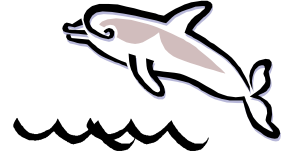


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May 2009

The pool will open in less than 30 days. It is time to dust off your bathing suits, noodles, and goggles. Freedom Swim Club will open on May 23, 2009. Following are the hours of operation until school closes: Monday-Thursday 4:00-7:00; Friday 4:00-9:00; Saturday 12:00-9:00; and Sunday 12:00-7:00.

A pool cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. We need volunteers to help with this year's cleanup. Please email Kim Nava at navasix@verizon.net to schedule your family's participation. This can be a lot of fun and a good way to meet other members.

Stacey Baker will be in charge of socials again this year. She has several events planned but needs cooperation and participation. Tentative dates and events include: Adult Night on June 20, Movie Night on July 1, Family Fun Day July 5, and the Crab Feast on August 22. There may be other events. Please give her a call at (410) 549-7625 to volunteer to help or to offer ideas.

We are installing a computerized entry system at the pool this year. On your first visit, each family member will have his/her picture taken and those over 11 will be issued a bar-coded key tag that will be scanned to gain entry on future visits. We request your patience as start-up of the new system may cause some congestion at the gate early in the season when everyone must register. Going forward we see the new system as an efficient and more secure method of controlling entry. The first key tag is free, but there will be a \$1.00 charge for replacements. It has also been called to the attention of the Board that some members with guests have not always been stopping at the gate and paying their guest fees and that some members are not adhering to the Club's smoke-free and alcohol-free policies. We appreciate your cooperation in these matters.

Swim team registration took place on April 30. If you were unable to attend, but are still interested, please call Nina Lansinger at (410) 549-4654. The parent meeting will be held at the pool on May 26, starting at 6:30. Please make sure that you have completed the swimmer checklist and attendance sheet. Practice will begin on May 27. South Carroll will be hosting time trials on June 13. We will be hosting three dual meets. Two other dual meets will be away. It is imperative to have plenty of parental support. We have requested that each family sign up for at least four positions. If something comes up that will prevent you from being present on the day that you volunteered, please provide a replacement. Sign up sheets will be posted on Monday before the meet. Please check the board weekly. There will be several invitational meets your swimmer can attend. You will be informed as soon as the information becomes available. These events usually require a nominal fee (\$2 or \$3 per event). It will be the responsibility of the parent to cover the extra events if they wish their child to participate. This year Freedom Swim Club will host the Divisional Championship Meet on July 25. This is an opportunity to showcase the Club to many others and let them know why we are so proud of our Club. We will need a lot of volunteer help for this event. It requires a lot of peoplepower and it should be a major fundraiser for swim team.

We are looking forward to a great swim season. Remember that you are not only the members; you are the owners of Freedom Swim Club. Your opinion counts. Let us know what your thoughts are and let's make it an enjoyable and safe summer.

Mike Platte
President, Freedom Swim Club, Inc.