

BARRACUDA

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Dear Barracuda Swim Club Members,

The Barracuda Swim Club Parents Board has passed the 2011-2012 budget. I am happy to report that training dues will remain the same as last year.

With the cooperation of our Barracuda families in meeting their fundraising obligations and the willingness of parents to volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of the club, we were able to hold the line on training fees without compromising the quality of our program or the opportunities for our children.

As a club, we can be proud that our loyalty and support have made it possible to

- * retain qualified full-time professional coaches.
- * continue to provide appropriate instruction across many skill levels.
- * teach our children life skills which can be utilized outside of the pool.
- * enhance the physical well-being of our members.
- * foster friendships among families from different cities and school affiliations.
- * grow the sport of swimming in our local communities.

As President of the Board, I thank each of you for the commitment that you have made to our sport and our club. We recognize that the dedication shown by our swimmers is a reflection of the encouragement and support from their parents. The Board is committed to making sure that we can offer the best swim team program in the area to each of you.

This upcoming season has the potential to be one of our best yet. Swimming is once again preparing to take the main stage at the London Olympic Games. Our children will be part of the efforts of Team USA through their participation on the Barracudas. Who knows – a future Olympian could be swimming with our club right now.

We will be holding important parent meetings in late August and I look forward to personally meeting many of you then. Until that time, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me or any other member of the BSC Board.

Yours in swimming,

Gary Wilson, MD

President, Barracuda Swim Club of Northeast Tennessee



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

ATTENTION BARRACUDA PARENTS

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Bristol Motor Speedway Race in August! Barracuda Swim Club parents have always been loyal to this opportunity to earn their \$75 financial obligation for the year! We are asking for 10-15 adult volunteers to work on race day, Saturday, August 27th in the Hospitality Village at the Speedway. Please note that this is the night race and you must commit to the entire shift. Approximate hours are 11am-7pm.

Contact Susan Lance with any questions- 282-2973/ msslance@comcast.net. Since the race is late in our fiscal year, the amount earned can be applied to the your financial obligation for this year or the next one. (The BSC fiscal year is September 1 to August 30.)

Coming Soon...

- August 1st - 14th
Team Break
- August 15
Back to the Pool!
- August 21
Annual TEAM PICNIC

TEAM PICNIC INFO...

Good Morning,

I am once again coordinating the BSC picnic this year. We'll be at the Boone Lake Pavilion Sunday August 21st from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Dinner will be at 4:00 pm and the award presentation will follow. We had a great turnout last summer with over 100 swimmers and family members and hopefully this year will be even better. The club will be providing the hamburgers, turkey burgers, veggies burgers, hot dogs, brauts and bread products. Because of your communication and cooperation we purchased and prepared the exact amount of food necessary last summer. As always a good starting point is to determine who would be attending, then we can divide the requirements accordingly. And let's try a slight variation this year, everyone has a couple of favorite recipes that they have perfected over time and are delighted to share with family and friends. So when you email (preferably) or call to let me know how many members of your family will be attending, instead of me asking you to bring something, you can tell me what you'll be bringing and we can create the list from there. Please try to contact me a week before the picnic. If you're happier not preparing a dish to share that's ok too because there will be things that we can let you know that are needed.

Thanks for your help,

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TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2011/2012 BARRACUDA SEASON.

Each year we hold a very important parent meeting where you get the team packets and paperwork you need to make sure your child is registered correctly with USA swimming and with the Barracudas. **THE PACKETS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN OUT AT THESE MEETINGS.** This meeting is also to update parents on the seasons ahead, any changes to fundraising and volunteering commitments, and to highlight accomplishments of this past season and vision for the coming year. All the coaches attend, and you will have time to meet with them if you wish, or to speak to board members about ideas you have to make the team even better. **ALSO** this year, we will be having a brief "Swimming 101" session for anyone who is relatively new to the club or to swim meets so that you and your child can be confident as you attend your first few swim meets.

This year we are providing 2 different times and dates to make it easy to attend one of them, **PLEASE HAVE AT LEAST ONE PARENT ATTEND ONE OF THESE MEETINGS.** If we have timely arrival, everyone can be out in an hour or less, and there is a rumor that doorprizes will be drawn for timely arrivees! Both meetings start at 7:30pm.

The meeting dates and places are: **TUESDAY AUGUST 30TH** in Johnson City at the **NORTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 209 E. Springbrook -- it is just off Roan Street down the same street that Harbor House is on. Park in lot, or across the street. and... **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST** at **DOBYNS BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL, DOME CLASSROOM #38.** Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you at one of these meetings.

The BSC Parent Board

Southeasterns

Congratulations to Caitlyn Belcher (11), Lauren Belcher (13), Tommy Bourgeois II (16), Evan Cathers (14), Daniel Chang (13), Annika Cleven (10), Owen Devine (12), Kobe Evans (10), Chloe Ford (12), Jessica Green (13), Timothy Hogue (17), Lynsey Knox (10), Joshua Lance (12), Katie Lance (14), Hannah Love (12), Lauren Mills (18), Lucas Mills (12), Tyler Mills (15), Sophia Neglia (12), Kaylie Richard (13), Clay Robbins (14), Scout Walz (15), Peyton Wilson (13), Taylor Wilson (19), and Lakelyn Ziegler (9) for qualifying for and representing the Barracudas in the Southeastern Championship meet! Everyone did a great job! Two BIG highlights: 1. Daniel Chang was selected to represent Southeastern Swimming in the Zone All-Star Meet in Cary, NC. The Zone Meet has 16 all-star teams from 9 states competing. 2. Kobe Evans won the 10 & under 50 backstroke at Southeasterns. Way to go Barracudas! Just keep swimming....

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Congrats to all the participants in this year's summer swim league. We had swimmers from BSC on the teams from Blackthorn and Ridgelyfields, as well as the Barracuda teams from Johnson City, Kingsport, and Elizabethton. Swimmers all did very well, and made this year a fun one -- over 250 swimmers were at the final meet. High point winners from BSC teams were: Sasha Neglia (8 & under girls), Annika Cleven (10 & under girls), Lynsey Knox (12 & under girls), Sean Britton (12 & under boys), Clay Robbins (14 & under boys), Petra Cleven (Open Women), and Timothy Hogue (Senior Men). Thanks to the parents and coaches too for all their help and encouragement.