

May 2019

Dear Swim Team Parents,

Welcome to another exciting swim season! It is hard for me to believe that school will be out in just a few short weeks, but I can't wait to see all of your smiling faces soon! As we embark upon a new season, there are many important dates and changes to mark on your calendar.

Joining me again this season is Lisa Valenti. Lisa is the former head coach of Candlewood and brings with her much coaching experience and knowledge about swimming. We are both former Candlewood swimmers and uphold the values of the Candlewood Swim Team family. It is also my pleasure to announce our fabulous returning parent representatives Mrs. Catherine Idank, Mrs. Kathy VanderGoot and Mrs. Lori Conte. It is also with great pleasure that I welcome two new parents who will be transitioning into parent rep roles: Mrs. Susan Merkel and Mrs. Tara Lovgren. All of these women will be coordinating our events and parent volunteers throughout the season.

The following important pre-season practice dates will help in preparing our swimmers for our first meet against Freehold on June 29th. They are as follows:

**Tuesday June 11th**

Ages 10 & under- 4:30-5:30 PM

**Wednesday June 13th**

Ages 11 & up-4:30-5:30 PM

**Wednesday June 19th**

Ages 11 & up-4:30-5:30 PM

Ages 10 & under - 5:30 - 6:30 PM

**Saturday June 22nd**

Ages 11 & older- 9:00-10:00 AM

Ages 9-10-10:00-10:45 AM

Ages 8 & under- 10:45-11:30 AM

In an effort to maintain the safety of all of our swimmers, you will notice that we are continuing to divide the pre-season practices as well as regular season practices by age group. This year, the groups are divided into 3 age groups: 8 & under, 9-12 and 13 & older. This is to ensure a balanced number of

children in each practice and to make sure there is room in the lanes. Please adhere to the practice schedule as closely as possible. We appreciate your continued cooperation in helping to make this season run as smoothly as possible.

The following is the regular season practice schedule that begins on June 24th:

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

Ages 9 -12: 8:00-8:45 AM

Ages 8 & under: 8:45 – 9:30 AM

**Monday, Wednesday**

Ages 13 & up: 8:00-9:30 AM

**Friday**

Ages 13 & up: 7:00-8:00 PM

Please make sure to check our website, [www.candlewoodsundevils.com](http://www.candlewoodsundevils.com) frequently for updates and information. All of the information in this letter can also be found on the website. During the season, swimmers and parents will be able to find their times from meets as well. In the event of inclement weather, we will post cancellations of practices and/or meets. Most importantly, registration is online. These forms will go directly to the coaches.

There are a few other very important dates to mark on your calendar. The first one is **Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 PM**. This is when we will have the MANDATORY parent meeting at Candlewood. Since our team has grown significantly over the years, we truly need your support to make this season run as smooth as possible. There will be many important topics covered including important dates, committees and events.

The team suit will be the same as last year, a black lycra TYR suit called, "TYR Maxfit Tyreco," and it will contain the Sundevil logo from our sweats. The boys' suit is a jammer with the logo on the side of the leg. The cost will be \$32. The girls' suit will have the logo on the hip, and the cost will be \$49. As in years past, we will be using Swim New Jersey. Representatives from Swim New Jersey will be coming to Candlewood on Tuesday June 12th from 4-6 PM to fit the swimmers for the suits. Due to the silk screening process that must be completed for the logo, swimmers will not have their suits to take home on this date. However, we will have them in time for our first meet on June 29th.

If you cannot attend the suit fitting, you are more than welcome to visit the Swim New Jersey store (located inside Swim Quest building) located in Tinton Falls to size and order the suit. The address and telephone number for the store are on our website. Once they are silk-screened they are NON-Refundable. Swim NJ accepts credit cards, cash, and checks. When they come for the suit fitting, they

will have caps, practice suits, goggles and other items to purchase. While the team suit is by no means mandatory, we do believe it promotes team unity.

We will hold our **Annual Car Wash on Sunday July 7th from 9 AM to Noon**. In addition, the American Cancer Society Swim Marathon has been scheduled for **Thursday July 11th from 8 AM until Noon** at Candlewood. We will continue to stagger the schedule based on age groups for the Swim Marathon again this year to ensure safety for all swimmers.

The first Championship meet will be held on **Saturday July 20th for our 13 & up swimmers**. This meet will take place at Freehold YMCA and will start at approximately 6:30 AM. The second Championship meet will be held on **Sunday July 21st for our 12 & under swimmers**. This meet will take place at Monmouth Heights and will start at approximately 6:30 AM.

Lastly, our team party will be held on Friday July 26th at 5:30 PM. The rain date will be Saturday July 27th at 5:30 PM. More information regarding the team party will be discussed during practices and on the website.

We are greatly looking forward to the upcoming season and hope that this year has been a great one for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you at the parent meeting on June 13th. Please be sure to check out our website and register your swimmers no later than June 23rd.

Swimmingly Yours,

Coach Katie and Coach Lisa