

Hello!!

Welcome to all of our Castle Crocs Swimmers and Families. We are excited you are joining us for the 2008 Summer Swim Season. We just wanted to provide an update on some new information as well as quick review of the calendar of events- also posted on our website www.castlecrocs.com <<http://www.castlecrocs.com/>>. We have a full roster this year at 150 swimmers and have a handful on the waiting list so please let us know if your plans to stay on the team change so that we may open up any additional slots.

* Meet Schedule *-please note that we do have a meet on June 14th - originally we had thought that date would be a by week but, Lifetime Fitness has now joined the league and we will swim at their facility.

* Practice schedules * (see attached)-we tried our best to accommodate everyone's first request; however, there were about a dozen families that we couldn't squeeze into the 8:00am timeslot. After the first few weeks, please check back with Kathleen Steffe to see if we can make any changes for you. If you are unable to open the attached document, it will be posted on our website as well.

* 8 & Under Age Group *- we have over 50 swimmers that are in the 8 & Under age group and have decided to split those kids into 40 min sessions to provide a better coach-to-swimmer ratio (swimmer skill/ability will also be considered when deciding who should be placed where). We will now have a 7:00am, 7:40am and 8:20am time slot for those swimmers. Please note that 8 & Unders that are scheduled for 7am will be slotted at that time and the 8:00am session will now start at 8:20am. For the families that I was not able to give their first preference of 8:00am - you now are scheduled at 7:40 am. If you have an 8 & Under that would like to be part of the smaller/shorter session and can make the 7:40am time slot, please e-mail us back (Kathleen.steffe@comcast.net <<mailto:Kathleen.steffe@comcast.net>>) so we can reschedule you. And, if you know you have an experienced 8 & Under that is capable of doing more, let me know that as well. Any other changes...let me know and I will do my best to balance everything out. Thanks in advance for being flexible!

** Volunteers ****-A big thanks to all of the parents who have signed up to volunteer, we really appreciate everyone's support to make our meets run smoothly and provide a great experience for our swimmers.** **If you haven't connected with our volunteer coordinator, Alisa Sattem, not to worry. She will be assigning all families with a volunteer assignment closer to the meets. All families with swimmers participating in a meet are required to volunteer at that meet. As your plans firm up for this summer, please keep Alisa informed if your family will not be at one of the meets via ****sattemfamily@comcast.net** <<mailto:sattemfamily@comcast.net>>**. Your communication makes coordinating so much easier.** **If you have offered to be a meet official, stroke & turn judge, scribe, or clerk of course, please remember your required training class. Dates are listed on the web site**.

See you all at the family meeting in a few weeks!

* Calendar of Events: *

May 20th (Tues- 6:30pm 'til 8:00) - Family Meeting at the HOA2 pavilion. Learn more about our program; meet the coaches and other families/swimmers. We will also be distributing any apparel that

may have been ordered.

May 27 (Tues) - First day of practice. Practices will be held at the HOA2 pool. Take Oxford off of Castle Pines Pkwy (just west of the Timber Trail Elementary). The pool is about 2 blocks down on the left. Practices are held Mon-Friday at 7:00am and 8:00am depending on your assigned schedule. It's not required that swimmers attend all practices. No practices will be held July 2-4.

DUAL MEET SCHEDULE: warm-ups @7:00am for home meets & 7:25am for away meets. Meet @ 8am

June 7 Canturberry Crossing @ Castle Crocs HOA1 Pool (Home)

June 14 Castle Crocs @ Lifetime Fitness (Parker)- the Crocs will be providing all volunteers however.

June 21 Castle Crocs @ Castle Pines Village

June 28 Dam East @ Castle Crocs HOA2 Pool (Home)

July 5 No Meet Scheduled

July 12 Castle Crocs @ Stroh Ranch (Parker area)

PRELIMS SCHEDULE- locations subject to change. __

July 14 warm-ups 7 am/meet 8 am – Hosted by Dam East - age groups TBD

July 15 warm-ups 7 am/meet 8 am – Hosted by Lifetime Fitness- age groups TBD

CHAMPIONSHIPS: July 19 @ Castle Pines Village, 8:00 am start

ALLSTARS: - July 26 @ tbd

July 21 (Monday- 6:00pm 'til 8:00) - End of year party at Coyote Ridge Park

Additional Swimsuits, sweatshirts and other swimming apparel can be found at Out of Breath Sports located in Littleton at 42 E Arapahoe Rd (corner of Broadway and Arapahoe)-prices subject to change after 4/13. Our contact is Pam Stout at Obsports@aol.com <<mailto:Obsports@aol.com>> or 303-798-5037. www.swimoutlet.com <<http://www.swimoutlet.com/>> is also a great resource for goggles and other swim needs. Caps will be available for purchase on deck most mornings – price is \$12.00.

To contact us for any additional questions our Parent Representative is Kathleen Steffe @ 303-814-1681 or email Castlecrocs@comcast.net <<mailto:Castlecrocs@comcast.net>>. For any questions regarding swim instruction, contact Coach Kevin @ TIUKGuy@aol.com <<mailto:TIUKGuy@aol.com>>.