



Minnetonka Swim Club

7/7/2010

General News

1. **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.
2. **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.
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 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.
6. **SATURDAY JULY 17.** All practices for **all groups** are **cancelled on Saturday July 17** due to the BAC Invitational.
7. **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

8. [GREAT WOLF BC OPEN](#). A timeline and final entries for the Great Wolf BC Open are both available on the event page of the website. Please be sure to doublecheck on warm up times throughout the meet. We'll see you there!
9. [BAC INVITATIONAL](#). Final entries for the BAC Invitational on July 17-18 are now available online. A timeline will be posted next week when made available by the host club. **This will be the final meet for all swimmers who have not achieved C time standards.**
10. [ABC Finals in Mankato](#). Entries for ABC Finals on July 23-25 are now available and due **10:00 PM Tuesday, July 13**. This is the final meet of the season for all swimmers who do not have Champ times. We strongly encourage all swimmers to attend this meet if able.

Please see the Event page for this meet to get hotel information as well as entry information. 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.

11. [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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