

October 2011 Smoke Signals Newsletter

We are thrilled to have the season under way and to have all of the swimmers now in their regular practice schedule and moving forward with the season. Please read below for important dates and information for the rest of the first half of the season, before we know it Sport Fair Championship meet will be here.

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Practice Cancellations

We have a few practice cancellations in the near future so please make note of the below dates, some cancellations are the entire team and some are individual level cancellations because of swim meets so please read carefully:

Sunday 10/16 no practice due to the October Open swim meet at Fairland

Sunday 10/30 no Level 1 practice due to Fall Gator Mini Meet

Friday 11/4 no Friday PM practice due to Takoma closure

Sunday 11/6 no L2 or L3 practice due to RMSC November Invite

Friday 11/11 no AM L5 practice due to HOKI Travel meet

Friday 11/11 no PM practice due to Takoma closure

Sunday 11/20 no L1 practice due to Pilgrim Pentathlon

Thanksgiving practice schedule will go out closer to the Holiday.

Meet and Meet entry reminders

Just a reminder that all meet entries are due to us 48 hours before the posted deadline on the meet announcement. For October Open we had a number of entries come in on Monday and obviously being the first meet we understand the learning curve but please be aware that in the future late entries may not get into the meet. Familiarize yourself with our website and with the PVS website (www.pvswim.org) as most answers to commonly asked questions can be found on one of the two sites. On the PVS website the most common link will be the 'meet schedules and results' on the left or the home page for meet updates the week of a meet.

A meet entry report and meet entry fee report will go out the week of the swim meet, please read this over carefully as coaches may make changes to the entry if they feel they need to. Meet entry fees are due by the first day of the meet. We have only had one family let us know that they will be doing the seasonal meet entry fee so if you have a swimmer in Levels 2-4 and would like to do the seasonal meet entry fee just let me know and I will add it to your dues for the season and you won't have to worry about meet entry fees all season.

The following meets are on the horizon so please plan accordingly and get your entries in before the deadline:

Fall Gator Mini Meet 10/29-30 entries due 10/16

RMSC November Invite 11/4-6 entries due 10/23

HOKI Invitational 11/11-13 entries due 10/30

Apparel deadline and team suit

Just a reminder that all apparel orders are due to us by Tuesday, October 11th. Order forms (attached) can be given to Coach Dave or Coach Chuck and orders can be done directly on the Swim Pro website as of next Tuesday, www.swimproinc.com.

Just a reminder that with competition starting next week it is expected that all swimmers have a racing suit that is ALL black which is the team uniform. This suit can be any brand or style and bought anywhere but must be all black, if you would like the black suit with the FGAC logo on it that can be ordered along with the rest of the apparel but is optional. We make the uniform very easy so please do your best to have a suit for the first meet your kids swim in.

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We still have a number of families who have not made their first payment that was due on 9/1, if you have not please either get us payment or let us know when to expect payment. Payment can be mailed to the address on the website or dropped off to Coach Dave at practice.

Any meet entry fees paid in cash should be in an envelope with the families name on it so that it can be correctly credited to your account.

Levels 2-5 must have fins and they should bring them on a daily basis as we use them regularly once the season really gets under way.