

SWIM TEAM

Due to the hard work and great swimming of the Wahoos last year, NVSL has given us the honor of swimming in Division 1 of the NVSL against Chesterbrook, Highlands Swim, McLean, Overlee and Tuckahoe. This will be a great experience and opportunity for the Wakefield Chapel Community to represent what it means to be a Wahoo at the highest levels of competition. Our Monday night meets will include Fairfax Station, Oakton, and Little Rocky Run. and at least one other team to be determined. Our preliminary swim and social schedule will be posted on the website soon.

We encourage you to check the website often as dates and times may change. In addition to swim meets, we continue to offer all of our great Wahoo social activities, like the team picnic, pasta dinner, ice cream socials, pancake breakfasts, and pep rallies. Our theme this year is _____.

The Team Representatives this summer are Shawn Mansfield, Rob Gaskins and Rick Richter. Steve Menard is returning as the Head Coach. Joyce Schaefer returns in her role as team treasurer. Kerry Grannis is serving as team registrar.

Practices start on Tuesday, May 27 in the afternoon and moves to mornings on Tuesday, June 24. These dates may change if school attendance dates change. We will have the following changes to practice age groups and times for this coming summer:

Age Group	Afternoon (PM)	Morning (AM)
11 & over	3:30 – 4:30	7:30 – 9:00
7-10 year olds	4:30 – 5:30	9:00 – 10:00
6 & under	5:30 – 6:15	10:00 – 11:00

Registration information will be available soon. We encourage you to check the website often as new information, dates and times will be posted soon.

Swim Team Registration & Fees

Swim team registration will begin March 30. In the NVSL, a swimmer is considered to be the same age that the swimmer is on June 1 of that year. The swim team registration form can be found by visiting www.wakefieldchapelrec.org. To register, you must use the online site and pay with a credit card. Swim team registration for this year will be:

\$150.00 for one swimmer

\$275.00 for two swimmers

\$395.00 for three or more swimmers

The age group for each swimmer is determined by the age of the swimmer as of June 1. To be eligible to participate on the swim team, a child must be between the ages of 4 and 18 as of June 1, 2014.

The Minnow Program fee is an additional \$60.00 per swimmer (see the website for more information). All 4 and 5 year old swim team swimmers are required to register for the Minnow Program. Six year olds with limited swim ability – those that cannot swim safely and independently for more than one 25 meter lap (one length of the pool) at a time -- should also join the Minnow Program. If a swimmer does not join the Minnow Program initially and a coach later recommends that the swimmer should be placed in the Minnow Program, we will need to move the swimmer into the Minnow Program and charge the family the extra Minnow fee.

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Kerry Grannis.

Team T-shirts and Caps

Please register by May 9 to guarantee your requested t-shirt size. If in doubt regarding the t-shirt size, size up for best fit! If you are registering more than 3 swimmers there will be a fee of \$5.00 per extra swimmer for the t-shirt. The team is having a new cap designed this year by Cathy Moore. Pictures of the new design will be available soon. The new cap will be available for order during the registration process. The silicone caps with names are sold in sets for \$30.00. The price for latex without the name will be available during registration. The new cap is not a requirement. Swimmers can still use any Wahoo cap they choose or a plain cap with no logo or writing.

Team Suit and Spirit Wear

For this summer, the Wahoos will continue to use last summer's Nike Foil Skin suit. The girls' suits and the boys' briefs are orange; the boys' jammers are blue. The girls' suits come in two strap options: the "fast back tank" or the "cut-out tank." Team suits are optional, not mandatory. Team suits will be available for purchase from SuitUp Water Sports in Fairfax beginning April 1, 2014.

The Wahoos have some great spirit wear available. Item photos and descriptions can be viewed on the WCRA website at the WCRA Store.

Coaches

We have many coaches returning this year as well as some new faces on the deck.

Head Coach	Steve	Menard
Stroke/Turn Coach	Emily	Menard
Asst Coach	Meghan	Lynn
Asst Coach	Nathan	Hackfeld
Senior Lane Coach	James	Barker
Senior Lane Coach	Josh	Keller

The Lane Coaches will be announced in a future email.

Volunteering

The Wahoos cannot operate without the help of our volunteers. **Every swim team family is expected to help with a minimum of 3 meets and 2 (or more) support jobs or social events.** The registration process this year will include a complete list of the volunteer committees. Selection of one of the committees will be required to complete the registration process. Please consider how you would like to help your child have a great swim team summer and sign up.

I welcome your questions and suggestions, and am looking forward to a great season! Go Wahoos!

Shawn Mansfield
WCRA Team Representative