



Aggie Swim Club Newsletter



UPCOMING MEETS & EVENTS:

Saturday -Sunday January 21-22	9-14 Junior Meet hosted by Cy-Fair Swim Club in Magnolia
Sunday February 5	USA Sanctioned Team Intrasquad Meet for all Ags swimmers from all locations
Friday-Sunday February 17-19	13&Over Spring Champs Meet (prelims/finals) hosted by The Woodlands Swim Team in Conroe
Saturday February 18	8&Under Spring Champs Meet hosted by Magnolia Aquatic Club
Friday-Sunday February 24-25	14&Under Spring Champs Meet hosted by Cy-Fair Swim Club in Magnolia
Thursday-Sunday March 1-4	USA Sectionals Championship Meet hosted by the Aggie Swim Club at TAMU
Thursday March 8	Last practice at the CSMS for the season—all groups move to the TAMU Rec Center
Thursday-Sunday March 8-11	TAGS (Texas Age Group Swimming State Championships) hosted by The Woodlands Swim Team in Conroe
Saturday March 31	Team Intrasquad Meet at the CSMS for all Ags swimmers from all loca-

MARCH USA SECTIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP— AGS HOSTED MEET

This year our Club is again hosting the USA Sectionals Championship Meet at the Texas A&M Student Recreation Center Natatorium Thursday, March 1st through Sunday, March 4th. This meet will include approximately 800 swimmers from across the country and will display USA Swimming at its finest. Our parent volunteer list will be posted on our website under "Meet Info—Schedules, Entries, Maps...." during early February. All jobs parents are listed to work are very easy. Descriptions are listed below. We appreciate all of your help and we look forward to a very successful meet.

Safety Marshall—Monitor the locker rooms and pool decks to ensure all swimmers are acting safely

Head Timer—Start 2 watches at the start of every race as a back-up in case one of the lane timer's watches does not start

Runner—Post heat and lane assignments, post results and collect lane timer sheets after each event

Concessions—Sell food and drinks

Hospitality—Bring water to timers and officials and maintain the "food room" for officials and coaches

Program Sales—Sell programs to spectators

If you are listed to work this meet please be sure to show up for your meet session on time and please stay until your session is over. We appreciate your help—we could not run these meets without you!!

Proceeds from our meets go right back into our program in the form of keeping our dues as low as possible, running monthly Intrasquad Meets, including pool rent and awards, year-end awards, social events for the kids, practice equipment, including kick boards, free meet entry fees in Club hosted meets, and much more!! Sectionals is our largest fundraiser for the year so thank you for your support!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

JANUARY:



Mallory Garner—01/01
Luke Lampo—01/01
Abhirth Bhuvanesh—01/03
Emily Dawson—01/09
Mason English—01/10
Kylie Meyer—01/10
Abby Ross—01/11
Grace Ann Spaulding—01/13
Zachary Wang—01/13
Nicolle Dacumos—01/14
David Wu—01/14
Tyler Burk—01/18
Ellie Ji—01/18
Callen Crumbaker—01/12
Trey Bentz—01/22
Sam Wu—01/24

FEBRUARY:

Weston Gary—02/03
Megan Rogers—02/03
Christian Kelarek—02/05
Jack Grunkmeyer—02/07
Danielle Scott—02/12
Molly Cole—02/14
Anushka Daripa—02/15
Anna Reuter—02/15
Ivy Lee—02/19
Shelby Beverly—02/20
Travis Rooney—02/21
McKenzie Crawford—02/22
Elise Morgan—02/24
Sam Crumbaker—02/27
Erin Langrish—02/28
Kaitlyn Romoser—02/28

A NOTE TO AGGIE SWIM CLUB PARENTS

All monthly invoices are e-mailed out to you on or around the 10th of each month and are e-mailed to you directly from aggieswimclub@suddenlink.net. Several parents have said that they are not receiving the invoices. Please double check your spam filter on your e-mail and make sure your this e-mail address is not set up as spam. Thank you!!

LATE PICK-UPS

We are still having issues with swimmers not being picked up within 15 minutes of the end of their practice time. Because of this we are implementing a \$10 late pick-up fee for any swimmer who is not picked up by 15 minutes after the end of their practice time. This charge will be added to your monthly invoice. We realize you are all busy and that things come up and we will work with you as best we can, but please be sensitive of our coaches' personal time. Thank you!!

BILLING —

ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT METHODS ARE IN PLACE!!

The Club is now set up to accept either EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) or Credit Card payments for your monthly dues, administration/USA fees or miscellaneous purchases.

EFT payments are where you authorize the Club to automatically debit your monthly charges to your savings or checking account. All we need from you is a completed form (including a "VOID" check) and we will do the rest!! Payments will be processed to your account on the 8th of every month.

Visa, Mastercard or Discover payments are also now accepted and we are able to either do a card swipe or manually enter your credit card information from the completed authorization form. Card swipes can only be done when the machine (and wireless) is available at that location.

Forms for both credit card and EFT payments are available to complete on our website under the "Billing & Parking" tab or at your swimmer's practice location. These new options will allow you to avoid the hassle of writing checks, losing invoices and paying postage fees. Invoices will still be e-mailed to you each month on or near the first of the month. Billing discrepancies must be handled in writing to aggieswimclub@suddenlink.net. Any changes or cancellations to the EFT or credit card authorizations, once on file, must be done in writing.

USA Sanctioned Team Intrasquad Meet on Sunday, February 5th

We will be hosting our monthly Team Intrasquad Meet at the Texas A&M Student Recreation Center Natatorium on Sunday, February 5th. This Intrasquad Meet is for all swimmers from all locations with the Club. (Intrasquads are fun practice meets and there is NO CHARGE to swim!) The competitors include only swimmers from the Aggie Swim Club. As a bonus, this meet will be USA sanctioned, meaning that the times are official and will count for future USA meets. Intrasquads are a lot of fun and a lot of awards are handed out. We would love to see everyone who is active with the Club swim in the meet!! Even if your swimmer is in a non-competitive practice group these meets are still a great way for them to show you what they've learned and also to see how they improve throughout the year.

Meet events are available at <http://www.aggieswimclub.org/> - click on the link on the left hand side "Meet Info—Schedules, Entries, Maps,"

Registration & Check-In: 11:00am-11:45am

(swimmers MUST arrive during this time to swim in the meet)

Warm-Ups: 12:00noon-12:50pm

Meet Starts: 1:00pm (promptly)

Parent volunteers will be needed to help with timing, so please come help us out!

PICTURES WANTED:

If you have taken pictures of your swimmer during the course of this season at any USA meet or practice and you would like to have it included in our slide show at our spring awards banquet please e-mail me at aggieswimclub@suddenlink.net.

Congratulations to our current 2012 TAGS (Texas Age Group Swimming State Championships) and 2012 Sectionals (senior level national qualifying meet).

This is a great accomplishment and we are very proud of you!!

TAGS Qualifiers:

Jessica Peng, Mackenzie Jones,

Andrew Zhang, Jack Rogers, Matthew Schmid, Hunter Scott, Peter Simmons, Matt Belobraydic

Sectionals Qualifiers:

Shelby Beverly, Haley Clark, Reilly Haden, Robyn Miller, Kaitlyn Romoser, Sierra Wagner,

Matthew Bitara, Tyler Clark, Cody Green, Laine Johansen, Harrison Jones, John Jones, Jaron Wagner

Do you know any swimmers interested in joining the Ags? If so, please have them contact one of the team's coaches or Shannon Clark at

aggieswimclub@suddenlink.net.

New swimmers may try out for the Club at all locations at any time throughout the year.

Please send questions, comments or suggestions about the Aggie Swim Club or this newsletter to:

Shannon Clark at

aggieswimclub@suddenlink.net

We welcome your suggestions and ideas!!