



# Minnnetonka Swim Club

7/14/2010

## General News

1. **ABC FINALS HOTELS.** We are zoned to the A/B/C/ Finals in Mankato. For many of our swimmers, this will be the last meet as well as a last chance to get AA times for the State meet. We have 15 rooms blocked for Friday July 23 and 24 blocked for Saturday July 24 at the **Country Inn & Suites**, which will be held until **July 16**. PH: +1 800-830-5222 / +1 507-388-8555. Rates range from \$85 plus tax (1 king/2 doubles) or \$95 plus tax (one bedroom/studio suite); continental breakfast is included. When making reservations, state you're with Minnetonka Swim Club in order to obtain discount rates. Please see the Web [Event page](#) for more details.
2. **LAST DAY OF SUMMER SESSION.** The final day of the Summer session is Wednesday August 4. (We will have a few days of modified practice sessions post-championship meets).  
***Enjoy your month of August; and we look forward to seeing all of you and welcoming many new faces to our club!***
3. **UP AHEAD: EXCITING NEW CHANGES.** Over the past nine months we have seen some incredible changes take place with our Club, including: claiming a new pool as our home base; growing the numbers of swimmers and coaching staff on the team; being host to multiple events (competitive, developmental, and social); expanding our always-helpful volunteer base through our parents and the Anchor Club; and welcoming the arrival of 2012 Olympic hopeful David Plummer. These changes—and new changes that will continue to take place—create new demands and needs for the Club that will require further modifications to our current club structure.

Some of these changes will be administrative (i.e. our new online credit card system), and some will be designed to maintain necessary coach-to-athlete ratios. Most importantly, our coaching staff is committed to ensuring that the Club's group structure accommodates long-term development plans that are appropriate for all of our swimmers. The group structure must take into account the physical, mental, emotional, and social factors that will impact a



logical progression or path for each swimmer as he or she develops toward his/her goals. Therefore, ***beginning in the fall session***, expect some additional modifications in group structure.

Please note that practice times and the current group structure **will not be affected this summer**. Stay tuned, however, for more information about some exciting improvements designed to help your swimmers and our Club achieve success.

4. **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ONLINE**. On Tuesday, June 1 we began accepting credit card payments via the website. Families will be able to pay for all session registrations, meet fees, and other items included in each monthly invoice. To set up your credit card payments login to your account and select "Setup Auto Pay" under "My Account". Here you will find the information you need. If you have any questions regarding this process please contact [Coach Dan](#).

## Practice Changes

5. **SATURDAY JULY 17**. All practices for **all groups** are **cancelled on Saturday July 17** due to the MTKA Invitational.
6. **FRIDAY JULY 23 AND SATURDAY JULY 24**. All practices for all groups are **cancelled on Friday and Saturday July 16-17** due to the Speedo Champions Series and ABC Finals meets.
7. **THURSDAY JULY 29 – SATURDAY JULY 31**. All practices for all groups are **cancelled Thursday through Saturday, July 29-31** due to the State Championship Meet at the University of Minnesota.
8. **LONG COURSE POOL TIME/PRACTICES** (still left):
  - a. **Senior Elite**—Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15-9:15 PM
  - b. **Senior**—Wednesdays from 7:15-9:15 PM
  - c. **White**—Mondays from 7:15-9:15 PM

## Meets/Events

9. **GREAT WOLF BC OPEN**. Great job everyone at the Great Wolf BC Open! Results have been posted to the event page and meet fees assessed to your accounts.



10. [MTKA INVITATIONAL](#). Final entries and a timeline for the MTKA Invitational on July 17-18 are now available online. Be sure to come support our Club, as we now have the opportunity to host this last-chance meet since BAC cut eight teams from theirs!

Also, THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered and is donating items for the meet. **Please check the [Event](#) page:** We still need a few volunteers on Saturday as well as a large tray of veggies and bars on Saturday and a large cheese/sausage tray on Sunday.

11. [ABC Finals in Mankato](#). Final entries for ABC Finals on July 23-25 are now posted. A timeline and any other important information will be available on our website when possible.

T-shirts have been pre-ordered—thank you to everyone who placed their order. While they told us NO T-shirts would be available at the meet, there may be a small number for sale. So, if you did not get a shirt and would like to, that *might* be a possibility.

Please see the [Event](#) page for this meet to get hotel information as well as meet information. Check the site later today or tomorrow to see a timeline; we will post one as soon as it becomes available.

12. [Minnesota Long Course State Championships](#). Entries for the State meet, held at the U of M on July 29—August 1, are now available online. This meet is open for AA times and faster. The entry deadline is **10:00 PM on Monday, July 19**.

**Thank you,  
The Minnetonka Swim Club**

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