



Duck Tales

2012-2013 Holiday Party

Are you looking for something to do over winter break? Do you want to see all your friends from the summer? Then we have the perfect solution for you! The BLST 2012-2013 holiday party is scheduled for Friday, Dec 28, 2011 at Hard Times Cafe & Cue. We have reserved the room upstairs from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and will be providing appetizers and soft drinks. There will be a raffle for a parking space near the gate for all home meets this summer, but you must be present to win.

The event is listed on the team website (www.benlomondswimteam.com). While we would like people to log in and commit to attending this event, it's OK if you haven't had a chance to sign up. Come and enjoy spending time with your friends!

2013 Sponsorship Drive Kickoff

It's that time again. The Holiday Party also marks the beginning of our 2013 Sponsorship Drive. Last year we raised over \$3,400, but only with a last minute push by a handful of families. This year we are hoping to match or exceed that amount to help pay for some costly equipment expenditures (like new lane lines) that are in our near future, and to help cover the cost of the team t-shirts that all swimmers receive with registration. If each sponsor donates the minimum amount of \$100, this means we need at least 34 sponsors. With over 150 swimmers this should be something we can achieve, but we need everybody to work hard. The form for team sponsors is available on the team website under the documents tab. If you have any questions, feel free to email Christy Kinck at cgk426@comcast.net.

Winter Clinics

It is also time to start thinking about our winter clinics. We normally have 10 1-hour sessions starting in late February and running through early May. This is a great opportunity for your swimmers to get back into the water and get in shape for the summer, and for our high school swimmers maintain what they have started over the winter sports season. It is also a chance for swimmers who are interested in joining the team to learn what we are all about. We will have a sign up sheet available at the Holiday Party for anyone who is interested.

We are also looking for assistant coaches and volunteer coach's aides for the winter clinics. Being a volunteer coach's aide is a great chance to learn what it takes to be an assistant coach for the team during the summer. We would love to hear from anyone who is 13 or older and wants to help the team. Anyone who is interested should complete the application that is available on the team website under the documents tab, and submit it to either Chris Wilson or Gerry Peters by January 31. (Their e-mail addresses are available on the website under the Coaches tab.)

Season Tickets for Splashdown

If you are looking for a last minute Christmas gift, or just looking to save a little money, Splashdown has season tickets on sale now for \$50 per person. Tickets are available online at www.splashdownwaterpark.com, but this price will only be offered until January 15.