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Fox Valley Wave Swim Team

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Important Dates

May 2, 16, 30 Script Order Due

May 9, 23 Script Pick Up

May 15

Parent Board Meeting 6:00 pm- Virtual

Spring Swim Meets

May 6-7

MayFly Home Swim Meet @ Appleton North, *Good for all levels and Mandatory*

May 14-15

ASC Spring Meet @ Ashwaubenon, *Good for all* levels

May 14-15

SSTY Distance/Sprint Meet @ Brown Deer, Good for Gold and Senior level

May 20-22

Speedo Premier @ Rec Plex, Pleasant Prairie, Prelims/finals meet with qualifying times

June 3-5

HSSB Summer Meet @ Howard Suamico, *Good for* all levels

June 3-5 SEA Pirate Plunge

Message from Coach Leanne

The spring season is in full swing, and I am feeling incredibly excited about my new adventure with the Fox Valley Wave. I've enjoyed getting to know many of the swimmers and parents and look forward to meeting the rest of you soon. I have determined, there is so much potential on this team and we are ready to grow!

Leaving Eau Claire after 24 years was one of the biggest challenges I've faced, yet. My two adult sons are still there, so I'm grateful we are only a few hours apart, and technology makes connecting easier. I did, however, bring my best girl Sadie along. Sadie is 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and 80 pounds of pure awesome, and she LOVES to swim! The highlight of her life is swimming with mom in the summer and at the end of summer dog days at the area pools. She could swim all day if I let her, here is a picture of her at Fairfax Pool.

Leanne's History

I grew up swimming primarily in the Twin Cities area for Brooklyn Swim Club under the direction of Tom Franke, currently one of the US Paralympic Coaches. He took our "B/C" level team and turned it into a squad of nationally competing athletes. I swam Zones and Junior Olympics in distance freestyle. Coach Tom always gave us his best on deck. He was invested in us, as athletes and as human beings, and worked us beyond anything we dreamed we could handle. He believed in us, and we knew that anything was possible once we started believing in ourselves. And it was. I believe that you as swimmers have what it takes to make the seemingly impossible, possible every time you enter the pool. **BELIEVE**. I sure do. That's a little about me.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact me directly at coachleanne.wave@gmail.com with questions, concerns or celebrations. Go Wave!



MayFly Reminders

Our MayFly swim meet will be held on *May 6 and 7, 2022* at Appleton North Pool. The volunteer sign up is *LIVE* if you haven't already done so, please sign up for an empty slot if there is one. *Each family is required to volunteer*. If your volunteer requirement is not met, you will be charged \$200.

Training for each volunteer opportunity is provided, so new families, don't worry about not knowing what that job specifically does at the time of sign up.

If you are unable to volunteer at the meet, there may be other opportunities available. Please contact Angie Borchardt (angieborchardt@hotmail.com) for more information.





May Birthdays

5/1 - Benjamin Frase

5/7 – Marilyn Zimmerman

5/9 - Remington Marta

5/12 - Ritu Sundvor

5/16 - Daniel Lewis

5/27 - Molly Scherer

Education Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended the Swim Meet 101 meeting held in April. If you missed it or have further questions please reach out to Katie Loken, Education Coordinator, (katie.loken@gmail.com)

New Swimmer Information

Welcome new swimmers! We are so very excited to have you and your families as part of our team. Here is some general information, if you ever have any questions, please reach out to any board members or team parents, we are all happy to help you, and it is a great way to get to know other swim parents.

- Parents are welcome to stay during practice; however, please stay on the bleachers or in the entrance area. Parents are not allowed on deck.
- Swimmers should be ready to go at the start of practice. Please remember all equipment and bring a water bottle to each practice. Our equipment list(s) are located on our website under the *Practice Teams* tab.
- Please pick up your swimmers from practice no later than 10 minutes after the end of practice. This should give your swimmer plenty of time to get changed and ready to go home.
- If you have any questions about practice or your swimmer's performance, please wait until after practice to talk to the coach or set up a time to meet.

Follow our Facebook page, and Instagram account, and join our private Facebook group called *Fox Valley Wave Parents Group*.



Social Coordinator Needed

We will not be having a Banquet this year; however, we are looking for someone to fill the Social Coordinator position. Specifically, an individual (or a few individuals) to plan an *End of Summer Pool Party* to celebrate the team and Coach Curt's retirement. If you like to plan social events and are looking to get more involved with the Wave, please reach out to angieborchardt@hotmail.com for more information!

Spring Fundraising



The required Spring fundraising amount is \$25 per swimmer. This will be billed to each swimmer's account on May 1, 2022. Wave families can help offset these fees through Scrip and HuTerra if you chose.

Congratulations Corner



Congratulations Coach Leanne!!!

Coach Leanne was selected to the Team Wisconsin coaching staff for Central Zone Pool Championships!





MayFly Sponsors

Thank you to our 2022 Mayfly sponsors. We appreciate your continued support of the youth of the Fox Valley Wave Swim team!















Where to get your news?

The team website should always be your first stop to locate information. Other ways to find out what is happening at the Wave are listed below:

Newsletters – The newsletter comes out around the first of every month and is emailed and posted to the website.

Emails – We try to limit the number of emails we send out but <u>please</u> <u>read</u> what is sent out as it is usually very important information.

Facebook – We have a team Facebook page as well as a **"Fox Valley Wave Parents Group"**. The parent page is a closed group; simply ask to join and you will be approved.

Text Messages – The fastest way to hear about cancelled practices is to sign up to receive text messages from the team. For instructions on how to sign up, check out the <u>Click Here</u>

Best Time Beads Help Needed

We offer best time beads to swimmers in the Bronze groups after each meet when they receive their best time in an event. We need someone to coordinate, create, and pass out the best time beads for the upcoming Spring and Summer seasons. If you are interested in this non-board position, that you can do from home, please reach out to Angie Borchardt, Communications Coordinator at angieborchardt@hotmail.com.

