

# *P. A. Times*

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## **Patriot Aquatics Team Support**

Patriot Aquatics is starting a new program for our team. This is to involve parents in different committees that will help our team and our meets function as smoothly as possible. Each committee will have one chairperson with several people assisting them perform the duties needed. We will have a list of the committees along with the chair for each listed. If you are interested in helping with one of the committees, please contact the chair for that committee. The committee chairs are as follows: Heat Sheet Ad Sales (Debbie Elam & Jill Adams), Social (Dave & Brenda Draskovich), Hospitality (Denise Pope), Officials (Bart Smith & Lee Oathout), Meet Management (Bill Staffeld), Communications (Larry Salazar), Merchandise Shop (Kathy Moran), Publicity (Debbie Elam & Jill Adams), and Saturday Breakfast (Linda Carrier).

The Area 2 Championships are being hosted by Patriot Aquatics March 8 & 9, these committees will have an important role in seeking volunteers for all of the various positions. Please make sure you volunteer for at least one position, information will be available in the office.

## **Swim Lessons**

Patriot Aquatics will once again be offering its fantastic swim lesson program for children ages 15 months and older. Registration will begin March 15 at 9:00 am at the pool office. Complete details can be found on our website, [www.patriotaquatics.com](http://www.patriotaquatics.com). Please call 407-862-2207 if you have any questions.

## **Summer League**

Registration for the Patriot Summer Swim League will also begin March 15 at 9:00 am at the pool office. This program is for children who can swim at least 25 yards of free or back and is a great introductory program for eager swimmers. Complete details can be found on our website, [www.patriotaquatics.com](http://www.patriotaquatics.com). Please call 407-862-2207 if you have any questions.

## **Adventure Splash Camp**

A brand new program Patriot Aquatics will be offering this summer is the Adventure Splash Camp. This camp is a day camp, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, and will include aquatic activities, indoor activities, free time on many exciting new toys, as well as learning new skills such as snorkeling, kayaking, and canoeing. Registration for this program begins March 15 at 9:00 am. Complete details can be found on our website, [www.patriotaquatics.com](http://www.patriotaquatics.com). Please call 407-862-2207 if you have any questions.

## **Championship Breakfast, February 18**

At 10:00 am on Monday, February 18, Patriot Aquatics will celebrate their qualifiers for Junior Olympics, Senior Championships, and Sectionals with a pancake breakfast at the pool. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration and congratulate these hard working athletes. All of the swimmers who have qualified for these meets will receive their championship shirt and cap as well as additional goodies from teammates!

## **Patriots' Party, March 22**

We're going bowling! Mark your calendars for March 22 from 5 – 7 pm as all of the Patriot swimmers are invited to go bowling at the AMF Bowling Center on Douglas Avenue. For \$10.00 everyone can enjoy 2 bowling games, hotdog or pizza, chips, and a soda. During this outing we will also be recognizing all of our swimmers who competed at Junior Olympics and Senior Championships, and our winners from the Penguin Club. We will also need several chaperones to assist the coaches. The sign-up sheet is located in the office. Please sign-up and pay no later than March 14! See you there!

## **Championship Preview**

**Junior Olympics**-17 swimmers from Patriot Aquatics will race against the fastest swimmers 14 and younger from the state of Florida February 21 – 24 in Clearwater. Those swimmers are: Emily Adams, Vanessa Mikos, Caroline Oster, Sarah Cole, Jenna Dietz, Emily Draskovich, Norma Durango, Brittany Eastman, Nicole Staffeld, Breanna Nguyen, Josh Oathout, Michelle Pope, Kara Reinhold, Casey O'Grady, Jackie Sabotin, Ashley Kokins, and Kaitlyn Hite. Good luck!

**Senior Championships**-8 senior group swimmers will be traveling to Clearwater from February 28 – March 2 to take on the best in Florida at the Senior Championships which feature the best swimmers 15 and older from Florida. Those swimmers are: Chandler Armistead, Sarah Bateman, Melissa Miller, Courtney O'Grady, Jessica Pruitt, Jessica Sabotin, Jordan Smith, and Bridget Woods. Good luck!

## **Penguin Club Standings**

It's that time of year again! Time to reward all of our swimmers in Age Group 1 – 5 who come to practice when the weather begins to get cold. We had over 100 swimmers participate last year, and we want EVERY SWIMMER to qualify for an award this year and be able to celebrate at the party in March. In order to be eligible, all the swimmers need to do is come to practice, it's that simple. The more practices you come to, the bigger the prize. This year's Penguin Club will end on March 7! Last year's grand prize winners received a certificate, shirt, gift certificate and a Total Team Wares gift certificate! The current standings for each group and the combined team are now posted on the office window. See how you stack up!

## **Age Group 5 Parents' Meeting**

All swimmers in Age Group 5 must have 1 parent attend the Parents' Meeting with Coach Scott on March 10 at 5:30 pm. Scott will go over the schedules for March – August along with other important information. After the meeting, he will meet briefly with parents of new swimmers to Age Group 5 as of March 10. If you have any questions, please see Coach Scott.

## **Hotel Information**

With several travel meets in the near future, we have arranged blocks of hotel rooms at a discounted rate for those meets. There is a flyer available in the office with the information for each hotel. Please make sure to make your reservations prior to the cut-off date in order to assure the best rate possible.

## **2008 Meet Schedule**

The 2008 meet schedule is the last page of this newsletter. There have been a few minor changes to the schedule. Please save a copy of it to refer to during the year.

## **New Team Shirts & Sweatshirts**

The new Patriot Aquatics team shirts and sweatshirts are in! Every swimmer will receive a t-shirt this year with the new design. Sweatshirts are now available with a new design in both hooded and non-hooded styles for \$34 in the team store.

## **Upcoming Meets**

### **February**

21 – 24	<b>Junior Olympics, Clearwater</b> * Hotel Information available in office	14 & under qualifiers
28 – 2	<b>Senior Championships, Clearwater</b> * Hotel Information available in office	15 & older qualifiers

### **March**

8 – 9	<b>Area 2 Championships</b> *Patriot is Hosting, need volunteers!	ALL GROUPS
13 – 16	<b>Sectionals, Orlando</b>	15 & older qualifiers

## **Meet Wrap-Up**

### **Swim Orlando Invite, January 18 – 20**

43 swimmers from Patriot Aquatics raced to 172 Life Time Best Times during the long, crowded, and confusing Swim Orlando Invite. Emily Draskovich and Kara Reinhold punched tickets to the Junior Olympics with new qualifying times, 10 swimmers (Chelsey Adams, Sarah Cole, Timmy Cole, Nick de la Osa, Emily Draskovich, Brittany Eastman, Kayla Moran, Josh Oathout, Michelle Pope, Breanna Nguyen) finished in the top 8 in at least 1 individual event, and 100% Life Time Best Times were achieved by Justin Palmer, Nicole Staffeld, and James Wesley. In addition, two swimmers Nick de la Osa and Brittany Eastman, were individual event champions and finished in the Top 3 for their age group's High Point Awards. Great job Patriot!

### **Savannah Swim Team Invite, January 18 – 20**

9 Senior group swimmers traveled to Savannah, Georgia to take on swimmers from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina in a uniquely formatted meet with a short course session in the morning, and long course events offered in the afternoon. Those 9 swimmers raced to 27 Life Time Best Times, 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes by Sarah Bateman, Jessica Sabotin, and Jordan Smith as well as Top 8 finishes by Melissa Miller, Jackie Sabotin, Bridget Woods, and Kaitlyn Hite. Kaitlyn Hite also achieved her first ever Junior Olympic qualifying time in the 200 Fly. Congratulations!

### **Team Orlando Invite, January 25 & 26**

26 swimmers in Age Group 5 and the Senior group competed in just a few events, 2 or 3, at the Team Orlando Invite held at the Lake Brantley Aquatic Center. 3 swimmers won an individual event, Carlin Hagmaier, Jessica Sabotin, and Breanna Nguyen, 4 swimmers finished in the Top 3, Sarah Bateman, Brittany Eastman, Jackie Sabotin, and Jordan Smith, while everyone totaled 24 Life Time Best Times. Awesome!

### **Bolles Invite, February 8 – 10**

Nearly 50 Patriot swimmers traveled to “Jacksonville” to compete against over 600 swimmers from 3 different states and Puerto Rico. Lighting the pool on fire were 3 swimmers, Emily Adams, Vanessa Mikos and Nicole Staffeld all qualifying for the Junior Olympics! In addition, there were additional Junior Olympic qualifying times set by Emily Draskovich, Ashley Kokins, Josh Oathout, Caroline Oster, and Kara Reinhold. All in all, there were 142 Life Time Best Times, 23 swimmers finished in the Top 10 in at least 1 individual event, and 5 swimmers won at least one event (Sarah Bateman, Timmy Cole, Brittany Eastman, Bryce Nguyen, Jessica Sabotin.) Great work Patriot!

## **2008 Area 2 Championships**

At the Florida Swimming Annual Meetings, held October 13 & 14, Patriot Aquatics was selected to host the 2008 Spring Area 2 Championships. The meet will be held March 8 & 9 and will require a tremendous amount of parent help to make sure it runs smoothly.

## **Florida Top 10 Rankings**

10 Patriot swimmers currently are listed on the Florida Swimming Top 10 Rankings combining for 24 rankings: Brittany Eastman is ranked in 2 events; Bridget Woods is ranked in 1 event; Jackie Sabotin is ranked in 1 event; Georgina Lee is ranked in 1 event; Jessica Sabotin is ranked in 6 events; Jordan Smith is ranked in 4 events; Sarah Bateman is ranked in 5 events; Courtney O’Grady is ranked in 1 event; Nick de la Osa is ranked in 1 event; and Brad deBorde is ranked in 1 event. Great job!

## **2008 Olympic Trial Facts & Figures**

The 2008 US Olympic Trials are being held June 29 – July 6 in Omaha, Nebraska, and Patriot Aquatics will be represented by Sarah Bateman and Jessica Sabotin. The meet is being held in a temporary pool which will be housed inside the Qwest Center which will seat 14,000 for the Olympic Trials. Recently, USA Swimming announced they have set a ticket sales record for the Olympic Trial with over 106,000 tickets sold for the 8 day swim meet.

## **Swimmers of the Month for November & December**

### **Age Group 1-**

December-Taura Masoodi  
January-Cameron Dee

### **Age Group 2-**

December-Max Aguirre, Timmy Cole  
January-Lauren Moran

### **Age Group 3-**

December-James Wesley  
January-Brittany LaCroix

### **Age Group 5-**

December-Kara Reinhold  
January-Sarah Cole

## **Pictures Wanted**

If you have taken any picture at any meets, please e-mail them to Larry Salazar at [larry40@cfl.rr.com](mailto:larry40@cfl.rr.com) so they can be posted on our website.

## **Patriot Aquatics Website**

Our website, [www.patriotaquatics.com](http://www.patriotaquatics.com) is up and running! Check there for all of the current news, meet information, newsletters, pictures and more!

## **Private Stroke Lessons**

Private stroke lessons are available for all Patriot Aquatics members for \$40/half hour. Each lesson will be conducted by Coach Scott and will be tailored to the individual's needs. Please call Coach Scott at the office to schedule a lesson, 407-862-2207.

## **Parents' Sitting Area**

Parents are asked to please sit under the awning along the deep end or along the shallow end near the football field at practice, not behind the blocks. This is distracting to the swimmers and coaches during practice. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **February Birthdays**

Alejandro Arboleda, 2/14  
Timmy Cole, 2/11  
Allie Elam, 2/9  
Anna Gagliardi, 2/23  
Carlin Hagmaier, 2/5  
Brianna Harper, 2/20  
Jim Harper, 2/20

Camryn Helm, 2/20  
Brittany LaCroix, 2/14  
Vanessa Mikos, 2/26  
Kayla Moran, 2/15  
Josh Oathout, 2/28  
Jessica Sabotin, 2/10  
Kayla Schlegel, 2/26

