



June 4, 2004

Dear Orca Parents,

Welcome to the **Summer of '04** Naperville Tennis Club Orca swim season! Your new president, Dan Tuskey, and your past president, Beth Quevillon have been diligently working together to transition command of our wonderful team. Generally this transition is going well, but due to the hectic nature of our lives, we have been a little slow in getting information to the team – for that we want to apologize. We still have the greatest coaches, parents and swimmers, so it will be a great summer!

Ongoing Information - This letter describes things you need to know about how the team operates. On an ongoing basis, information will be distributed as follows:

- A team Handbook will be distributed next week with everything you need to know to be a member of the Orca team.
- Newsletters will be distributed on Fridays – either via email if an address was provided or in hard copy at the pool. Please be sure to read your newsletters for updates to previous information.
- Website – the official website for the Orcas is www.racquetcluborcas.com. It will be updated as information becomes available.
- Posters/handouts at the pool – if last minute information needs to get to parents, a letter or a poster will contain current information.

Scheduled Events

Calendar and Times - Attached are the **Team Calendar** and the **Time Schedules** for Practices and Meets. These two documents will be in the Handbook and on the Website, but are included here to help you organize your schedules. Please note upcoming events, particularly **Time Trials, the Pep Rally and the first meet**. Attached to this letter is a sign-up for the Pep Rally.

Meet Sign-up – A meet sign-up sheet will be available at practices next week. Please make sure you indicate which meets your children will and will not attend.

Pep Rally - The Pep Rally is a fun way to kick off the swim season. The team will meet at Harry and Diane Katz's house at 112 Quail Hollow for a fun gathering of Orca families. Please join in the fun of cheering on our swimmers the night before the first meet. The Katz family lives behind the pool, so you may park in the Tennis Club parking lot and come into their yard through the back gate. Here's the schedule for this great event:

6:30 – 7:45 Food is served

and

Kids (and adults) can swim at the NTC pool or play at the Katz's

7:45 – 8:00 Parent meeting for adults

7:45 – 8:30 Pep Rally for swimmers and coaches

Parents – please bring lawn chairs if you wish to have somewhere to sit when you are eating.

Worker Schedule/Swim Team Jobs - Officially, we have 43 families, 79 swimmers, 16 paid coaches, 9 regular meets (Time Trials, 4 home and 4 away) and 3 optional Invitational meets. With this many coaches and this number of swimmers, there will be plenty of individualized coaching for your children and many opportunities for your children to swim individual events! For parents, it means we need to work together and pull our weight to have the most awesome team going! Each family is required to work 6 jobs over the 9 regularly scheduled dual meets. The parents of swimmers who participate in the Invitationals, the Classic Meet, and the City Meet will be required to sign-up for a job at these events as well. **You will be receiving your worker schedule for the regularly scheduled meets in the next week or so.**

The Orca Swim Team Board has met regularly throughout the year to discuss various swim team issues, including the worker requirements. To minimize the burden on parents, we have assigned the coaches some extra responsibilities and have assumed some of the jobs ourselves. The swim season is short, intense, and crazy, but most of all it is **FUN!** To avoid burn out, each family is expected to roll up their sleeves, pitch in, and work their assigned jobs. If you are unable to work your assignment, you are expected to find a replacement. **In the unfortunate event that a family does not fulfill their worker commitment and did not find a replacement, their child or children will not be allowed to swim in the next scheduled meet. Sorry but this rule will be enforced.** Each child enjoys the benefit of being coached and being part of the team because of the efforts of the parents. When parents do not fulfill their worker commitment an additional burden is placed upon the parents who are already doing their part. It has already been stated that the team is small and the season is short. **Let's work together to have fun and run the meets smoothly and successfully.**

GO ORCAS!

Ryan, the rest of the coaches and your Orca Swim Team Board are looking forward to a great summer and hope you all get a lot out of your swim team experience. We all appreciate the help you parents give to the team by way of your time and energy, your faithfulness in getting your kids to meets and practices, and especially your great attitude in making your children's summer a great one. We look forward to a great swim season!

Sincerely,

Dan Tuskey, President
Beth Quevillon, Past President
Naperville Tennis Club Swim Team

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Family Name _____ # Attending _____

Cost is \$5.00 per person for drinks, brats, hot dogs, chips, veggies, and dessert.
Please make checks to the Racquet Club Swim Team.
Please place your checks and this form in the Newsletter Box at the pool.

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Time Schedules for Practices and Meets

Practice Time Schedule

<i>After School Practice Times:</i>	4:00 - 4:30 pm	6 & Under and all new swimmers
	4:30 - 5:30 pm	8 & Under and 9/10 swimmers
	5:30 - 6:30 pm	11 & Older swimmers
<i>Morning Practice Times</i>	7:30 - 9:00 am	11 & Older swimmers
	9:00 - 10:00 am	8 & Under (experienced) and 9/10swimmers
	9:45 - 10:15 am	8 & Under (new) and 6 & Under swimmers

Exception: After a Tuesday night meet, the practice time for 11 & older swimmers is held Wednesday evening. This evening practice runs from 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

Swim Lessons:	10:15 - 10:45	Private Swim Team Lessons
	10:45 - 11:45	Group Swim Lessons - There are lessons available for swimmers of all levels for an additional fee. Please arrange with the coaches in advance for appropriate lessons.

Saturday Time Trials:	8:00 am	Warm-ups, positive check-in begins, workers report
	8:30 am	Positive Check-in closes
	9:00 am	Time Trials start

This will be a practice and a training meet for swimmers, all Officials, Team Area workers, On Deck workers and Computer Operators. **Swimmers are asked to check off their names with the Meet Director to verify their presence at the Time Trials (positive check-in).**

Saturday Meet Times:

*Home	7:00 am	1 st Shift Concessions workers report
	7:45 am	Warm-ups - swimmers report
*Home	7:45 am	PA/Starter System Workers report
	8:00 am	All Workers report to the Meet Director
	8:10 am	Officials and Timers meetings
	8:30 am	Meet begins
*Home	9:30 am	2 nd Shift Concessions workers report

Tuesday/Thursday Meet Times:

*Home	4:00 pm	1 st Shift Concessions workers report
	4:45 pm	Warm-ups - swimmers report
*Home	4:45 pm	PA/Starter System Workers Report
	5:00 pm	All Workers report to the Meet Director
	5:10 pm	Officials and Timers meetings
	5:30 pm	Meet begins
*Home	6:30 pm	2 nd Shift Concessions workers report

Practice Times are set by agreement between the Head Coach and the Naperville Tennis Club. Meet times are set by the NPDS Policies & Procedures Manual. *Home - only done at Home meets.

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Calendar

June 1 – 8	7 days	After School Practices
June 9	Wednesday	No Practice – last day of school
June 10	Thursday	Morning Practices begin
June 12	Saturday	Home Meet Time Trials
June 14	Monday	Pep Rally 6:30 pm – at Katz’s 112 Quail Hollow
June 15	Tuesday	Home Meet Steeple Run
June 19	Saturday	Home Meet Huntington Commons
June 23	Wednesday	Picture Day 8:30 am - at NTC (no practice)
June 24	Thursday	Picture Day Rain Date
June 24	Thursday	Away Meet Saybrook Girls Invitational
June 26	Saturday	Away Meet Maplebrook II
June 29	Tuesday	Away Meet Maplebrook I
July 6	Tuesday	Home Meet Neuqua Valley
July 8	Thursday	Away Meet Saybrook Boys Invitational/Boys all ages
July 10	Saturday	Away Meet Farmstead
July 13	Tuesday	Away Meet Huntington Estates
July 15	Thursday	Home Meet Naperville Tennis Club Girls Invitational/Girls 9-14
July 16	Friday	Market Day Prairie School – pickup 9-10 am
July 17	Saturday	Home Meet Waubonsie Valley
July 19-23	TBA	Meet Rain Date (if necessary)
July 22	Thursday	Classic Meet Pasta Dinner/Pep Rally
July 24	Saturday	Classic Meet TBA
July 29	Thursday	City Meet Pasta Dinner/Pep Rally
July 30 & 31	Friday, Sat.	City Meet TBA
August 1	Sunday	End of Year Team Banquet – location TBA

Meet Worker Information:

Each meet worker needs to sign in and receive a name tag from the Meet Director.
The Meet Director will be located for Home Meets at the bench by the Baby Pool.
The Meet Director will be located near the entrance of the pool for the Away meets.

We tried to honor your requests for Meet Worker Assignments. In all cases, the preference given and comments made on the Registration form were considered by the date the form was received.

Home meets require 32 Naperville Tennis Club workers, away meets require 17. All these positions must be filled in order for the meet to run smoothly. At times, jobs are filled with preferences less than #1.

It is important to the Board that each member is happy with their assigned job. If there are any questions regarding any assignments, please call Jackie Romberg at 369-1918.