

Welcome to another exciting year with Knowlton Swim Team!

What a year it is going to be as we have been selected to host the Delaware County Daily Times Elite Meet on July 28, 2015. We will need lot of volunteers to make this the best Elite Meet ever. (Anyone remember B Champs last year??) You will be receiving LOTS of information on this shortly. This meet needs to be completed within a 3 hour timeframe and with teams from the DELCO, Suburban and Intercounty Leagues this is a huge undertaking and it will benefit all of us if it runs quickly and smoothly.

This year we will remain in the B Division of the Delco League. Lansdowne has moved up to the A Division and Briarcliffe has moved up to the B Division. B division looks to be highly competitive again this year so I would highly encourage getting to as many practices as possible before school gets out so that we are ready. We are very fortunate this year in that the first two weeks of practice will be indoors at Springton Lake Middle School since that outside pool water may still be a little cold.

Dues is \$55 for the first child and \$45 for any additional ones. (Cash or checks payable to Knowlton Parents Association). Fees are due the first two weeks of practice. Fees support league and championship fees, swim team party, trophies, gifts for the swimmers/divers, pep rallies, pretzel day, and sometimes even the concession stand when we don't have enough donations. As in the past, at least one parent and the swimmer/diver must be a member of Knowlton Swim Club. If a swimmer is very young or new to the team we recommend trying a few practices before signing up.

Team suits are optional and the design is the same as last year. **Since our team suits are special order they take a minimum of 2-3 weeks to be made and shipped to us, therefore team suits can only be ordered on the dates listed on the calendar.** This is the only way to try to have them by our first meet. Remember the sooner you get your suit order in the better chance you have of receiving it before the first meet.

No swim program can be successful without parent volunteers who are willing to sign up to help before and during meets. We need help with our snack bar, and people to time, keep score and judge at meets.

We will have a **very important parent meeting at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 19** following the evening practice. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the coaches, other parents and swimmers and ask questions about the season.

I have attached the schedule as we know it today. The League has not released the JV Schedule, but I will update the calendar as soon as they do. There will also be many "fun" activities added.

In general we practice in the rain unless it is thundering and lightening. Since summer storms are spotty and unpredictable you will need to use your own judgment about coming to practice. If may be raining in Garnet Valley or Media, but not at Knowlton. Whenever possible I will try to get an email out if practice is cancelled however that may not be always possible since I work 15 miles away and the weather could be different depending on location. If it is raining before a meet, we still need our swimmers to show up. If we do not have enough swimmers we will have to forfeit.

In the coming weeks you will be receiving lots of additional information from Knowlton Swim Team. If you no longer wish to be a part of the swim team just send me an email so I can remove you from the group list.

Please let me know if you have questions.

See you soon.

Patty Stockett

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