

News from the Dry Side – October 5, 2015

Hello 757swim Families!

Lots of exciting news to share this week!

First of all, check out our **new logo**:



You'll see it in person on our **t-shirts and caps** which will be in hand by the end of the week! You'll be invoiced for your purchases of those items in November. If you didn't pre-order your shirts, don't worry; we've ordered extras to have available for sale. (Shirts are \$10 each.)

Speaking of apparel, our **team suits** have been selected, and a **sizing event will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7**, at the Villages of Westminster Pool. This year's team suit will be solid navy with a screen print of our logo. Girls' suits will be offered in two back styles, and boys will have the choice of a brief or jammer. 757swim is under contract with Arena Swimwear to provide our team apparel this season. Coach Morgan negotiated an excellent contract, which means that we will be offered team discounts on our Arena suits, parkas, bags, etc.

In other news, we are thrilled to announce that our **home pool** for 2015-16 will be **Villages of Westminster!** We could not be more grateful to Williamsburg Community Pool for their hospitality and generosity over the past month. However, Villages of Westminster will be the better option for us because it has an additional lane, no deep end to heat, heated bathhouses, and a clubhouse on site which we can rent for Silver's drylands. Bronze will remain indoors at the JCC Rec Center.

Please join us in thanking our host pools. We'll be asking for volunteers to help clean and winterize Williamsburg Community Pool. Meanwhile, we can show our gratitude to Village of Westminster by volunteering for the cleaning crew and always treating their neighborhood and property with respect. Please be sure to drive the speed limit through the neighborhood!

Heater installation at Villages of Westminster is scheduled for Tuesday!

While we have worked out the details of finalizing our pool and installing the heater, you may have noticed that the weather has gotten colder! **Thank you for your patience** as we have made a few practice changes as needed to move swimmers indoors until our heater is up and running. We appreciate your understanding.

We launched our **Bronze group** this past Saturday. Welcome to our newest members! Fourteen swimmers enrolled and enjoyed a terrific first practice with coaches Jenna, Rachel, and Morgan. We can accept up to 20 swimmers, so we do still have a few spaces available. If you know of any swimmers age 8-12 who might be interested, please refer them to us. Parents can read about the group on our website or email us at info@757swim.com.

Parent volunteers are still needed in several areas, and many families have not yet signed up. Those who have not signed up by October 15 should expect a phone call to identify your task. The signup is located at www.757swim.com in the center of the home page: Events → Team Functions → “Volunteer Task Sign-Up” (login required). Bronze families are not required to take on a major volunteer commitment but are certainly encouraged to get involved! We need your voices and talents. To discuss your volunteer role or to take on any of the following specific tasks, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie VanTasel at svantasel@gmail.com.

- Parent volunteers are needed to be the lead social organizers for the **Bronze** and **Silver** groups. These parents will be responsible for organizing occasional fun and team-building opportunities outside of the pool—anything from hot cocoa after practice to a s’mores party or movie night. (Depending on the event, families may be asked to pay a small amount to participate, or organizers can request donations of food, etc.) To volunteer, please contact Stephanie VanTasel at svantasel@gmail.com.
- Parent volunteers are also needed to serve on two committees:
 - **Governing Documents Committee:** We have prepared a draft of 757swim’s constitution and bylaws but invite others to serve on the committee to finalize the documents and present them to the membership for vote.
 - **Nominating Committee:** We invite between one and three parents to finalize the slate of Board of Directors candidates to be presented to the membership for vote, with the assistance of the Advisory Group and coaches. Once we have a nominating committee, any parents who are interested in a board position will be invited to submit their names to the committee.

All Silver and Gold families on a monthly payment plan should access your **invoices** via the website and make payment by October 15th. Late payments will be assessed a \$10 late fee without exception. We will offer an auto-payment option as soon as possible; meanwhile, please pay your October invoice by check to 757swim. Mail to P.O. Box 6641, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Please do not hand payment to coaches!

And finally, the best for last: Please join us in congratulating Coach Dave of Marmon Muscle and his wife Britta on the birth of their baby boy, Bo, on October 2. Huge hugs to the Marmons from your 757swim family!

What a week! Thanks for your continued support and enthusiasm.

All the best,

Mary Lynch and the 757swim Advisory Group