



Hello Dolphin Families:

We are in the home stretch of the 2011 season. Here are the important reminders for this week. Make sure you respond to the survey (earlier this week) or text Coach Tracy of your intent to go to Championships...our entries are due NOW.

Ribbons: we are out of "good swimmer" ribbons so that's why there is a delay in getting the ribbons out to the kids. We have ordered the ribbons and they will be here next week. We apologize for the delay and we will have all ribbons ready by the end of next week. We sincerely apologize for the delay as we didn't realize we had no "good swimmer" ribbons.

Volunteers for this weekend and Championships: we need to fill our spots this weekend and at Championships for our volunteers. Make sure you notify Karen Curtis of you intent to volunteer (both what job you want and the time you want to volunteer). We always need timers but we have a handful of other jobs that are needed. Your help is imperative so that the meet runs smoothly. **Karen can be reached at 209.241.6303 (cell phone/text).**

This weekend's meet - on **Saturday, July 9th - will be held at Ripon High School against Ripon, Tracy, and Ceres.** This is because Modesto couldn't get a pool so the schedule was shuffled to accommodate this issue. The other five teams are swimming against each other. Unfortunately, because of the amount of swimmers on Saturday, this may be a fairly long day. We start the day at 8 AM and we'll probably run until about 3:30 PM. For this meet only, we will have the freestyle relays at the beginning of the day, we will have no medley relays, so after the free relays are done, all of the individual events will be run in their regular order. Hopefully, by cutting the medley relays, this should cut down on the length of the swim meet. Ceres Dolphins need to be checked in by 7 AM (that means be there and checked in by that time) and our warm up time will be at 7:15 AM. You can bring RVs and I've heard no restrictions on RVs and where you can park, etc. You may want to check with the City of Ripon for any city ordinance about parking overnight at the school or in the street. Here is a map to the Ripon pool (click on the link): <http://tiny.cc/6dxmx>

Next weekend, July 16th, is Championships. Remember that you must swim in at least 4 swim meets and have swam in 2 individual events in those meets to be eligible to swim at this event. For those of you who need this weekend's meet to qualify for Championships, Coach Tracy will be letting you know that. For those of you who are not eligible for Championships, you probably already know who you are, but the coaches will be notifying you as well. We can get exceptions if you have a legitimate reason for missing meets (i.e. surgery, custody issue with parents, etc).

Championships will be at Oakdale High School, starting at 8 AM. It will be an all day meet, getting over around 7:00 PM.

Remember that we need to provide a **raffle basket for our Championship fundraiser** so if you have any ideas, or donations that you want to donate, respond to this email so that we can get our basket completed.

Swim-a-lap money is due now. If you have money, turn it in. If you didn't swim the Swim-a-Lap and still want to earn money for the team, Coach Tracy will count your laps for you at practice. Time is running out...

Team and individual pictures are due back next week. We'll hand them out at Wednesday or Thursday's practice times (depending on when they arrive).

Our end of the year party will be held on Sunday, July 17th at the CHS pool. We'll have a free swim in the afternoon and during the early evening/dusk, we'll have our awards ceremony. Please plan on attending...it's a great time to have one last big bash with our Dolphin family. Make sure you bring all of your "loose change" as the money dive is one of the most fun events of the year...parents welcome to assist the younger swimmers.

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