

# ***ADIRONDACK BLUEFIN SWIM CLUB***

**August 2009**

Dear Bluefin Parents:

Registration for the fall\winter swim season will take place on Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30 PM at the Shaker High School Pool. Although we are confident that there will be room on the team for every swimmer, registration is on a first come first serve basis. ***We request that all families register in person.*** No swimmer will be allowed to practice without prior registration, USS has implemented strict guide lines for all clubs to follow. Sending in payment and registration does not mean you are USS Registered. I need to process it, and then have a parent's sign that all information has been entered correctly. This is why I strongly encourage you to attend Registration night. If you cannot register in person please contact me so that we can make other arrangements.

This year we have decided to restructure our Shaker Groups. ***Group 1 which meets on Tuesday & Thursday will now be for swimmers 8& under or New Swimmer to the program.*** If your child was group 1 last year, he or she will be moved to group 2, Group 2 swimmers should move to Group 3. Group 3 swimmers moving to group 4 must have coach's approval. Going forward we will also keep your child to the assigned night. Last year we had many swimmers switching nights which caused confusion for the coaches. Coaches are based on the numbers that are registered per group.

Also starting this fall, Meet entries will no longer be accepted by email. Unfortunately we must go back to the old envelope system with entries on the outside and check in the inside.

Enclosed you will find:

- the fee schedule for the fall\winter season, including explanations of any discounts which you may be eligible for (varsity, multiple children) along with a Bluefin registration\waiver form which you should complete and bring to registration; and
- practice schedule for all groups

Please share this information with any families/friends or co-workers whose children may be interested in joining the Bluefin Swim Club.

**1) Because the swim meets which the Bluefin Club sponsors are essential fund raisers which benefit the whole club by helping us maintain our current fee schedule, each family will be required to work 2 full sessions at the club sponsored meets. If a family is unwilling or unable to fulfill this requirement, an assessment of \$50 per session will be charged to that family. To assist you in planning, sign-up sheets for the November and February meets will be available at registration.**

**2) USS swimming has implemented a new registration process. A copy of your child's birth certificate is required with team application if not previously registered with USS.**

**3) The Bluefin Board has authorized a special incentive program to encourage you to refer new swimmers to the Bluefin Club. Each family who refers a new swimmer to the Bluefin will receive a \$25 reduction in dues for each new swimmer who joins the Bluefin. (A new swimmer must actually pay dues for the discount to apply.) In encouraging new swimmers to become a Bluefin, please be certain to follow the USS regulations regarding recruitment which are contained in the Parent Handbook (also available on our web-site).**

We look forward to seeing you at registration to answer any questions you may have and to working with you and your children in the upcoming season.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Maxwell, Head Coach  
Margaret Schmidt, Registrar

The Week of September 14<sup>th</sup>, all groups will be at RPI  
Monday-Thursday!

### Adirondack Bluefins Training Schedule

<b>GROUP 1 8&amp; Under Or New Swimmers</b>	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00-7:00 PM	Shaker
GROUP 2	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	6:00-7:00 PM	Shaker
GROUP 3	Monday-Friday	6:00-7:00 PM	Shaker
GROUP 4	Monday-Thursdays Friday Saturday	6:30-8:00 PM 6:00-7:30 PM 11:00-1:00 PM	RPI Shaker Shaker
GROUP 5	Monday-Thursday Friday Saturday	6:30-8:30 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 11:00-1:00 PM	RPI Shaker Shaker
MASTERS	Monday-Thursday Friday	6:30-7:30 PM 7:00-8:00 PM	RPI Shaker
Tri-Athlete	Tuesday & Thursday	7:30-8:30 PM	RPI