



Minnetonka Swim Club

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General News

- SUMMER REGISTRATIONS.** As of today there are several swimmers in each group that have yet to register. We have begun compiling a list of all swimmers who are attending practice at this point. Emails will be sent out tomorrow if you have registered and have yet to pay or have not registered. **A reminder that all swimmers who have yet to register will be assessed a \$20 late fee to their accounts.** Please contact [Coach Dan](#) if you have questions.
- NEW SWIM CAPS.** Thanks to everyone who ordered swim caps with us last week! We had a great response and the caps have been ordered. As soon as they come in we will have them with us at practice and will let you know through this newsletter.
- 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 20 rooms blocked for Friday/Saturday (July 23, 24), at the [Mankato City Center](#) hotel, which will be held until **July 15**. 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 on rooms, rates, and phone numbers, etc.

- Pure Blue Fourth of July Sale.** Pure Blue is holding its annual 4th of JULY SALE. Every single item in the shop is on sale, with discounts ranging 25% to 75%. This includes 40% off tech suits in stock and 25% off online orders (with free shipping). The sale runs July 1-5.



5. **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.

6. **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](#).



7. **JUNE 21st INVOICES.** Just a reminder that invoices were sent to all families with outstanding balances on the 21st. If you have registered your credit card with our website, your card will automatically pay your balance tomorrow, July 1st. If you do not wish to setup a credit card with us, please send a check ASAP. **Please contact [Coach Dan](#) with any questions regarding this process.**

Practice Changes

8. **FRIDAY JULY 2.** This Friday the **Junior group will practice from 5:00-6:30 PM at MME.** This is a change from the normal practice time of 6:00-7:30 PM.
9. **SATURDAY JULY 3.** Happy 4th of July!! A reminder that on **Saturday July 3, all practices will be cancelled** because of the holiday weekend.
10. **SATURDAY JULY 10.** All practices for Novice 1 and 2, Dark Blue, Light Blue, and Junior will be **cancelled on Saturday July 10** due to the Great Wolf BC Open.
11. **LONG COURSE POOL TIME/PRACTICES.** We have secured **long course pool time at the outdoor Edina Aquatics Center.** All groups will have an opportunity to practice at this facility:
 - a. **Senior Elite**—Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15-9:15 PM except June 23 and July 7
 - b. **Senior**—Wednesdays from 7:15-9:15 PM
 - c. **White**—Mondays from 7:15-9:15 PM
 - d. **Novice 1 and 2, Dark and Light Blue, Junior**—June 23 and July 7 from 7:45-8:45 PM



Meets/Events

12. **STAR A MEET.** Thanks to everyone who competed at the STAR A Meet! Results are available online. Families will be billed for this meet as soon as results are available.
13. **JULY INTRASQUAD MEET.** The July Intrasquad Meet schedule for **July 13 has been cancelled** due to pool availability conflicts. With this unfortunate cancellation we are encouraging all of our swimmers to **attend either the [Great Wolf BC Open](#) or the [BAC Invitational](#).** Meet information and sign ups are available for both of those meets today and due July 1 and July 7 respectively. **Sign up today!**
14. **[GREAT WOLF BC OPEN.](#)** Entries for the Great Wolf BC Open on **July 10-11 are due TOMORROW (JULY 1) at 10 PM.** We encourage all swimmers who are eligible to swim this meet due to the cancellation of the Intrasquad Meet.
15. **[BAC INVITATIONAL.](#)** Entries for the BAC Invitational on July 17-18 are now available and due **10:00 PM on Wednesday July 7.** **Entries will be submitted immediately following the deadline due to limited availability by the host club so please submit your entries ASAP.**
16. **[ABC Finals in Mankato.](#)** Entries for ABC Finals on July 23-25 are now available and due **10:00 PM Tuesday, July 13.** Please see the Event page for this meet to get hotel information as well as entry information. Hotel rooms (with an \$89 per night rate) will be held until July 15.

**Thank you,
The Minnetonka Swim Club**

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