



Hosted by Palatine Tiger Sharks

Committee UPDATE

Last Thursday night (1/26), the Age Groups Championship Hosting Committee for our Swim Team met once again. The Committee has been meeting regularly since October of last year. The Committee is made up of several Board Members of the Team as well as several non-Board participants - all of whom share a (obviously very strong) commitment to our Team and to our Swimmers.

Since January, the Committee has been meeting each week on Thursday evenings. Several meetings have been attended by a representative of Illinois Swimming (ISI), too.

That's one of the big coordinations that the Committee must address - working with ISI to ensure the absolute best championship meet experience for every age group swimmer in the entire State of Illinois. Additionally, coordinating with UIC staff to ensure everything is ready for the meet to be held at their Natatorium that Championship weekend. Several "walk-arounds" at UIC by Committee members are necessary to ensure everything is as perfect as possible for our hosting of this premier event.

Hospitality for Coaches, concessions for spectators, equipment and supplies, coordinating volunteers, coordinating "the money", admissions, heat sheets, computer administration, awards and decorations, overnight facilities, onsite vendors, meet logo . . . and on and on . . .

All of these things and much more are what the Committee has already been working on for several months and will continue to work on over the next 6 weeks to ensure our Program's success in running a quality State Championship Meet.

We've done this before. In 2005 and again in 2007, our Program successfully hosted the Illinois Senior Championships. Each time, we were honored to receive high marks for our graciousness to all of Illinois through our hosting of these Championship meets. In 2008, our Program hosted the National Time Trials for the Summer International Deaflympics. Again high accolades were received for our efforts.

Now it's time for our Program to be stepping up again!!! So far so good.

If you'd like to attend these meetings or be a part of this very important decision making process as we approach the AGC's; or, to just offer to help out in any way that you can, please contact Board President, Tom Lucas.

PLEASE MAKE SURE AND SIGN UP ON THE WEBSITE FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER HOUR COMMITMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS!!

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP FACTS

3 Days, 9 Sessions

Friday, March 9
Saturday, March 10
Sunday, March 11

Location:

University of Illinois at
Chicago
Natatorium
Roosevelt Rd, Chicago

by the Numbers:

~ 1,300 swimmers
~ 90 swim programs
~ 300 coaches
~ 100 officials
~ 3,250 attendees

Volunteers Needed:

Estimated that 450
6-hour volunteer slots are
needed to be filled over 9
sessions in 3 days

Volunteer Information:

Each swim family
requested to fill 2 6-hour
slots if no swimmer in the
meet or 3 6-hour slots if a
swimmer in the meet

Volunteers will be
provided free parking

Students can earn service
hours by filling a
volunteer slot for the
swim team at this meet

Key Contacts

Board President
Tom Lucas
Volunteer Coordinators
Betsy Smith
and Jane Sanchez
Treasurer
Ann Portmann

Look at the words in that banner above:
"Hosted by Palatine Tiger Sharks"

Just what do those words mean? First and foremost, quite frankly, they mean a ton of fun for Palatine Swim Team parents!!

They also carry a lot of responsibility for our Program.

Why do this? Why take on such a whole lot of awesome fun and such an awesome amount of responsibility?

The satisfaction and reward of being a part of one of the top teams in the entire State of Illinois just cannot be measured. Hosting high quality meets, including championship meets like this, set our program apart from many others.

The financial reward is also very important to the success of our program. We host meets because they are our biggest fundraisers. Aside from registration fees, this is how our program makes money. So, if we don't host meets, fees must go up. It's just that simple.

Our program has been around for almost 45 years. We just hosted the 33rd Annual Winter Splash. Last Fall, we hosted the 1st Annual Fall Frenzy. This Summer, we will host the 7th Annual Summer Frenzy and the 30th Annual Summer Splash. As you can see, hosting meets is nothing new for our Team.

Time and again our Program has stepped up and made a difference in the swimming community.

THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE!!!!



----- Original Message -----

From: Tom Lucas

To:

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 10:10 AM

Subject: Age Group 2012 Championship
Meet Volunteers

WE need YOU! No, really, we need **YOU** to volunteer your time at the Age Group Championship meet in March. The Tigersharks Swim Team has been honored with the privilege to host this high visibility meet. You ask "WHY do this?" it seems like a lot of work. Yes it will be. Our team, while not for profit, has real daily costs. Our main expenses are coaches' salaries and pool rental expense. We are fortunate to have three full time coaches and three part-time coaches. We also have access to three pools during the winter and three beautiful pools during the summer.

One big advantage to hosting this prestigious meet is the income the team derives from the event. It will help us hold registration costs in check for all levels of the swim team. While we will have a slight fee increase in 2012, without this meet, fees could go up \$70 or more per swimmer per season. The parent board works hard on keeping our costs among the lowest in the northwest suburbs.

We are asking for **all** of our swim families to help out at this prestigious meet to help us earn those dollars to defray the pending increase. We need over 300 volunteer positions filled over the course of three days. There are many positions available. When you volunteer we will provide gated parking at the pool complex. We need to cover the following areas: safety marshals, timers, concessions, admissions, and hospitality among others. If you have high school age children that need service hours, we can arrange to help them meet their commitments.

Please make a point RIGHT NOW to log in to <http://www.ppdswim.org> to commit to the volunteer staff. Find a friend to volunteer with; bring the whole family. We need YOU to pull this off, join the team today.

THANK YOU!

Tom Lucas

Parent Board President

AGC2012 Meet Director



Attention All 2012 Age Group Championship Swimmers & Families!

Palatine Tigersharks would like to offer you the chance to order swimmer banners for the 2012 Age Group Championship Meet. You may include your child's name, one of three slogans and a personal message; they will also include this season's AGC logo. These banners will be 2½ feet by 3½ feet wide. They will be digitally printed on vinyl, with seamed edges and two metal grommets, they will be hung at UIC during AGC; after your child's last swim you or your child may take them home with you as a keepsake. We will post directions on our website on how to claim your banners when the time comes.

Order forms are available on our website (ppdswim.org – click on meet info, in the drop down menu select Age Group Champs).

The cost for the banners is \$60.00. If you would like to order a banner please print the order form from our website, fill it out and mail it with a check payable to Palatine Swim Team. Orders must be received by **Wednesday, February 22, 2012**.

If you have any questions please contact Liz Rodney at liz.rodney@gmail.com.

CURRENT WISH LIST:

- 30+ Cup Coffee Pot(s)
 - Paper Towel Rolls
 - Paring and Serrated Knives (will be returned to you)
 - Cutting Boards (will be returned to you)
 - Oven Mitts (will be returned to you)
 - Ladels (will be returned to you)
 - Serving Spoons (will be returned to you)
 - Metal Tongs (will be returned to you)
- Assistance cutting out paper shamrocks for the swimmers
- Small microwave (need 2; will be returned to you)



AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Glenn Brown
- Tom Lucas
- Ann Portmann
- Betsy Smith
- Jane Sanchez
- Dan Anderson
- Stacy Ruben
- Ellen Eibel
- Doug Plager
- Brier Nelson
- Nicole Carlisle
- Georgia Pappas
- Cindy Champa
- Liz Rodney
- Lori & James Brustad
- Joanna Bartosik
- Theresa Buckman

Extraordinary THANKS to these and others that are making extraordinary contributions to the hosting of the Age Group Championship Meet and it's success!!!!

2005 Illinois Senior Championships Hosted by Palatine Tigersharks

