Hello Parents

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a fantastic two weeks off and are ready to hit the ground running as we move into the long course season. These last few months are going to be jam packed with events, swim meets, and fundraisers.

Casino & Golf Tournament

We currently need two people to fill the following shifts for our upcoming casino:

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May 10th - 7:00 pm - 3:30 am
May 11th - 11:00 am - 7:30 pm
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Please email me directly at robin.lovola@ncsaswim.ca to volunteer.

Please note if all shifts are not filled, a \$250 bond may be cashed.

This is our largest fundraiser and as I have mentioned before, only 20% of our parents are volunteering on a regular basis.

Our fundraising efforts go directly towards the operating costs of the program, it is a way to generate income outside of your pocket. To date we have only had one non-mandatory fundraiser.

Last season we had 8 fundraisers, many people voiced their complaints of the time commitment and having to bother the same family members and friends over and over again.

Which is why we have moved to three major fundraisers.

The casino - I am struggling to fill all the time slots.

The golf tournament - out of 126 families, to date 21 have fulfilled their mandatory obligation of the following:

Register a team of 4 players - this is vital - we need 144 players to make this event happen. Without players, there will be no tournament and the board will have to consider a substantial increase to swim fees next season.

Or

Donate items for our silent auction - minimum \$500 retail value

Or

Secure sponsorship of a minimum of \$500 value.

We have families that are going up and above this required amount. We have families that are the first to volunteer and are doing more than their share. Your time and commitment to your swimmers is greatly appreciated.

However the far majority of families are not reading their emails and/or are not participating.

The alternative is to raise fees and not have any outside events - which include swim meets, not only are they vital to your swimmer's success, they are a needed source of income.

The busiest part of the season is upon us. We need everyone to stay informed and stay involved.

"Our main purpose is to serve the swimmers. We're here because of them."

Swimmer's Social Event - Save the DATE!

The swimmer's social committee would like to invite ALL NCSA swimmers and their NCSS siblings to FITSET NINJA on Saturday May 4th from 5:45 - 8:00 pm

This event will cost \$25 per person which includes exclusive use for NCSA families only for two hours, pizza, and a bag of chips. Your account will be charged directly.

Please sign up prior to April 26, 2024

If your swimmers are 11 or under, parents do need to stay and supervise.

What to bring: water bottle

What to wear: clean athletic shoes (no vans, converse, flat bottoms etc - very easy to turn/break an ankle in these type of shoes) and athletic wear

Location: 3691 19th Street NE - Calgary

FITSET NINJA SIGN UP

Hope to see a fantastic turn out for this super fun event!

Victoria Day

Please note that there will be NO WORKOUT, Monday May 20th as the facilities close early for Victoria Day.

Fernie

Next weekend NCSA will be taking a record number of 114 swimmers to Fernie, shattering the record set last year.

Next week I will be sending out an agenda and all the need to know information for the weekend to those attending the meet.

Our team dinner will be taking place Saturday night at the Fernie Community Hall. If your family would like to attend, please fill out the following form prior to Wednesday April 17th.

PIZZA FORM

Following the team dinner will be the Minute to Win it activities for all swimmers and siblings.

I need **14 volunteers** to help run the stations. Please email me directly at robin.loyola@ncsaswim.ca if you are able to help out. All instructions and materials needed will be supplied.

This event will run from 7:30 - 8:30 pm at the Fernie Community Hall.

The dream team of Kirk & Dwayne will be offering breakfast (eggs, sausage, pankages, coffee etc) in the parking lot of Park Place lodge and lunch (burgers and fixings) at the pool. Once we know interest, the cost will be communicated however it will beat the Fernie restaurant prices and quality by a landslide.

Please fill out the following form if you are or are not going to be participating in the dream team meals.

Please note, you do not have to commit to all meals.

TEAM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FORM

We also need ONE FEMALE CHAPERONE for this meet. If you are able to help out, please email Head Coach Dave at david.loyola@ncsaswim.ca

NCSA is strong because of parent involvement.

We are known for our hospitality at swim meets.

We are known for the high quality of swim meets.

We have been described as "a club that is more like a big family."

This is 100% due to parental involvement.

The reasons why your child chooses to swim vary but they all require the same support. Support that goes beyond transportation to and from the pool.

Dream it, train it, live it!

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