



HTCC Swim Team June 26

June 23th Meet Recap!

Another TERRIFIC meet! Great weather really does help a lot! I know most of the kids swam well. Many of the 8 & Unders and 9/10's probably could have done better if they hadn't left all their energy playing in the big fields! I know they were fun for the kids – but there were lots of running around and lots of wild games chasing beach balls and many other invented games. Let's hope we can corral them better this week, keep a little more order in the team area, and save that energy for the pool.

This week, we pulled all the relay rankings. The first number is the current ranking. The number in parenthesis is date they swam to earn the ranking. You can find all of these rankings online at <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/sail>.

Gene and Molly are shifting relay teams around this week looking for the best mix of kids for each team to earn our team the most points in Divisionals. They will have a final relay roster on Tuesday for all the relays. The coaches will be reviewing the Thursday swim times to set the final "A" relay teams by this weekend. And I know there will be some surprises. The coaches surprised me with some of their suggested teams – but they have done their homework on this and I'm going to support their recommendations. I expect the team to support them too. If you have any questions about the selected relay team, please don't hesitate to bring them to me. I have questioned many relay teams in past years, and been a thorn in Anne's side about them. I guess that's how I ended up running the team this year. Not that Gene or Molly is letting me dictate relay teams either – they aren't. But I did question them about their selected teams and will support the teams they have chosen.

	Medley Relay	Free Relay
Girls 8 & Under	16 (6/23)	14 (6/23)
Boys 8 & Under	22 (6/2)	13 (6/23)
Girls 9/10	15 (6/23)	9 (6/23)
Boys 9/10	8 (6/23)	16 (6/23)
Girls 11/12	13 (6/23)	14 (6/23)
Boys 11/12	47 (6/2)	Not swam yet
Girls 13/14	27 (6/23)	25 (6/16)
Boys 13/14	18 (6/16)	23 (6/23)
Girls 15/18	19 (6/16)	13 (6/16)
Boys 15/18		



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Next Meet

5th Meet: HTCC @ Foxcroft

Location: Foxcroft pool

Arrive by: 4:30pm

Warm Ups: 4:45pm

Volunteers & Officials: Arrive by 5pm

Meet Start: 5:30pm

Important Note: The Foxcroft pool is a 25 yard pool, not 25 meters. All the pools we have swam at this year have been 25 meters. This pool will be shorter. The times recorded will be in yards. Once all the times have been entered into the computer, they will be converted to meters.

We're Gonna Swim a 3rd Complete Meet!

Once again there is rain in the forecast for Thursday night – a 30% chance. So bring the rain gear just in case. I also suggest bringing sweat shirts or jackets for your kids. The kids can be easily chilled in the night air once they are wet and sitting out a rain delay or waiting to swim their next event. **There were many cold kids at the Neely Farm meet because they didn't have a sweatshirt or jacket to put on. Please remember to pack it for your kids in their gear bag!**

Foxcroft will have a concession stand with a variety of food available. You may bring your own cooler with drinks and snacks. There will be no alcoholic beverages available and please do not bring any to the meet. SAIL does not permit any alcoholic beverages or smoking at the meets.

Foxcroft will have a covered area for our kids to sit under. Parents are welcome to sit there too with their kids. Actually, I really encourage it. We had lots of kids running wild in the team area last week and some kids were injured and had to go home early. **Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children whether they are in the team area or on the pool deck. If you are going to leave them unattended in the team area, please make sure they know how to care for them self by eating the right foods and getting to their events on time. Also make it appoint of going up to the tent area about every 30 minutes to check on your kids. See if they need anything, give them a hug for the good swim they just had. If you take your child to the pool deck to sit, please know that you are responsible for getting them to the Clerk of Course area**



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for their events. The Tent Parents will call for them in the tent area, but will not go looking for them. They can't go wandering around looking for kids. It's very important that kids stay close by so they don't miss their events. I do want to give our tent parents from last week a quick shout-out for the good job they did in rounding up kids from all over the fields. There were some pretty big games of tag and beach ball-keep-away going on, and I don't think anyone missed an event. Though it did help to have 2 people working as tent parents all night instead of one.

Discovery Island Water Park

Everyone is invited to join the coaches at Discovery Island Water Park on Monday, June 27th. You may come at any time. The park is open from 10am to 5:30pm. Look for us to gather at some lounge chairs or pools with umbrellas. My kids will be at the slide line all day so you can find them there. I suggest eating a light lunch before you come, then bring some snacks for your kids. The food there is pretty expensive

We will have our regular practice schedule in the morning. There will be no afternoon practice. We will have the YSSC clinic from 6-7pm instead. It will be at the HTCC pool.

YSSC Swim Clinic

Monday, June 27 from 6-7pm we will host the YSSC coaches (YMCA of Spartanburg Swim Club) at our pool. Coach Erin and Coach Addie (both former HTCC swimmers) will be working with the 10 and Unders on stroke development (breast stroke) and starts. Coach Erin is Chloe Gonzalez's swim coach at YSSC.

Coach Tim and Coach Karl will work with the older kids on streamline, stroke development, and turns. Tim is Sarah Young's coach. And Karl is Katie Mooney's coach.

All the kids will be divided into groups – and may rotate coaches and activities. Look for it to be fast-paced and active. They also want to talk with the parents if you have a child who may be interested in year-around swimming. Please feel free to stay after the clinic and ask them questions. They love to talk about swimming.

SAIL at the Greenville Drive

Last call for Greenville Drive tickets!! I will bring the ticket count and money to the SAIL meeting Monday night, June 27th. Get your money in NOW!!

SAIL families are invited to the July 18th Greenville Drive game. The tickets will be \$5 per person. There will be a lot of SAIL recognition at the beginning and throughout the game. All SAIL families will be invited to take the "Parade of Champions" walk around the perimeter of the ball field prior to the game. They will also be flashing pictures of swim teams and the meets on the jumbotron screen throughout the game. The winners of each Division (we are in Blue



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Division) will be awarded their trophy during one of the inning breaks. The winning team will be led onto the field to receive the trophy!!

Nathalie Norris is collecting the money for these tickets, so please find her on the pool deck and get your tickets ordered. I will order the tickets at the June 27th SAIL meeting. If you order them prior to June 27, we will get seats together as a team. If you order them through your company or some other way, you won't be sitting with the team – and we want you to sit with us! We have always had a great showing at this game – let's go show our Holly Tree Spirit and hopefully bring home the Blue Division Trophy!!

Team Photo's

Our team photos have been moved to July 1st at 9am. Sorry to keep rescheduling them, but I'm trying to get the most kids possible in these pictures. Please have your kids at the pool by 8:45am.

Guppies

We've had lots of guppies swimming with the Hurricane team in the meet this past week. Here's who I have swimming with us this week:

Hannah Rock	Chloe Bradley	Eliza Garvin
Abby Runzel	Zoe Herber	Mathew Drayton
Jack Garvin	Will Trimble	

If your child's name isn't on this list and they want to swim in the meet, please email me by Monday night and we will get them entered.

Stroke Selection

For the 6/30 meet, the kids will select all the strokes that they are going to swim. The coaches will select the relays. For Divisionals, the kids will select two strokes and the coaches will select one. It may not be their favorite, but it will be a stroke that the team needs to increase our overall score.

Please check the bulletin board on Tuesday to see what your child is swimming. It seemed to work pretty well writing the strokes each child will swim on their arm at the meet with a Sharpie. You don't need to worry about event numbers, heats and lanes – just put their event names i.e. short free, IM, breast, long free, back or fly plus relays! We are going to swim relays this week!

Strokes will be selected during the Monday practice times or you may email them to me. By 7pm, all strokes must be determined so our computer guru's can input them into the program on time.



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Stroke selection for Divisionals will be done during donuts and ribbons on Friday, July 1st, after we take team pictures.

Iron Man/Iron Chick

Lots of kids have made their Iron Man/Chick this year – even with the two meets that were rained out. If you are one or two strokes away – keep working on them. It is so worth it to earn this great recognition!!

Every year the swim team holds an Iron Man and Iron Chick recognition. Our goal is to have each swimmer learn all the strokes and be able to swim them at least one time correctly in a meet. Therefore, to qualify as an Iron Man or Chick, each swimmer age 9 and older will need to swim each stroke correctly in a meet at least once. The strokes they must swim are:

- Short freestyle
- Long freestyle
- Breast stroke
- Back stroke
- Butterfly
- Individual Medley (fly, back, breast, free)

For our 8 and Under swimmers, we require that they swim 5 of the strokes correctly in a meet.

Katherine Davis, Parker and Mitchell's Mom, is managing our Iron Man/Iron Chick program this summer. During our donuts and ribbons party each Friday, they can show Katherine their ribbons and receive a sticker(s) to put on the Iron Man/Chick poster next to their name. This will help them to keep track of which strokes they need to swim at the next meet to earn their Iron Man/Chick award.

At our season ending party, we will recognize and reward those kids who achieve their Iron Man/Chick during the season.

Divisional Heat Sheet Cover Competition and Ad Sales

Let your imagination soar! And design the winning heat sheet cover for the Blue Division. Last year Alex Finley was the winner of this contest and earned a \$25 prize. I don't know all the details of this contest yet, but once confirmed with Anne Vogt, our Divisional Meet Director, I will publish them. But start thinking about your innovative and creative design for the Divisional Heat Sheets!

We will also be selling ads in the Divisional Heat Sheet that will be seen and scrutinized by the families of 400+ swimmers! So start thinking about who you can sell those ads to. All money earned in ad sales goes directly back to the team. And our lanes lines do need replacing. I will send along pricing once I get it confirmed from Anne.



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Website

Please check the website often. It has sign up charts for the meets. And sign up charts for the activities. We pay extra for the website to have this sign-up capability – please use it!! Plus there is information on what is happening during the week. And if someone gets some great new photo's of the kids swimming this year and sends them to me, we will try to put those on the website too!