

Gator Gossip

The week of July 16, 2007

Thank you!!!!

A special thank you to all parents and other volunteers who have helped out, not only at the practices, but also at the meets. We really could not do what we do with out the help of many volunteers.

Great Job Gators

The coaches are so proud of their swimmers. The behavior at the meets has been beyond exceptional. You are representing your team and your community in a very positive way! Keep up the great work!!!

Practice:

Date	Morning	E
Monday, July 16th	9:00 – 10:00	5 : 0
Tuesday, July 17th	9:00 – 10:00	5 .
Wednesday, July 18th	9:00 – 10:00	5 .
Thursday, July 19th	9:00 – 10:00	S w i
Friday, July 20th	No Practice on Fridays	

- In the case of **inclement weather**, parents can call either **Coach Kathy at 815/784-2366**, which will have a recorded message, or they can call **Linda Underwood at 815/405-1064**.
- Remember that if the temperature falls below 75 degrees, only the older kids will practice.
- **Event Forms must be turned in by Monday's evening practice** – these are important, one, so that the coaches know you are attending and two, so they can place you appropriately.

Practice Information:

- Swimmers must wear their **team suit** to all practices and meets.
- **No jewelry allowed** at practice or meets – this is a safety issue more than anything else.
- Swimmers must check in at attendance – **NOT PARENTS**.
- **BE ON TIME!!!!!!** Practice time is limited – that hour goes fast, being on time is important to meet the needs of all swimmers. This is especially important for meets; there is a possibility of missing an event if you are late.

Important Reminders:

- It is your **child's responsibility** to check in for attendance – please have your child check in!!!
- The team is in need of quart size bags, to put the ribbons in after a meet, if you could donate a box – one per family, it would be great.

Check the Lost and Found:

Our box is starting to bulge. Please check out the lost and found, it is out at every meet and most practices.

Notes for the Meet:

Our meet on Thursday is against Marengo here at the Genoa pool. We are scheduled to do warm ups at 5:00. It will be the same as last week. Remember that we need volunteers to help out – if you have not signed up please check in at attendance. Swimmers should eat a big lunch on the day of the meet; lots of carbs, like mac n' cheese. **DO NOT** eat right before the meet. Good snacks to bring include, grapes, and uncooked jello. **BEWARE** of electronics at the meet, things do have a way of coming up missing, the coaches are not responsible for personal belongings. The best bet is to **NOT** bring them at all.

Personal Best Ribbons:

As a swimmer, you can't always control who you are swimming against or what heat you are put in, but you can challenge yourself to swim your best. The personal best ribbons are to honor your best and should be what every swimmer strives for. If you find an error on any of the ribbons, please write a note to either Coach Emily or Coach Paul and give it to Mrs. Underwood at attendance.

50/50 Raffle at home Meets:

We will be having a 50/50 raffle at all home meets; the money raised will go toward the Gary Jurs Memorial Scholarship Fund. Gary was Coach Kathy's husband and since his death, she has established a scholarship fund in his memory.

Swim-A-Thon, July 21st:

The swim-a-thon information is being handed out and can be picked up from attendance. The purpose of the swim-a-thon is to raise money for the Gary Jurs Memorial Scholarship. We can always use parent volunteers to help out with counting laps. This is such a worthy cause, we hope all will participate.

Parent Volunteers:

We are always looking for parent volunteers, our team wouldn't be a team without you!!! We need parents to volunteer to help at upcoming meets – there are MANY open slots, we still need some for July 19^h.

Meet Schedule:

Date:	Where:	
Thursday, July 12th	Genoa	vs. Fox Valley YMCA, Plano
Thursday, July 19th	Genoa	vs. Marengo
Saturday, July 21st	Genoa	Swim-a-thon, proceeds for Scholarship
Thursday, July 26th	Genoa	vs. Dixon YMCA
Tuesday, July 31st	Marengo	Fun Meet – This is a Change
Thursday, August 2nd	Genoa	End of Season Party

Fun Meet

Date has changed!! More information to come.

Phone Numbers:

Coach Kathy 815-784-2366
Coach Emily and Coach Paul 815-784-6634
Linda Underwood 815-405-1064

No team is complete without the family behind it! 