

# South Belt Area Swim Team

Welcome SBAST members and future members to SBAST's 36<sup>th</sup> year of swimming competition.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

- Registration form for the 2007 Swimming Season
- Medical release forms. Must be filled out completely.
- A "Parent Participation" meeting notice.

We are excited about the 2007 swim season as we always are, but this year we have additional reasons to celebrate. First of all, we will be swimming at a brand new **outdoor** pool ( location later in the letter)!! We have also made the decision to discontinue our car wash fundraiser. We have however, increased our registration fees accordingly. We felt as a board that the carwash was more work, (what with printing tickets, keeping track of distribution and money collections; not to mention that our parents mostly paid for the tickets themselves as they are so hard to sell this time of the year) than it was worth. We hope the increase in registration fee will be a good trade off for our families rather than the car wash. We can always reinstate the car wash next year if the increase is a hardship.

Regular registration will be on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration hours will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, (the original Dobie High School). Registration will be in front of the building, on the Beamer Street side. Registration prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> guarantees a team t-shirt. You may continue to register at practice on Mondays until May 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration after May 1<sup>st</sup> is considered late and does not include a t-shirt. You may advance register by mailing to the following address:

James Taylor  
SBAST Registration Chairman  
4323 Seminole  
Pasadena, Texas 77504  
281 991-7994  
Email: [sbast\\_sharks@yahoo.com](mailto:sbast_sharks@yahoo.com)

The cost for the first swimmer will be \$105.00, \$75.00 for the second, \$70.00 for the third. Families with more that three swimmers may register additional swimmers at **no** additional fee. If payment is a problem, please call to work out payment terms. Club swimmers may enroll at \$70.00, rather than the \$105.00 rate; a valid USA Swim ID card must be presented at time of payment or the regular rate will apply. If you are mailing your registration, a copy of the card is required. Validity will be verified through USA swimming.

Please note that ALL first time SBAST swimmers MUST go through tryouts and MUST be verified as able to swim as determined by the SBAST swimming coach. The SBAST swimming coach MUST initial the proper location on the swimming registration form if the new swimmer has successfully passed the tryout. This is for the safety of your child.

SBAST will be the host for three (3) home swim meets plus a practice meet and travel to two (2) away meets. Meet schedule is as follows:

May 12, 2007	Practice Meet
May 19, 2007	Home vs. Heritage Park (Inter-division Meet)
June 2, 2007	Home vs. El Lago
June 9, 2007	Away vs. Clear Lake City
June 16, 2007	Home vs. Baytown
June 23, 2007	Away vs. Nassau Bay

The Last Chance Meet is the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>. Site has not been decided. Champs Series Meets will be June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> at Baytown (Ross S. Sterling High School). The practice meet will have a social/picnic afterwards. All meets will begin at 8:00 a.m. and should end no later than 3:00 p.m. Swimmers are expected to arrive by 6:30 a.m. All meet dates are on Saturday. Maps to away locations will be provided at practice the week of the meet or you may obtain them along with other updates off the league website: [www.cslswim.org](http://www.cslswim.org).

### Practice Schedule

Once again, we are very excited to announce our move to a new home pool!! While Pasadena I.S.D. has been more than generous over the past few years offering the use of both of the district's facilities during our time of need, we are very happy to be outside where there is a breeze!! Our new pool is at the following location, just a bit further south than Sage Glen for you old-timers:

Ashley Pointe Aquatic Center  
12315 Blackhawk Dive

Practices will be held Monday through Friday, beginning April 23, 2007 per the following schedule:

#### Ashley Pointe

*(Morning practices begin after school is out)*

7:00 a.m. – 8:30a.m.      9-10, 11-12 year olds  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      8 year olds and under

#### Beverly Hills Intermediate Natatorium

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.      8 year olds and under  
5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.      9-10 year olds  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.      11-12 year olds  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.      13-14 & 15 and Up

This schedule is tentative and may be changed, based on logistics. Should you have any difficulties with this schedule, please contact Coach Melinda.

### **BOUTIQUE AND SUIT FITTING**

As in the past, the registration fee includes one t-shirt per swimmer, if before May 1<sup>st</sup>; Other swim gear, extra t-shirts, etc. can be ordered through The Boutique during regular practices and home swim meets. Swimsuit fitting and sale will be Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate Pool.

### **TEAM PICTURES**

Team pictures will be taken at 7:00 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2007 at Ashley Pointe. The cost will be about \$8.00 for team pictures and \$10.00 for Memory Mate. The date and cost are subject to change. The cost of the pictures is not included in the registration fee. We would like to get all our swimmers registered as soon as possible, even if they are participating in another sport and won't be coming to practice until later, so they all have their t-shirts for team pictures.

### **PARENT MEETING**

There will be a Parent Meeting held at the Practice Meet immediately prior to the start of the meet. At least one parent of each swimmer on the team must attend. The meeting will let you know what to expect during the season and understand how important your participation is, with the various volunteer positions it takes to put on a successful and smoothly operated swim meet. We would like to limit this meeting to parents only, please. The various positions will be explained in greater detail and any questions or concerns can be answered at this time. Some questions can be answered at registration. Afterwards, parents will be given the opportunity to sign up to work in the area they feel would suit them the best. Please see the attached, for a general description of some of the participation groups. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to another successful swim season.

**Any questions during the practice sessions and meets will be limited to the Board of Directors. Coaches will be dedicated to the swimmers and cannot take their attention from the children. Parents may not question the Officials during or after the meets. All contact with Officials will be done through the Team Representatives, Deborah Helm and Sandra Rodriguez.**

Please complete the registration form **as soon as possible** and send to the address listed on page one. If you are unable to mail the registration form, please make one of the April dates for registration at Beverly Hills Intermediate. If you have any questions, please contact James Taylor either by phone or email. Home number is 281-991-7994, Mobile: 832-721-3625, Email: sbast\_sharks@yahoo.com.

## PARENT PARTICIPATION

To run a successful swim meet, it takes about 40 parents to volunteer for a few critical functions. Briefly they are:

1. The **SET UP AND CLEAN UP CREW** at home meets requires 10 to 15 people and we start setting up about 6:30 a.m. We then clean up the pool/park area during and at the conclusion of each home meet. We do minor set up and clean up at away meets.
2. **TIMER POSITIONS** for both home and away meets require at least 24 people, however we would like to have enough to divide the meet into thirds requiring a minimum of 36 volunteers.
4. **TENT AND READY AREA MONITORS** for both home and away meets require 6 to 8 people that can maintain sanity and find “out of place” kids. We would also like to have enough volunteers to break up the work into two or three groups as well.
5. **REFRESHMENT STAND WORKERS** aid in setting up the refreshment stand, selling refreshments and cleaning up the refreshment stand at home meets. There is a concessions coordinator to organize supplies and guide new workers.
6. **RUNNERS** collect entry cards and disqualification slips from timers and take them to the head scorer.
7. **SCORERS** record name, events, times and points for computer entry. Usually one assistant calls times to the head scorer who inputs the data in the computer and checks the time for accuracy. The scorers maintain a running total of each team’s score. These individuals work closely with the Clerk of Course.
8. **SOCIAL COORDINATOR** needs volunteers to assist in the making of posters for the meet and assisting in preparations for the Team Social and Banquet. Volunteers will also assist in the organization of banquet decorations, and decorations for our July 4<sup>th</sup> parade floats.
9. **STROKE AND TURN JUDGES** assess the technical form of strokes and turns according to league rules. League training is available at no cost.  
In order to become a meet starter or referee you must first train and spend time as a stroke and turn judge.

