

**BUFFALO GROVE
HURRICANE
SWIM TEAM**



The Hurricane Report

WELCOME

We're looking forward to another fun and successful season. We hope you enjoy The HURRICANE Swim Team experience.

Kiefer Day

Our team suit is the royal blue and black TYR "Torch". Keifer will come to us for fittings and orders on Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00PM. Or, you can purchase the suits and equipment at Kiefer, located at 2747 Pfungsten Rd, Glenview, IL 60025, phone: (847) 400-5360.

Required Equipment

Remember that our locker room is accessible to anyone. The best way to keep your valuables secure is to keep them in your bag, on deck. You will need:

- ⌘ Suit (girls: one-piece only)
- ⌘ Goggles (NO goggles = NO swimming)
- ⌘ Extra pair of goggles in your bag (broken 1st pair = NO more swimming, unless you have a spare pair)
- ⌘ Fins (ALL swimmers must have fins. We will use fins at every practice.)
- ⌘ Cap, if your hair hangs lower than your eyebrows. (hair in the eyes = NO swimming)

Hurricane Apparel

See the order form attached. The form and money are due no later than Saturday, June 14th. Late orders will not be accepted.

Picture Day

Team and individual pictures will be taken at the Willow Stream pool on Saturday, June 21st. Individual pictures will begin promptly at 9:00AM, followed by the team picture. Be on time. Picture envelopes will be distributed soon. Bring the completed envelope, with cash or check enclosed, to the pool on PICTURE DAY.



Smile for the camera!

Arriving Late or Leaving Early?

Swimmers arriving late or leaving early must have a note from their parent. We cannot have swimmers wandering in and out of practice. If a swimmer cannot arrive until late on a regular basis due to other commitments, a one-time note indicating this is sufficient.

Parent Info

Parents, be sure to ask your swimmer(s) to check the mailbox after every practice. Newsletters are written to keep you informed.

The blue Swimmer Profile and Medical Treatment Authorization form will be sent home soon. They

must be returned to Coach Vicki by June 14th.

If you do not want to authorize medical treatment, do not sign that portion of the form.

Multiple Residence?

Let Coach Vicki know if multiple copies of documents and newsletters are needed fulfill your family needs.

Drop Off/Pick Up Policy

Swimmers may be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to the start of practice. Any earlier than that and the facility may not be open.

Swimmers should be picked up (or a parent must be in the building) no later than 15 minutes after the end of the practice session.

Important note – DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD BY THE AQUADOME POOL! The police have been known to ticket parked vehicles in the access lane and service drives.

Also, do not drop off or wait for your swimmer on the north (baseball field) side of the access road. It is dangerous for a swimmer to be crossing the road and it creates a major traffic jam.

Thanks in advance for obeying all the traffic rules!

**ALWAYS, ALWAYS,
ALWAYS...**

Before you pull away from the Aquadome or Willow Stream,

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have your swimmer(s) walk in to confirm that practice is in session each day. Children have been dropped off (abandoned) when a practice was cancelled, changed or not even on the schedule.

A quick thumbs-up from a swimmer is an easy way to let parents know that “yes, swimming is in session today.”

“Weather” to practice or not to practice?

Each outdoor practice will take place whenever it is safe to do so. Water temperature, air temperature and precipitation (among other weather situations) are major influences in whether or not we practice. When you are not sure if practice will be held, please do not call coaches at home (they probably won't be there). You will have to make the trip to Willow Stream Pool to determine if swimmers will actually be getting into the water.

REMEMBER: If you don't want your child to practice in the current weather conditions, don't bring him or her to practice. Your presence at the pool implies your approval to have your swimmer in the water.

Meet Sign-up

You are expected to RETURN ALL MEET SIGN-UP FORMS.

Attached is the first meet signup form. On Wednesday, June 18th, we will host a meet with Lincolnwood. If you expect to swim in the meet, the sign-up form must be returned to Coach Vicki by Saturday, June 14th. Late entries will not be accepted. A similar form will be issued for each meet during the season. If you do not plan to attend the meet, DO return the form, indicating that you do not plan to attend.

It is your responsibility to pick up your mail and to return forms on

time. As several swimmers found out last season, once the lineup form due date has passed, additional swimmers may not be added to the meet. Also, if there is no swimmer name on the form, no events will be assigned.

The number of events each swimmer competes in may depend on when the signup sheet is received. The first to signup get 4 events. The last to signup may only get two events, depending upon the number of swimmers going to the meet.

FYI: Swimmers MUST compete in at least one individual event in at least two dual meets to become eligible to participate in the championship meet on July 23rd.

Events

Each swimmer can swim a maximum of 4 events during a meet: 1 relay & 3 individual events, or 2 relays & 2 individual events. This does not mean that everyone will get to swim 4 events. Coach Vicki will place swimmers in their events and post the listing at the pool on Tuesday prior to the meet. However, many times line-ups change between Tuesday and Wednesday. **ALWAYS recheck the line-up at the meet!**

Swimming Up

Each swimmer's age group is determined by his/her age on June 15th. That is the age group for which they qualify during the entire summer season. Age groups are defined as:

**8 & Under, 9-10
11-12, 13-14, and 15-18**

Swimmers are allowed to swim “up” in an event for an older age group. They cannot swim up in the same event(s) they are swimming in their own age group. No one can swim down—in an age group younger than they are. Swimmers

will be placed in older age-group events at all of our meets.

Due to the large number of swimmers in some of the age-groups, many swimmers will swim up this season.

Change of Plans?

When meet attendance plans change, parents must notify Coach Vicki immediately (IN WRITING) so the meet attendance schedule can be updated and last minute changes can be kept to a minimum.

Illness and injuries on a meet day should be called in by 11AM.

Vicki's Home Phone: 541-1310

Please DO NOT call any coaches to tell them that a swimmer will not be at practice, unless the absence is for an extended length of time.

Upcoming Events...

Thursday, June 10

KIEFER DAY!

Aquadome Classroom 6:00PM

Wednesday, June 18

Hurricane VS Lincolnwood

At Willow Stream Pool

Our Warm-up: 4:30-5:00PM

Visitor Warm-up: 5:00-5:30PM

Meet Begins: 5:30PM

Hurricane parents will run a concessions stand during the meet. Meets last approximately 3 hours.

Saturday, June 21st

PICTURE DAY!!!!

All Swimmers 9:00-11:00AM

Wednesday, June 25^h

Hurricane VS Norridge

At Willow Stream Pool

Contact Coach Vicki at (847) 541-1310

(This is my home phone. It is always ok to call this number. Leave a message if I'm not there.)