

Barracuda Swim Club

**Kingsport
Johnson City**

BSC

Of Northeast Tennessee

December 2008

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE EMAIL K.BATTISTA@EMBARQMAIL.COM SO WE CAN GET THE BSC EMAIL LIST UP-TO-DATE.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR ST. JUDES.

The goal: 100 packs of rechargeable batteries.

Each year Barracuda Swim Club helps Sandy Lowe in a Christmas Drive for the Children's Hospital and St. Jude Clinic in memory of Summer Lowe.

For those who do not personally know the Lowes, Summer was a swimmer on BSC. She developed a rare form of cancer and lost her battle September of 2006. St. Jude's was wonderful to the family.

St. Jude's needs rechargeable batteries, all sizes and they take any type. They can also use gift cards from Walmart, Target, Toys R Us or any other similar stores.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Barracuda Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 20th from 12:00-1:30pm at the Ice Rink at the Bristol Motor Speedway. Cost is \$5.00 per person at the door and every family is to bring a snack to share and bring their own drinks.

We will also be collecting items for the Christmas Drive for Children's Hospital and St. Jude Clinic at the door.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUND- RAISING:

Polar Bear Meet: Heat Sheet Ads

We still have one winter meet coming up to sell ads for the heat sheets: The Polar Bear Meet. The heat sheet ad form is on the website.

UPCOMING MEETS

1/16-18/09 PACK Prelim/Finals Knoxville

1/31-2/1 BSC Polar Bear Johnson City,

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR PARENTS!

THERE WILL BE A PARENT MEETING AT THE POLAR BEAR MEET

Parents are needed to discuss some important changes with Barracuda Swim Club.

A Parent Handbook is in the works and volunteers will be needed after the first of the year to review a parent handbook and offer any other suggestions on what should be included.

Currently Barracuda is run by parent volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to look at some team management companies and give an opinion

New payment option will be available beginning March 1 - direct debit from your account

FAQ

HOW DOES THE KROGER PROGRAM WORK?

There have been many questions asked about how the Kroger program works. You begin by purchasing a gift card with \$5 on it from Kathie Battista. Kathie has special cards from Kroger linked to the Barracuda account.

When you go to the store to shop, stop at the customer service desk and put any amount on the card. When you check out, just use your card to pay. Keep this card and reload it each time you go shopping.

Kathie receives a statement every 4 weeks listing every card, by the number on the back, with the amount loaded during that time period. When the total reloads for all cards combined reach \$5000, Kroger sends a check to BSC for 5% of the amount. If we don't reach \$5000 during a 4 week period, the money rolls over into the next month.

Kathie has a record of all the cards and who has purchased them. Your family is then given 5% of your amount loaded on the card as credit to your fundraising account. Kathie will credit your account each time she receives a statement.

During the month of November 2008 27 families reloaded a total of \$7,755. Barracuda received \$387.75.

The cards can be used at ANY Kroger so families and friends in other cities or states can use them. You just need to get the original card from Kathie.

WINTER TRAINING SCHEDULES

KINGSPORT

December 22, 23, 29, 30, and 31 practice from 10:00-11:30 am

Jan 2 practice from 4:45-6:15 pm

JOHNSON CITY:

Day	Senior and Pre-senior 1	Pre-senior 2	Silver	Blue
Saturday 12/20	7:00-9:00 SW; 10:30-11:30 WT	7:00-9:00 SW	OFF	OFF
Monday 12/22	8:30-10:30 SW; 3:00-5:00 SW	5:00-6:30 SW	5-6:30	5:30-6:30
Tuesday 12/23	8:30-9:30 WT; 10:00-11:30 SW; 3:00-5:00SW	10:00-11:30; 5-6:30	5-6:30	5:30-6:30
Saturday 12/27	7:00-9:00 SW; 10:30-11:30 WT	7:00-9:00 SW	OFF	OFF
Monday 12/29	8:30-10:30 SW; 3:00-5:00 SW	5:00-6:30 SW	5-6:30	5:30-6:30
Tuesday 12/30	8:30-9:30 WT; 10:00-11:30 SW; 3:00-5:00SW	5:00-6:30	5-6:30	5:30-6:30
Wednesday 12/31	8:30-11:00	8:30-11:00	OFF	OFF
Friday 1/2	8:30-10:30 SW; 3:00-5:00 SW	5:00-6:30 SW	5-6:30	5:30-6:30
Saturday 1/3	7:00-10:00	7:00-10:00	OFF	OFF
Monday 1/5	8:30-10:30 SW; 3:00-5:00 SW	5:00-6:30 SW	5-6:30	5:30-6:30

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STATEMENTS:

All Statements should be current, if you see any problems please contact Kathie Battista and she will resolve.

GROCERY CARDS:

Please remember to use your Kroger or Food City cards for your holiday food shopping! Call or email Kathie Battista (943-1015 or k.battista@embarqmail.com) to get cards.