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Woodstock Dolphins 2.0

As we prepare for the upcoming short course season you will begin to see many changes from the Dolphins of the past. Some of these changes are mentioned below while others will be mentioned at the upcoming parents meeting or throughout the year. We, the Board of Directors, feel that while change can be good, it shouldn't be done just for the sake of change. Some changes will be noticeable as you first walk on deck or sit up in the viewing area. Others may not be seen for a period of time as we put the foundation in place to ensure their success. And still others may never be seen but may, over time, impact you from an overall improvement in processes or programs. But regardless of whether the change is seen or not, rest assured that any change made will have been made with the goal of improving the team first. We will continue to update you, the members, on our progress of transforming the Woodstock Dolphins from 1.0 to 2.0. More to come....

Woodstock Dolphins Secures Sponsorship with Nike Swim & Elsmore Swim Shop

We are proud to announce that The Woodstock Dolphins have entered into an agreement with Nike Swim and Elsmore Swim Shop to be our official team sponsors. This is a huge win / win for us, Nike, and Elsmore. You will soon see the famous *Swoosh* on the team site, documents, and caps as well as the Elsmore logo on our site.

How this impacts you.... In our agreement with Nike it is agreed that all suits going forward will be Nike brand suits. We will post the link to Elsmore Swim Shop soon so that you can review the options available. The cost of suits is comparable to those in the past and in most cases less than those in the past. There will be a grandfather period for those who recently purchased a new suit - but - by the beginning of the long course season (summer), all swimmers will be required to have the new Dolphins suit. Elsmore will provide team prices for all Nike products that are offered for sale.

Other benefits include: new teams banners, a kick back from Nike swim of 10% based on a purchase goal amount, and a kick back from Elsmore Swim Shop of 5% on purchases through the online store. Swimmers who qualify for upper level meets (Speedo Sectionals, JR or SR Nationals, Olympic Trials) are eligible for additional discounts for tech suits and Nike Gear.

More details surrounding suit requirements will be addressed during the mandatory parent meeting.



Upcoming Meets

Fox Fall Splash:

10/19 - 10/20

Registration Deadline:

September 14th, 2013

Location:

Neuqua Valley High School

Naperville, IL

J-Hawk SYOA High Point

10/26 - 10/27

Registration Deadline:

Will be on website soon!

Location:

Williams Center

U-W Whitewater

PX-3 Welcome to Winter

11/15 - 11/17

Registration Deadline:

Will be on website soon!

Location:

Recplex Aqua Arena

Pleasant Prairie, WI

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Dolphin Logo Gets Refreshed

Over the past few seasons we have heard from you, and others, that the current Woodstock Dolphins logo needed to be refreshed. Some thought it looked outdated, others thought it looked a bit childish and still others thought it looked perfectly fine. After taking all of this into consideration, we are proud to introduce the new Woodstock Dolphins official logo!



The previous logo, having served the team exceptionally well over the past number of years, is now in retirement and enjoying life in South Florida. We would be happy to hear your thoughts on the new look so please feel free to email any board member.

August & September Birthdays!

A Very Happy Birthday to our Dolphin Swimmers who have/had birthdays in August or September!

Mateo Alcazar, Adeline Arana, Megan Baker, Veronica Baker, Brooke Brasile, Quinton Cynor, Mary Doerr, Lindsey Ferguson, Cooper Goerlitz, Maggie Griffin, Jack Hansen, Abigail Harris, Abigail Heidtke, Frank Herff, Bojidar Kostov, Ella McClurg, Kaina Gonzalez, Nicholas Fabrycy, Annie Qiu, Wallace Rinquest, Jessa Scott, Cole Seeger, Karsen Seeger, Rebekah Shearer, Hailey Strobert, Gareth Williams, Molly Wollpert, Spencer Wuerl, Bella Zecchin, Ellie Fortin, & Amanda Sincere

Mandatory Parent Meeting!

There will be a **mandatory** parent meeting at Woodstock North High School on Wednesday Sept 18th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and again on Thursday Sept. 19th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. A parent, or legal guardian, will be required to attend one of these meetings. We will have a lot to discuss so please plan on being on time. Also, due to limited classroom seating, we also ask that this be an adult only meeting. Siblings may remain at the pool viewing area as long as they are under other adult supervision. When you arrive, please make sure you check in so that we can get your swimmer's shirt size. (the cost is included with your fees.)



Upcoming Meets:

BSC 33rd Annual Mustang Classic

11/22-11/24

Registration Deadline:

Will be on website soon!

Location:

Barrington High School

Barrington, IL

WDST 5th Annual Splashtastic

Registration Deadline:

Will be on website soon!

Location:

Woodstock North High School

Woodstock, IL

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Culvers Fundraiser

On Monday September 9th we will be having a Dolphins Fundraiser. The fundraiser will run all day from 10am until 10pm. At 5pm, the coaches will be there to mix and mingle and meet the families and swimmers. Please come out, support your team and have a bite to eat and meet your new Head Coach Mike Kavanaugh, New Assistant Coaches Theresa Albrecht and Adam Steinken, and of course our outstanding coaches George Keenan, Ben Bradley, and Zach Zankle. You will need to print out the below flier and bring it with you so the team can get credit for your purchase.



Woodstock Dolphins Swim Team Dine out at Culver's

When: Monday Sept 9th 2013

Hours: 10:00am-10:00pm

Starting at 5:00pm the Dolphin coaches will be on hand for a special meet and greet

Where: Culver's, 1620 W Lakeshore Dr, Woodstock,
815.337.5730

How: Bring this form to the restaurant for dine in or carry- out. Be sure to give the flier to the cashier so we can earn 15% back for our ***(Woodstock Dolphins)***

to maximize fundraising dollars we ask that coupons are not used during this time

***A huge thanks to Culver's Owners Barry and Jan and their Culver's Team!**

Fundraising & Firecracker Round up

This is an important and critical function of any not-for-profit organization. During the summer season our fire cracker fundraiser raised more than \$11,000. This helped us in purchasing new, badly needed equipment, that otherwise would have to of come from our general equipment budget. It is fundraising events such as these that help us maintain expenses, replace worn equipment, and improve our team. You will be hearing more about future fundraising events. We are also always looking for ideas and volunteers to help us in this cause. If you would like to be on the fundraising committee please email board member Janine Heidtke.



Team Sponsors

Culvers

1620 W Lake Shore Dr
Woodstock, IL 60098
815-337-5730

American Family Insurance

821 E Grant Hwy
Marengo, IL 60152
(815) 568-8050

City Square Dental

232 Main St
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815)-337-1932

Pampered Chef

271 Clover Chase
Woodstock, IL 60098
Sweetpchef@gmail.com

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Calling All Officials! We need you!

We recently added a "Becoming an Official" Section to the Website. There, we have put some resources on there on what it means to be an official, the upcoming clinic dates (along with registration), and a couple of additional resources.

Having officials is a requirement if we want to continue to host events such as Splashtastic and summer/winter conference. Hosting meets generates a considerable amount of revenue to the team and will continue to be critical to the financial health of the team.

There is an upcoming training in Mundelein, IL (half hour east of Woodstock) on 09/29/13. We would love to have a great showing from Woodstock! This is the closest training session to Woodstock.

There are many benefits to becoming an official:

- Understand your swimmer's sport more
- Be on deck and close to the action, you don't have to pay for meet admission or heat sheets
- Helping the team to run its own meets

Becoming an official is not hard or that time intensive. You are greatly helping the team!

The club officials are essential to the long term development of the team, and that is why we really encourage volunteering your time.

We are here to answer questions and provide guidance. Please contact Coach Mike (Coachmkavanaugh@gmail.com) or Tom Cynor (tcynor1@comcast.net) if you have any questions.