. Check the board under the pavilion each Friday to see who will be swimming each event.

When to report:

Home meets, all swimmers should report on deck at:

11 and older (11/12, 13/14, 15/18): **7:30am**

10 and younger (8U, 9/10): **7:50am**

Away meets, meet at the Deer Brook Clubhouse at 7:15am - caravan departs at 7:35am. Once the caravan leaves, it is very likely we will be separated. Click the following link for directions to all the [Tri-County Clubs](#).

**Job Signup:** Whether we are home or away, all meets need the help of parents like you to make them fun and exciting for our swimmers. Please check the Job signup tab on each event and see where you can help.

### **B-Meets**

B-meets are held on Wednesday nights. All swimmers 14 and under are invited to participate in B meets.

**What are your kids swimming?:** B-meets events are picked by you and your swimmer. Events must be declared by midnight the Monday before the meet.

**When to report:** all swimmers should report on deck at the hosting pool by **5:10pm**.

**Job Signup:** Whether we are home or away, all meets need the help of parents like you to make them fun and exciting for our swimmers. Please check the Job signup tab on each event and see where you can help.

### **Apparel Store**

We have [new Bluefish apparel this year](#). Click [here](#) to visit the Deer Brook Team Store and place your order. Final orders must be placed by **June 13th**.

### **Pep Rallies**

Pep rallies are a wonderful summer swim tradition and now that restrictions have been lifted, we will once again be able to host these wonderful get togethers. Keep watching the events page and future Bluefish Blasts for more information.

**Volunteer Commitment Form:** Thank you to everyone who has completed the Volunteer Commitment Form. If your form is still outstanding, please click on the following link - [Volunteer Commitment Form](#), print the form, complete it, and return it to me via the Booster Chair folder by **Wednesday, June 16**. These sheets will inform us of your areas of interest for volunteering. If it is easier to take a picture of the form once completed and email the picture to me, that will also work.

**Junior Bluefish Instructors:** Coach Andrew and Coach Cate are looking for a few swimmers who would like to volunteer their time to help instruct our Skipjack and Little Blues swimmers. Swimmers aged 13-18 will assist with the Skipjack program. Swimmers aged 11-12 will assist the Little Blues program. Click on the following link - [Junior Bluefish Instructor form](#), print the form, complete it, and return it to me via the Booster Chair folder by **Wednesday, June 16**. This is a great chance to get to know the younger Bluefish and make your mark on our team! Those who participate are eligible for service hours.

Thank you,  
Brian Shuff  
Booster Chair