



HTCC Swim Team July 4



The June 23th meet our coaches are ready to cheer the Hurricanes to another win!! Go Hurricanes!!

Photo: Courtesy of Mary Ellen Bardley

DIVISIONAL WEEK!

Location: HTCC pool

Arrive by: 7am

Warm Ups: 7:15am

Volunteers & Officials: Arrive by 8am

Meet Start: 9am (immediately after parade, anthem and prayer – so it may start before 9am)



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Divisional Swim Meet – What is it? And What to Expect

Last week of the season for the full team—Divisionals Week!

As you know, we are in the Blue Division along with Neely Farm, Brushy Meadows/Summer Walk, Foxcroft, Roper Mountain Estates/Asheton Rec. There will be approximately 500 swimmers and their families at this meet and the meet will be at our pool. As the host team, our warm-ups that morning are first at 7:15am. With the meet not starting until 8:30am, I know some kids may choose not to come to warm-ups. This is a choice for each family to make. I encourage everyone to come to warm-ups even if they are early. It will help your child to really wake up and get their body percolating for the morning's swim session. It will also wake up their appetite so they can eat a healthy breakfast after warm-ups. That breakfast will be the energy they draw on for their morning swims and will determine if they go fast or slow.

Your child selected two strokes to swim at Divisionals, and the coaches selected one for them. All strokes and relays are posted at the pool. Please make sure you get there and check it out so you know what your child is swimming. I strongly suggest that you write in Sharpie on their arm so they don't forget. We are also going to have the tent parents write the children's names on their back/shoulder in Sharpie. This will help tremendously at Clerk of Course.

As the last meet of the season, the purpose is to determine the 40 fastest boys and girls in each stroke who will move on to Championships and Classics meet the following weekend. This meet will also determine the winner of the Blue Division. This is why stroke selection is so important and why the coaches spent 5 hours at my house last Friday reviewing every child's times and rankings for each stroke. They wanted to make sure that each child was swimming in their fastest strokes so they have a chance to move on to Championships and Classics, plus we needed to have a swimmer in every event who could earn points for the team. Points are awarded to the team for the swimmers who finish in the top 12 spots. Results will be posted by the baby pool fence for each event after it has been input into the computer. There will be 5 other Divisional meets happening around the county that day. Once all the results are compiled, the list of swimmers moving on to C&C will be distributed about 4pm on Sunday to the coaches.

Divisional Parade

Before the meet actually starts, there will be a Team Parade. Each team has selected its own parade theme. The HTCC parade theme is "Super Hero's, specifically Captain America". We have selected this theme based on the connection that we have with the new Captain America movie coming out later this month. The actor who plays Captain America in the movie is Evan Tin's cousin – yes we are only one step removed from knowing a real movie star. His family is actually going to Hollywood for the movie premiere the week of 7/20. So please dress your kids in their best Captain America or Super Hero costume – lots of red, white and blue will work well, plus a shield – no swords or toy guns, please.

Parade Route All of the teams will come down the main steps to enter the pool deck, past the blocks, around the diving pool and past the brick pump house and toward the baby pool exit.



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As the host team, we will be the last team to enter. All the teams will stop on the pool deck for the opening ceremony. As a senior swimmer who will not be returning to HTCC next summer, Annie Gillig will read the swimmers prayer. Then someone (any takers?) will sing the national anthem. After that the teams will parade off, except for the kids who are in the medley relay team. Those kids need to bring their goggles onto the pool deck with them for the parade, so they can go straight to clerk of course after the parade and line up for the relay.

National Anthem

We are looking for a soloist, duet, trio or group that would like to sing the National Anthem at the start of the meet. There will be music on a CD to accompany you. Please email me if you are interested. We have had groups from Holly Tree sing at the Opening Ceremonies previously so I know who to recruit if needed!

Relays

At this meet, only one relay team from each swim team will be swimming. There won't be any B or C relay groups at this meet. After much scrutiny, the coaches have selected the kids for the relay teams to represent HTCC. They will have some separate relay practices this week to work on starts. We don't want anyone taking a false start during a relay.

Volunteers

We don't have regular volunteer sign up for this meet like we do for the others. All the positions needed for a meet are filled by our team and the other teams equally. Which is kinda nice – most parents get to sit and enjoy the most of the meet if not all of it! However, there are still a few positions to be filled.

Tent Parent – 8 people needed. You will work 2 people to a shift, and rotate every 20 events. No one should have to work more than 2 hours (unless there is a weather delay).

Parking Marshalls – 10 people needed, you will be there early – you will stay late. Am I selling you on this yet? You won't have to work the entire meet. But you will be there from 7-9am when everyone is arriving, and again from the end of back stroke to the meet is over (can't give you a time on that). Then maybe you will work an hour during the day to keep traffic moving and keep kids off Plantation Dr. The parking marshalls will have a meeting Friday night at 6pm to get the details of their assignment from Chip Davis.

Other Activities and Practices

There are many activities happening this week—lots of fun things besides the twice daily practices. Please post the practice and activity chart (attached) somewhere where you can see it and refer to it daily this week. When the other teams come to HTCC to practice this week, the pool will be closed. There will be no recreational swimming during that time.

Donuts & Ribbons

As a reminder there will be no donuts & ribbons party after this meet. There are no ribbons given out for this meet—we are swimming to determine the winner of the Blue Division and to determine the 40 fastest boys/girls in the county for each stroke. Those fastest kids will move



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on to the Championships & Classics meet.

Parking, Team Tents & Restrooms

Attached is a guide to parking, team tents and restrooms for the Divisional meet. If you live close enough to walk or ride a bike – I highly encourage you to do so!! There is limited parking available in the pool/club parking lot. You will need to enter from the Hwy. 14 entrance. Coming from the other direction is just going to cause confusion, and you will probably be told to turn around and come in the other way. You can either drop your child off at the cross walk on Plantation drive or you can go park and they can walk back with you. The streets available for parking are noted on the map. Please do not park in anyone's yard or on Hwy. 14. You may walk on the driveway past the clubhouse instead of walking around the driving range. It will be clearly marked to park on only one side of the street.

Our tent area will be at the front of the field. All the team tents will be in the field where they do dryland activities. Kids and parents should bring camp chairs and something to do like DS games or books or even card games like UNO. Other than relays which will take about 30 minutes, each event will take about 1 hour to complete so most kids will be waiting an hour or two between each time they swim. I will have a baby pool with ice and water in it for the kids to cool off. We have a huge fan that will be set in the tent area too. Please tell your children not to stick things in the fan like sticks or rocks – just to see what happens. Mine like to do experiments too, so I know how this can happen. There will be 2 tent parents in the tent area at all times to call kids for events. They will try to monitor the kids for safe behavior. If there is a problem, we will have your child come sit with you.

There will be room in the tent area for parents to sit. There will also be bleachers set up on the pool deck in front of the baby pool. Or you may set your chair on the pool deck behind the coaches area or you could sit in the cabana area. Where ever you sit, parents are still responsible for the behavior of their children whether they are in the team area or on the pool deck with you. 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. This is going to be a 6-8 hour meet – you need to make a point 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 and make sure they are drinking water or Gatorade. 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 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.

The porta-potties will be across from our tent at the front of the field. There will be handicap accessible bathrooms in the tennis center.

After the meet, parents will need to stay and clean the pool deck area and field. We need to put all the furniture back and take the tents down. I have asked the lifeguard to stay and watch the kids swim while we get the pool back in order. A party has not been organized or planned, but if we decide to do something after the meet at the pool, the families participating will need to



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chip in to pay for it.

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.

The rules are as follows:

- Entries must be submitted in black ink on 8-1/2"x11" white paper.
- No computer generated art.
- No team names or insignia are permitted unless ALL teams are included.
- Should include "Blue Division 2011".
- Will be printed on Blue card stock.
- The swimmer's name and team name should be listed on the BACK of the entry in pencil.
- Entries need to be turned in to the Meet Director at the seeding meeting on July 6th. Voting will take place at the seeding meeting.

The teams are:

- Holly Tree Country Club
- Neely Farm
- Foxcroft
- Roper Mountain Estates/Asheton Rec (RMEA)
- Brushy Meadows/Summer Walk/Bent Creek

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 lane lines do need replacing.

- Full page - \$100
- ½ page (horizontal or vertical) - \$50
- ¼ page - \$25
- Business card ads - \$5

Many parents buy a good luck/swim hard ad for their kids or grandkids. This may be a good way for the grandparents to support our team too!



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Hurrucane's Baked Goods/Candy Sale

As a fund-raiser for the team, we will be selling home-made baked goods and candy at the meet. Penny Rice, Damaris Collier and Nathalie Norris are in charge of this event. They are putting a tent up in the food area and are soliciting donations from every family. The Club does not normally allow us to sell food at meets to profit the team, so let's all take advantage of this by supporting it with food donations. Let's raise \$500 by selling hundreds of food items. Most items will be priced under a dollar, so kids can bring a dollar and come select something. I know there will be home made muffins, cookies, pound cakes, brownies and bars, packaged items from Little Debbie, pop-tarts, Entemann's mini-muffins, and I'm sure many other goodies. Bring your items to one of our organizers when you can. If it's pre-packaged, you can drop it off now. If it's homemade you may bring it the morning of the meet or the day before. Please put your homemade baked goods in baggies in an amount that will equal \$.50 – like 2 cookies or one slice of cake. If you bake something with nuts in it, please mark it accordingly on the baggie. Please don't use chocolate or frosting as they will melt in the heat and make an unappealing mess in a baggie. Thanks to Damaris, Nathalie & Penny for organizing this.

Pasta Pump Up Party – Thursday 6pm

Just like in past years it will be a pot-luck party, with everyone bringing something home-made and good to eat. Christine Brodsky is coordinating this party. Email her at christinebrodsky@ymail.com if you have any questions.

A – D – Desserts

E – S – Pasta

T - Z – Bread/Salad

7pm - Decorate our cars!!

SAIL at the Greenville Drive – Last call for tix by 7/5

I have heard from a few additional families that want to buy Greenville Drive game tickets. We are placing the final order on Tuesday, July 5 so let me know by the end of the day if you want to come. I have extra tickets list:

Lisa Wade – 1

Jean Kleis – 4

They will join the 73 other Hurrucanes at the Greenville Drive game on July 18.



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Team Photo's – orders needed by Tuesday, 7/5

Team Photo's were taken last Friday and we are now taking orders. 8x10's will be \$10 and 5x7's will be \$7. If you order with me by Tuesday, July 5 and give me a check you will have your pictures back by the 7/17 Championships & Classics party.

Otherwise you will need to order them online through Carrie Garret's website.

www.photobycarrie.smugmug.com

Guppy Photo's

http://photobycarrie.smugmug.com/Children/guppy-2011/17747198_pQKv5P#1355037100_mZXDpg5

This link will take you to the pictures taken by Carrie Garrett at the Guppy Party. Looks like lots of kids were having fun!

And here are Mary Ellen Bradley's photos from the Happy Pie Party!

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Pictures from the 6/23 Meet

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This link will take you to the pictures Mary Ellen Bradley took at the 6/23 meet. Check them out – they look really good!

If anybody else has pictures to share, please email me the link. I will put it in the next newsletter.

FaceBook Page

We have a new Face Book page where you can post photos or links to photo's. It is at this link. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Holly-Tree-Hurricanes-Swim-Team/219669241394308>

Please like our page – and give me suggestions on using it effectively for our team.

End of the Season Team Party

TEAM PARTY DAY!! We will have our End of the Year team party on Sunday, July 10 at 6pm. Once again, we will be back for a pool party. (big surprise there) So, meet at the cabana where the Club will have Bar-B-Que pork and chicken, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and drinks. All for only \$6.50 per person. Kids 5 and Under eat free. Chip Davis is helping



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the Club get our parties and Divisional concessions organized and I'm sure our dinner will be fantastic!!

Al & Suzann Adams and Michelle & Mike Weston are hosting our party for us that night. They have games, relays and all kinds of fun and games for kids big and little that night. Plus a sweet treat for all!

The coaches will give out team medals to each swimmer, plus recognize the kids who achieved Iron Man/Chick with their tee-shirt. We will recognize all the Guppy swimmers who swam in a Hurricane meet this year. In addition, we will also recognize a very special swimmer on our team who has worked incredibly hard and dedicated herself to the sport of swimming. She has now accomplished what few swimmers will have the chance to do – and certainly Coach Gene wishes he could be there with her!

And finally, we will announce all the kids who earned a spot on the Championships and Classics team. **For those kids who do earn a spot – PARENTS bring your checkbook!!** We will place our order for Championships and Classics t-shirts that night and you will need to pay for them then. Also be thinking about what fun phrase you want to put on the back of your shirt. If you have questions about this, please don't hesitate to email me with questions or find me on the pool deck to discuss. For kids and their families who might go their first time to C&C, it is very confusing. I am blessed and fortunate that my kids have earned their way onto this team every year since they were 7, so I am pretty familiar with the routine. Who knew they would turn out to be such fast swimmers – we'll see what happens next year when they age up to 11/12.

Summer of 2012

Do you want me back again as SAIL Rep/Meet Director? Do you want someone new? Is anybody interested in taking on a larger role with the team? Does Anne Vogt want to be Treasurer again? Or is someone else interested in taking on that role and giving Anne a break from her years of being so actively involved, that she can go back to doing ribbons at the meets? Please Eileen and Lisa, say you will be our computer directors again!!! We need at least 4 new people to sign up to learn Stroke & Turn next spring, plus another referee and Chief Timer. I think Damaris and Mary Ellen will be our Guppy Directors again next year – but it may be their last year as their children age up to the Hurricane team.

Start thinking now about how you can be involved in the team next spring and summer. I've had such a blast working with everyone on the team this summer. It has been a pleasure to work with so many parents who are passionate about making the Hurricanes a fun swim team for all our kids. We're coming into the home stretch – the last week of the full team. Let's make this a fun week for kids and parents alike. And then I can stop washing towels every day!!