VOLTAGE AQUATICS

From the Coaches

Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 Voltage Aquatics season!!! September has been a month of new beginnings for competitive swimming in Idaho Falls. I am excited to be working with and getting to know all the new swimmers, parents, and coaches that joined us this season from IFST. Henry Ford once said *"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."* Sometimes change can be challenging. Transitions can be a little scary. But together Idaho Falls Swimming and Voltage Aquatics has a bright future! Together as one united force we can continue to expand the success that both teams were striving towards. The 2017 – 2018 season will be one for the record books! Welcome and have a GREAT season!

Values
Opportunities
Leaders
Team

~ Coach Phoebe

Parent Meeting—October 4

Please plan to attend the Voltage Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 7pm at the Idaho Falls Public Library in Room 2. The coaches and team administrators will be there to answer questions and provide valuable information.

Important Dates

October 4, 7pm: *Parent Meeting*, Idaho Falls Public Library Room 2.
October 28: *Spook Splash*, Idaho Falls.
November 6-19: Idaho Falls pool closed for maintenance, alternative practices will be announced.
November 17-19: *Thanksgiving Invitational*, Boise.
December 2: *Holiday Classic*, Idaho Falls.

Car Stickers

Voltage Car Stickers are now available. All attendees at the October 4 Parent Meeting will receive a car sticker!

Spook Splash

We are carrying on the great tradition of Spook Splash and we need every family's help. Please sign up online to help us run a great meet on October 28.

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Fundraising

There are many fundraising opportunities. These will all go towards meeting your family fundraising commitment. If you do not have a family fundraising commitment, please see if you can still do some of these fundraising opportunities. Many of them involve very little extra effort. We will cover details on each of these fundraising opportunities at the Parent Meeting. Additional information can also be found on the team website.

SCRIP—Use gift cards to purchase items at national and local retailers. A percentage of the gift card price goes to the team.

Amazon Smiles—Shop on Amazon Smiles supporting Voltage Aquatics just like you would shop regular Amazon.com. 0.5% of every purchase goes to the team.

Swimoutlet.com/volt—8% of the cost of your swimoutlet purchases goes to the team.

Meet Sponsorship—Ask local businesses to help sponsor swim meets. Contributions are tax deductible. Forms will be sent out about a month before each meet. **Now is the time to get sponsorships for Spook Splash!**

Swim-A-Thon—We will have a Swim-A-Thon in early spring for additional fundraising.

Monthly Newsletter

You will receive a Voltage Aquatics newsletter each month by email. You will usually receive it early in the month! Please read it and share it with your swimmers each month.

Officials and Timing Table

Stroke and turn officials, referees, starters, and trained timing table workers will be credited $25 towards their fundraising commitment for each Voltage hosted meet that they work. You must sign-up on the online volunteer sign-up page in order to receive the credit.

We will set up stroke and turn official training in the next few months to allow more parents the opportunity to become officials.

Team Suits and Caps

Team suits and cap orders are due no later than Thursday, October 5. Orders can be emailed to christine@merrells.org, or turned in to a coach at practice. You will receive the suits and caps in time for Spook Splash.

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