

The Wave

Ceres Dolphins Newsletter

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Championships – Saturday July 24th

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The Championship Invitational at Pitman High School is this Saturday, July 24th. This is bittersweet as it's our last meet of the year, but it's also what the kids have been working towards. YOU MUST make sure that you are checked in ON TIME as scratches are due by 7:00 AM. We cannot add you to the meet on Saturday so please check with Coach Tracy if there is any doubt that you are entered into the meet for Saturday. We will have a very long day on Saturday – expect that the freestyle relays will be over around 6:30 PM.

- We are swimming at Pitman High School in Turlock. This is an 8-lane pool and the Dolphins usually swim well in this pool. The school is located at 2525 W. Christofferson Parkway in Turlock (Taylor Road veers into Golden State, left on Christofferson).
- **Check-in time is no later than 7:00 AM.** Find the CDST check in table & check in by 7:00 AM. You must check in by 7:00 AM or you will be scratched from the meet.
- **Ceres Dolphins warm-ups are scheduled for 6:30 AM.** We will meet on the pool deck to warm-ups as a team. Look for the coaching staff & listen for the announcer to prompt us when it is our warm-up time.
- You can bring a walkie-talkie, as the announcer will make meet announcements over the handheld radio frequency (channel 12). If you opt to bring walkie-talkies, your children should not play on channel 12; this channel is announcements only.
- Set up rules: you can set up after 5:00 PM on Friday evening but no earlier. There is no set up on the pool deck, and you can set up on either side of the pool. There is security at the school on Friday night but don't leave valuables. Look for the Dolphins team tent on Saturday, especially if you aren't bringing a pop up yourself, as we will stake out an area we feel is cool and not so highly populated (maybe in the quad area opposite the "usual" side by the track). Look for the Ceres Dolphins sign on Saturday morning.
- Motor homes are allowed but only in the front parking lot facing Christofferson Parkway. Motor homes are not allowed in the small parking lot on the South Kilroy Road side of the school. Your best bet is to park in the South parking lot nearest Christofferson as this is the largest lot on the grounds.
- Please do not bring or drink alcohol beverages, no smoking, no B-B-Q's or open fire, no glass, and absolutely no pets (except for service dogs).
- We have volunteer positions to fill so we need help! Sign up to volunteer when you sign your kids in for the meet.
- Championship T-shirts are available in various styles and different graphics, with or without a team roster, etc. Proceeds from sales go to help the Mid Valley Swim League defray the cost of trophies, the pool rental, etc.
- Unless the heat goes way high, this will be a one-day meet. The meet referee reserves the right to call the meet and finish on Sunday.

Turn in your
Swim-A-Thon
pledges to a board
member or to Coach
Tracy no later than
Saturday July 24th. We
need to tally the
highest pledge earner
and award prizes at
our Awards ceremony.



**Warm ups for Saturday's
Championship Meet
are at 6:15 AM. Please
be ready with goggles,
a towel, and a great
attitude for a great day.**

End of Year Dolphin Celebration & Awards Ceremony 7/27/10

We will be celebrating our season on Tuesday July 27th starting at 4:00 PM at the Ceres High school pool deck. The itinerary will be something like this:

1. Pizza and water will be provided and the kids/parents can eat anytime during the open swim. Any other food or drinks you want, you can certainly bring. Make sure you bring your towels, flip-flops, bathing suits, sunscreen; siblings and parents are welcome to swim.
2. 4:00 – 5:30 PM: Open Swim
3. 5:30 PM: Money dive
4. 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Awards ceremony
5. 8:00 - ???: Open swim

Please come and join in on the fun. It is a great way to celebrate your children and their accomplishments throughout the swim year. We are already looking forward to next year!!

Pictures are In!

Our team and individual pictures will be here on Friday. We will distribute pictures at Championships and also at the end of year celebration. If there are any missing items, we will mail you those items once received. However, we feel that everything should be in order and the pictures will be a great way to remember the year.

If you didn't order pictures and want a team picture, please let Lynn Bull know and we can order you a team picture. 8 x 10 or 5 x 7 sizes are available.

In order to help offset the cost of the pool party, we will be having a raffle for some great gift certificates. At our pool party, we will sell raffle tickets for the following local businesses:

- Boomers
- Village Bakery
- Lamppost Pizza
- Funworks
- Starbucks
- Hart Floral

2010-11 Board Ballot

On Saturday, we will pass out a ballot for your family to vote on your Ceres Dolphins board of directors for next year. If we have any people that are still interested, but don't know how to get involved, please speak up. We invite anyone that wants to hold a board position to put your name on the ballot. We will continue to take board nominations until Friday afternoon. If anyone is interested in a board position, please contact any current board member. Our phone numbers are listed in the Dolphins handbook or online at our website – www.ceresdolphins.com.

Each family will receive a ballot on Saturday and we ask that you fill it out and return it to the white and red ballot box located at the check in table. The ballot box will stay at the check in table throughout the Championship meet and the election will officially close at 3 PM on Saturday. Mike Braverman, current President, will announce the new board at the awards ceremony on Tuesday, July 27th.



This is just a small thank you to all of our volunteers, all of the countless hours the Board has invested, and all of the hours the parents carted their kids back and forth to meets and practices. The team unity is great and remember ...

it's all about the kids!
Sincerest thanks to everyone
for a great year!