

## May Notes

**Team Picnic:** The team picnic is next Tuesday, May 12 from 6:00-7:30 PM at White Marsh Park in Bowie. Details were emailed out this weekend. We hope everyone can attend.

**May-June Training Schedule:** We will remain on our current Training Schedule through Friday, May 29. There will be no practice Monday, May 25 due to Memorial Day. June 1-June 18 practice will be at Lake Arbor Country Club. This saves us a lot of pool rent.

Seniors/Juniors/PreSeniors 5:00-7:00 PM

Age Group I and II will follow their regular time and days just at Lake Arbor instead of PGS&L.

June 22 until the end of the season we will be at Fairwood Community Pool

Senior/Juniors/PreSeniors Monday through Thursday 6:00-8:00 AM

Age Group I and II Monday through Thursday 8:00-9:00 AM

**Training Fees:** We will be sending out invoices for those with a balance due.

**June 6-7 Long Course Meet:** We can bring 40, 9 and over, swimmers to the meet at McDonough School in Owings Mills, Maryland. Coaches will be selecting swimmers to attend.

**SwimAmerica Training Session:** Saturday, May 30 there will be a mandatory training session at the SportsPlex from 8:00-10:00 AM in the Leisure pool. Swimmers who have taught before and any swimmers wishing to become a SwimAmerica teacher must attend. If you haven't taught SwimAmerica before but are interested in training to become an instructor please talk to John or Angela.

We began teaching the SwimAmerica program in 1988. We were one of the five "pilot" programs for this program that was developed and written by the American Swimming Coaches Association. We decided to start the program to meet three needs:

1. Teach children to swim and bring them into the competitive program.
2. Serve as fundraising for the competitive program.
3. Provide jobs for our swimmers.

It has been successful in all three areas and we have the reputation of being the best "Learn to Swim" program in the area.

However, swimmers who train and want to teach need to remember that it is a job. By taking the job they need to show up at the job and show up on time. Parents who put their children in our program expect to have not only a good teacher but the same teacher week to week.

**SwimAmerica Summer Site:** Fairwood has made the decision to only allow Fairwood residents to take swim lessons at their pool. We are looking for a facility to run the PM summer lessons. If you know of a pool that might be interested please let us know. It is a “win-win” situation for the community and PEAK. We only need about 1/3 of the pool, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM for six weeks.

**Team Bulletin Board:** We have a team Bulletin Board in the balcony at the SportsPlex which we haven't done much with. We would like to have a parent take charge of it and do what they want with it to help the program. We are totally open as to what to do with it. If you would like to take thin on in the fall please let us know. Thanks!