

# Parkshore Piranhas 2008

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## Suits

SUSIE RIEDER will be selling suits and goggles again this season. She will take orders for suit sizes. She has samples that your children can try on for size. Please make sure they are dry when they do so. Please submit your order to her by the last week in May. All suits needed after May will have to be ordered by parents independently.

We recommend that your child has another suit other than the team suit to use for practice so that their team suit stays in good shape all season long. Please make sure that their practice suit is one suitable for diving in and doesn't have to be pulled up continuously!

Also, please make sure your child has goggles available for every practice.

TEAM T-SHIRTS AND CAPS should be available for the intra-squad meet on June 7<sup>th</sup>. We have sponsorship opportunities for the sleeves of the team shirt this year. Please see Katie Kulp if you are interested.

## Communication

There are various ways to stay in touch with team news and goings-on.

- EMAIL: If you did not put your email address on your swim team application but would like to receive emails, please see Margie Cole, pool manager, to get added to her list.
- Each swim team family has a folder in a clear plastic box that will be put out during practice. Check your file for handouts.
- SWIMPKS.COM is our website. Erik posts results from all meets and names of "swimmers of the meet." The website also has our meet schedule and MAPS to the away meets.
- **\*\*A TIP FOR NEW FAMILIES\*\*** One of the best ways to stay informed about practices, meets, activities, and what Erik's approach is to each meet is to hang-out and listen during the last five minutes of every practice when he meets with the kids poolside. He is talking to our kids, but parents can learn a lot too!

\*\*\* Please try not to approach the coaches during practice, they have a lot of children to keep their eyes on. If you have questions please try to catch them before or after practice.

## Absentee List

It is essential that Erik knows in advance when your child is unavailable to swim in a meet. There is a folder hanging in the guard room for this purpose. Each meet is listed in this book, including the intra-squad meet and City Meet. Please list your child on the appropriate page. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THIS. Erik is always thinking way ahead of us parents and this information allows Erik to plan his swimmers for each meet ahead of time.

## Team Outings and Activities

Each season we get the team together for some outings on dry land. We go roller-skating, bowling or to the movies. These are fun filled events that swimmers and their siblings enjoy. Sign-up sheets will be posted. If you have an idea for an outing call coordinator Janice Mullin at 805-6010.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

CONCESSIONS – The concessions stand that we run at our four home meets is legendary for its quality and selection and proves to be a great fundraiser for us. This is thanks in part to brilliant organization by Margie Cole over the years, and to our wonderful parent volunteers who bake brownies and cookies, grill burgers and hot dogs and man/woman the stands. Please be prepared to bring baked goods, fruit etc. and to sign up to work a shift or two selling concessions.

Parent volunteers make Parkshore great! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities. Current availabilities include:

Senior gift coordinator

Someone to take team photo

Someone to coordinate photo ads for each age group for the City Meet heat sheet

If you are a new parent and have experience with timing, place-judging, score-keeping etc. and would like to volunteer please talk to Katie Kulp.

## Parkshore Fundraisers

New this year! We have some “Parkshore Paraphernalia!” We are pleased to announce that due to the generosity of some Parkshore parents, we will be selling some items for fundraisers and all profits will go to the Parkshore coffers. We would like to recognize and thank the following people for underwriting these products:

Scott and Susan Howell - “PKS” stickers for our cars

Tom and Jane Hardy – 3-way highlighter pens (very handy for meet heat-sheets)

Joe and Sherry Brockington – Parkshore ball caps

More on these items and prices soon!!!

## City Meet

City Meet is scheduled for July 20, 21, 22. Although this seems a long time away, here are some things to be thinking about:

- T-SHIRT DESIGN. Each year the City Meet T-shirt is adorned with a design created by an area swimmer. It has been a long time since a Parkshore swimmer's design was chosen for the back of the City Meet T-shirt. There are usually only a handful of competitors so the chance that your design will be chosen is good. For information on what elements must included, contact Katie Kulp. The deadline for entries is not set yet, but will be sometime in mid-late June. More info. in this later.
- CITY MEET HEAT SHEET ADS. The City Meet heat sheets are a great place to congratulate, wish luck, send-off a college-bound swimmer, thank someone or just plain advertise. It is inexpensive, fun and some 1000 people see it.

## Season Finale

The Piranhas always send the season out in style with an awards party and potluck supper poolside. It is always fun, sometimes sentimental, and is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.