



April 2018

To all Returning and Prospective Swimmers & Divers:

The Parents Committee is happy to kick off the 2018 “Summer Swim” season! We are looking forward to another successful season in the Suburban Swim Association. We will compete in the National Division this year and expect some lively competition!

As you know we launched two committees towards the end of 2017 focused on new membership opportunities and beautification efforts for the Club. Special thanks to Marisa Miloszewski and Matt and Lisa Hariegel for leading these efforts in partnership with the Club board!

Facilities Improvements:

The Club has hired contractors to complete the exterior painting and larger landscaping improvements, but there are many items that we can tackle with help of the membership. You may have received a SignUp.com from the Club asking for your assistance in these efforts over the next several weekends. **We encourage you to give whatever time and talent you can muster to help get the Club ready for a great season. If time is at a premium for you this Spring, there is also the opportunity to offer a cash donation towards the effort.**

New Membership Options:

In an effort to grow both our swim team and membership revenues, we have created a **New Member** incentive program offering a limited access Swim Team Only membership. We are focusing this program on new members to test how effective it is in growing both the team and membership. If we are able to bring in a significant number of new members, and, hence, new revenues, we may look to expand the availability of the program for next year.

So...TIME TO START RECRUITING!! I'm attaching a flyer that we have created to assist you in promoting the Club and this membership option to your friends and neighbors☺☺

Coaching:

We are thrilled to have Coach Karen and Coach Jack returning to lead the swim team along with their stellar assistant coaching staff. **We are also very close to securing our Dive Coach so yes we WILL have a Dive Program this year! There are also plans to repair the high dive so it looks like a great season ahead for our divers!!!!**

2018 SSA Championship Meet:

In addition to all of the exciting new changes at the Pool, we are also the proud hosts of this year's Suburban Swim Association Championship Meet! We will be hosting 18 teams from the Suburban Swim League at GCIT on Saturday July 28th. This is a great opportunity to drive both exposure and revenue to the Club. We will need support throughout the Club to make this event a success, so we thank you in advance for your enthusiastic support as we gear up for the event. More to come!!!

Practice Schedule:

Swim Team practices officially start the Tuesday after Memorial Day and will run Monday–Friday afternoons until schools let out:

Afternoon Schedule - May 29-@June 16

13 and Over	2:45-4:00pm
"Kickboarder" beginners (4-6)	4:00-4:30pm
8yrs and under	4:30-5:30pm
9-12yrs	5:30-6:30pm

Morning Schedule – June 18th – July 20th

13 and Over	7:15-8:30am
9-12 years	8:30-9:30am
8 and Under	9:30-10:30am
Kickboarders/beginners	9:30-9:50am

Swimmers participating in Peach Bowl and/or Champs will practice the week of July 23th. Times TBD

Dive Team practices occur during the hours of swim team practices. Specific times will be communicated at a later date.

Evening Practice Option:

In an effort to accommodate our busy families, we are going to pilot an evening practice option on **Monday and Tuesday Evenings 5:00 - 6:00pm starting week of June 25**. Goal is to keep this to a small group for kids who, on occasion, need the option to accommodate other commitments through the season.

- Each swimmer in 9-10s and up will receive 4 "passes" that can be used for evening practice at any point during the season. Prior confirmation of attendance required. Will cancel if not enough kids plan to attend.
- For safety reasons, 8 and Unders not eligible for evening practice due to number of and/or experience level of coaches that may be running the practice. Special permission may be granted on an exception basis but coaches reserve the right to say no.

Meet Schedule:

Time Trials will be held at our pool **Saturday June 9th** starting @8:30am. League Meets begin **Saturday June 23rd** and **will run every Saturday through July 21st**. There is no bye week this year.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Sat - 6/23	Sat - 6/30	Sat - 7/7	Sat - 7/14	Sat - 7/21

National Division					
GL @ TN	GL @ PW	CO @ TN	TN @ RV	TN @ PW	TN Tarnsfield
PW @ CO	RV @ CO	PW @ RV	PW @ LK	RV @ GL	PW Peachwood
LK @ RV	LK @ TN	LK @ GL	CO @ GL	CO @ LK	LK Lake Kandle
					RV Racoon Valley
					CO Collingswood
					GL Gloucester

Events Schedule:

We hope to hold the following fun events this year. We will need volunteers to lead these events as our Parents Committee is stretched with other demands. The kids really look forward to these team activities so we are hopeful some parents will volunteer to lead them. Marcey and Susan will help guide you on what is needed etc. A web signup form will be going out shortly to gather volunteers.

Unfortunately, if we do not get volunteers to lead these events, we will not be able to hold them this year, so please consider signing up.

Event	Tentative Date	Time
Ice Cream Social	Tuesday June 19	6:00pm-8:00pm
Pancakes and Pictures	Friday June 29	7:00am-10:00am
Blue and White Night	Wednesday July 11	6:00pm-8:00pm
Taco Night	Tuesday July 17	6:00pm-8:00pm

Team Gear:

We will be working with D and Q this year to offer team swim suit options. We are keeping it simple and asking that swimmers wear an all-black, or black with blue bathing suit for swim meets. You can purchase one on your own, or select from the options we will provide from D and Q. We will ask that swimmers wear the RVSC swim caps for meets to have some uniformity across the team. Information on how to purchase these caps will follow.

Registration Fees:

In hopes that our new membership options, along with the recruiting efforts of our swim families, will help grow the team this year, we have decided to hold our Swim Team fees to last year's rates.

Please note that registration fees do NOT cover all of our costs. Things like bake tables and other fundraisers, and of course, bringing in more swimmers, are critical for us to keep offering a quality and competitive swim program.

- Swim Team:

First two (2) children: \$95 each

Each additional child: \$50 each

- Dive Team:

First two (2) children: \$95 each

Each additional child: \$50 each

Please use the link below to register via the Active network:

<http://www.active.com/water-sports/swimming-registrations/raccoon-valley-swim-team-summer-2018>

If you are a returning family, simply login to your existing account and much of your info will pre-fill. If you are new to the team, please follow the account set up instructions.

Please remember to click the “**Add Another Registration**” button on the checkout page when registering multiple children. This will ensure any multi child discounts will apply upon completing the transaction.

That's it for now!! We are looking forward to another GREAT season at Raccoon Valley!! See you at the pool!

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