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RAYS Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please read the showcase at the YMCA and the bulletin board at RHS
- Please check out the web-site it is really filled with information
- Please join the RAYS email list
- Registration for all invitational meets can be done at the Front Desk

IMPORTANT DATES:

Happy Halloween	10/31
Team Apparel Orders Due	11/2
USA Meet @ GA	11/7
USA Meet @ GA	11/8
Tarpon Tournament @ Kennett Y	11/8
Turkey Trot Entries Due	11/9
USA Meet @ GRA	11/13
USA Meet @ GRA	11/14
USA Meet @ GRA	11/15

News & Notes...

- Due to Halloween being on a Saturday we will run regular practice schedule from 10:00AM-12:00PM at the HS.
- Meet Info and Entries for invitational meets will continue to be posted and updated online.
- All invitational meet sign-ups are at the YMCA front desk
- If you have escrow please use that for meet sign ups
- If you would like to set up an escrow account please contact Coach Erik
- If you have not done so please get your photo ID card taken at the YMCA.



Happy Halloween

- Team Apparel orders are due November 2nd. If you need caps, mugs, sweat-shirts, flip flops or tees just see Coach Erik.
- Anyone going to YMCA Officials trainings please remember that the YMCA will pay for all trainings and must document your volunteer hours. Please Notify Coach Erik if interested.
- All meet results will be posted on the RAYS web-site. Time Trials, VCM, the Malvern Meet and the Boyertown Boo have already been posted.
- Travel Directions to all swim meets are posted on the RAYS site under the General Information Tab
- Team T-Shirt orders are due please send an email to coachbeth@msn.com immediately.



Upcoming Meets—YMCA & USS

The dual meet schedule is now available. Please notice not all warm-up times are posted yet—this info will continue to be updated. Please check the date at the bottom of the meet schedule as it has an updated date every time it changes.

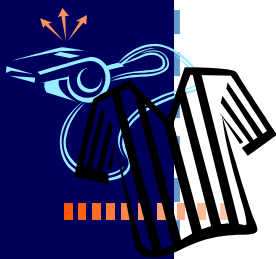
Meet Packets are still available for the following YMCA Meets:

Tarpon Tournament @ Kennett Area YMCA, Turkey Trot at Phoenixville YMCA, Winterfest Q Meet, and coming soon Winterblast at Pottstown YMCA, and the Reading 7-11 Meet.

Meet entries are still being accepted for the GA USA Meet on Saturday the 12th ONLY.

Y SWIM TEAM™

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



We send out MANY, MANY, MANY emails, if you are not getting them please email Coach Erik at enelson@cyedc.org

If you still need a team suit please contact Metro Swim Shop at 1.800.526.8788 and ask for Brian. Team Caps have been ordered and should be in by the 1st Dual Meet.

No practice on 11/21 due to YMCA Dual Meet Schedule

Thanksgiving Practice Schedule—10AM-12Noon at the YMCA—Level 5 & Senior Group ONLY.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED....

- If you have been a timer, officiated in summer league, or would like to learn please attend any of the YMCA Official or Scorer Training Classes. The list of classes can be found on the RAYS website under the Volunteer Tab.
- If you are already a YMCA Level II Official you can become a League Referee by attending one of the Penn-Del Swim League Referee Clinics.
- Volunteers will also be needed in other positions at YMCA dual meets such as food table, announcer, runner, scoring, and timing console operator.
- YMCA Officials can now become USA officials after completing the YMCA officials training, if you are interested contact Coach Erik
- Parents your help is needed in running; USA swim meets, YMCA dual meets, YMCA Invitational Meets, YMCA Championship Meets, the Charlie Hartley Memorial Meet of Champions, YMCA Districts, YMCA States, and YMCA Nationals.

Hosted Meets this season

RAYS swimming is hosting a Winterfest Qualifying Meet on Sunday, December 20th at the Ridley High School Pool, the meet packet and workers list has already been posted on the RAYS website. We are also hosting Boys C Championships at the Ridley High School Pool on Sunday,

February 7th. Anyone interested in helping please contact Coach Erik. For the 5th straight season we were awarded the chance to host the Charlie Hartley Memorial Meet of Champions on Saturday, February 27, 2010. To run this large event we really need the support of

the entire team including parents and swimmers. This meet will exceed 1000 swimmers.

Volunteer Hours are posted on the RAYS site—they are on the home page please check and make sure your name and hours have been recorded. The list is from January 2009-present. If anything is missing please email Coach Erik.

Winterfest & the Winterfest Q Meet

You will see a lot of information about these meets over the next 2 months. The Winterfest meet is qualify by time. The times have been posted on the website, at the YMCA in the showcase, and at RHS on the bulletin board. We will be posting very shortly the list of swimmers who have qualified to date. Times do carry over from a

previous season, previous club, or High School team, but not from Summer swimming. YMCA dual meets, YMCA invitational meets, High School swim meets and USA meets are opportunities for swimmers to achieve the Q times. For those swimmers wishing one last chance to qualify, we are hosting a Q meet on Sunday, December 20th

at RHS. The meet packet for this meet has been posted to the website. Also posted is the workers sheet. As we get closer to the meet we will post a donation list. Any questions about the Winterfest Meet or the Winterfest Q Meet please contact Coach Erik.

