



NOVEMBER 1, 2008 NEWSLETTER

Due to the number of new swimmers that are being added to the club roster, some important information is being repeated in this newsletter!

SCHEDULE CHANGES: In order to alleviate a little of the crowding on our busiest scheduled days, we have obtained some pool time at Greendale. A new updated practice schedule, thru December 6, is posted on the homepage of the SWAT website. The schedules for the remainder of the season (December-February) are almost done and should be posted shortly.

SCRIP UPDATE: Thank you for your patience during the revamping of our SWAT SCRIP program, and for the orders that were placed to help use up the out of the box inventory. Details of the new online signup are attached to this newsletter. Your continued participation in this and all our fundraising is important to our program, and hopefully, to you in helping to offset the cost of registration fees for next session. Please signup today to partake in our new online SCRIP Ordering.

COFFEE SALES – Orders for the Berres Brothers Coffee sales are due this Thursday, November 6th. If you did not get an order form or misplace the form that was handed out at on site registration, please contact Janis Katz at jkatz@tds.net Orders should be mailed to Todd Roberts, 8439 E. Wind :Lake Road, Windlake 53185 questions??? Email him at: shirleyr@wi.rr.com

KRINGLE and Coffee Cake ORDERS: Don't forget about the O & H Kringle orders-Pasty is made fresh he morning of our pickup. Profit on each kringle and coffee cake sold is 40%. Orders are due by December 1rst to Theresa Briggs. If you need an order form please contact Janis Katz – (email above)

HEAT SHEET ADS: By now, many of you have attended at least one meet, and have purchased a heat sheet at those meets. Paging thru, you might have noticed various ads and slogans and good luck wishes sprinkled through out the heat sheet. SWAT is taking orders for heat sheet ads for our December 6 meet. Heat sheet ads are a great source for generating revenue for your fundraising credit for next session. If you have a business, do business with someone who would like to support your swimmer- or just want to wish your swimmer or swimmers team “good luck” – then place an ad in the heat sheet for our upcoming December 6th meet! Profits are almost 100% (a slight deduction for the cost of printing *may* be deducted).A \$50 sponsorship ad, will generate a \$25 credit for your long course 2009 session fees. (assuming that the \$75 raffle obligation was fulfilled) Heat sheet ads and heat sheet sponsor letters can be found on our SWAT website. Look under Meets/Events and click on the SWAT meet. You can find it with the SWAT meet information. Heat Sheet ads/artwork are due back to Karen Konopka by November 23rd.

SWAT OUTING: Our SWAT FAMILY FUN NITE has been scheduled for November 25th at the Country Springs Hotel Waterpark in Pewaukee. All 14 and under swimmers and their families are invited to attend. There will be no scheduled practices for 14 and under swimmers this night. Please see the attached flyer for details. You may also find it on the home page of the SWAT website. Thanks to Mary Gilson for arranging this outing.

OFFICIALS TRAINING: Want the best view of the meet action? Consider becoming a swim official. 2 new sessions to train meet officials (stroke and turn judges) have been added to the training schedule. Both are at convenient locations. SWAT will pay the registration fee of \$25 upon successful certification, and the \$52 per year USA Swimming registration fee. Working as an official at our SWAT hosted meets will fulfill your workers volunteer requirements. You also become a “Good Will” ambassador for the team. A SWAT certified official is often contacted to volunteer at whatever meets SWAT is attending if you are already going to be there with your swimmer. In return, other teams officials will then reciprocate by volunteering at our SWAT hosted meets. We currently have 3 officials with Senior level swimmers, who will be done swimming in a couple of years. We really need more officials from our team. The training is very thorough and you “shadow” a number of meets before officiating on your own, so the most important skill you need to bring to the table are a strong desire to help your team and the sport – the rest is covered by some great training! If you want more details, Bob Wesel from our team has done this for a number of years and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. 414-425-6620

MEET SCHEDULE – ADD ON; Coach Mark has added the NIKE Challenge meet to the Age Group Platinum Schedule. This meet is a 3 day, prelim, final format and will be held at Waukesha South HS on December 12-14. Swimmers must meet qualifying time standards. Info and events file to signup have been posted to the SWAT website.

NEW FACES: We have added some more new swimmers to our SWAT roster . Please be sure to welcome the following new swimmers:

- Ashley Bohne (Age 7) Silver 8
- Olivia Sterny (Age 5) Silver 8
- Jack Williams (Age 11) Age Group Silver
- Elizabeth Boziel (Age 12) Age Group Silver

Private Lessons: From time to time we have requests from parents wondering about one on one private technique sessions with our SWAT coaches. Everyone learns at a different pace and absorbs instructions in different ways. Just like in school, sometimes individual tutoring is beneficial. If you would like to set up an individual session with a coach, please look under the “Coaches” icon on the home page of the website. (located right above the Sign In Button) There is a form located there that will

give you prices and info. The coaches have an email link on that page to contact them.

Winter Session Fees: Swimmers who registered for the Silver 8, Golden 8 and Age Group Silver Fall Session, your session will conclude with our SWAT hosted meet on December 6th. The Team Unify on line billing system, will automatically bill your account for the Winter Session on November 20th. If you have advanced out of a level you were originally billed at, and have not yet paid the up charge for the new level you advanced to, please do so asap. Schedules are not set yet, but the approximate start and end times for the Winter Session will be January 7th to February 20th.

Cost for each group: Silver 8-\$85, Gold 8 - \$115 and Age Group Silver \$100. All other levels have already been billed for a full session.

Mandatory Fundraising:

The question has been asked, "Why mandatory fundraising?" As with everything else, the cost of running a quality program increases every year, especially pool rental costs. Rather than raising swim fees any higher, it was felt a mandatory fundraiser each season would be less of a burden to families. You have the option of completely paying for it or asking relatives, friends or co-workers to participate, which fulfills your obligation at no cost to you. The two seasonal mandatory fundraisers are our Splash is Cash raffle in short-course and the Swim-A-Long in long-course. Why are these two mandatory? They generate a larger amount of profit than any other fundraiser, thus keeping our fees as low as possible. They also assure a minimum up front amount the team can count on, in the ongoing battle to balance the budget. After that obligation is met, the team offers each family the opportunity to offset fees. 50% of the profits from all of the other optional fundraisers (coffee, kringles, scrip, meet ads, etc.) goes directly to reduce your swim fees the following season. The team hopes each family will take advantage of these optional fundraisers as they are a win for your family (fee reduction) and a win for the team (additional fundraising income).

The Raffle winners will be drawn on December 6th at our SWAT meet. 50% of every additional ticket (after your initial obligation) you now purchase will be credited towards your dues! Purchase and sell \$100 more in tickets – receive a \$50 off next sessions dues!

RAFFLE UPDATE: Need more raffle tickets?

Or do you need to turn in your ticket stubs?

Please contact a parent rep at a swim practice.

SRP/JRP– John or Linda Iglinski, 262-679-9271 or iglinskisales@sbcglobal.net

(John is the one to contact if you paid for your tickets by mailing in registration, but have not received them yet.)

SRG/SRS – Shirley Roberts, 262-896-3312 or shirleyr@wi.rr.com

AGP – Janis Katz, 414-640-2762 or jkatz@tds.net

AGG/AGS – John or Linda Iglinski, 262-679-9271 or iglinskisales@sbcglobal.net

8&U – Kim Schoof, 414-543-6784 or schoof5@hotmail.com

REGISTRATION FEES:

For those who chose the 2 payment option, please be sure to check your account on Team Unify, 2nd payments were due by November 1. Checks that were payable to dues have all been recorded so if you show an outstanding balance, and know you sent a check, please contact the office so we can fix it. The new Team Unify system, unfortunately wipes out the account detail every run on the 20th of the month (we are encouraging everyone to print a copy of their invoice the 19th of every month) – but you can still view the on going account balance. Accounts with a past due registration fee balance at the end of this week, will be assessed a \$10 late fee.

HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN: Per WIAA rules, high school girls may enter back into club swimming, once they have competed in their final meet of their high school season. If you swam in JV or Varsity Conference this past week, and are not swimming Sectionals, you may begin SWAT practices any time. All registration fees must be paid before you can enter the water. Please contact the office if you do not have an invoiced account on Team Unify. Good Luck to all our SWAT swimmers who will be representing their high school teams at Sectionals this upcoming Saturday.

ESCROW: Regarding meet entry fees and your escrow account – accounts have been billed thru the SEAY meet. Please sign in to Team Unify and click on My Account to view your invoice balance. If you have a past due meet entry fee balance, or have not set up an escrow account to pay for your meet entry fees, please do so ASAP. A check payable to SWAT Escrow should be mailed to: Cindy Budnik, W172 S7707 Lannon Drive, Muskego 53150. \$75 per swimmer for Age Group Gold and above.. New swimmers in the 8&Under or AGS group can start with \$50 per swimmer.

Good Luck to our Senior/Junior Platinum swimmers who will be traveling to Indianapolis for an away meet this weekend. Take lots of pictures to post on our site – email any great shots to: swatsteam@wi.rr.com posting photos always makes the site more enjoyable, and adds a lot to the after meet highlights the coaches post, so please be sure to snap and send!



Sarah Arteaga 11/30, Patrick Beirmeister 11/11, Claire Borland 11/04, Hope Borland 11/4, Lauren Elrod 11/8, Sam Gardner 11/16, Grace Gundrum 11/29, Gabby Matiszik 11/13, Hannah Neudorfer 11/17, Elisa Perez 11/6, Chloe Schneider 11/1, Ashlyn Schoof 11/15, Lauren Stigler 11/15, Jack Williams 11/29, Mia Woloschek 11/26, Kenny Yerkes 11/11



SWAT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

for all 14 year old and younger swimmers and their families

All kids attending need to be supervised by an adult (not just dropped off)

Tuesday Nov. 25th 4pm-9pm

Country Springs Hotel

Water Park In Waukesha

Cost is \$10. per person attending
(swimming or not)

Food and beverages will be available to purchase at the snack counter

Please call or email Mary Gilson
if your attending and how many people
by Wed. Nov. 19th.

262-436-1311

maryg@gilson.tzo.com

There will not be any practice for the age group swimmers and the 8 and unders on
this night

Money will be collected at the door the night of the event (cash only)
or you may prepay Mary Gilson



ONLINE SCRIP SHOPPING IS HERE!

Thank you all for your patience while we underwent some changes to our SCRIP program. Many of you have taken advantage of this popular and easy program, and earned credit towards your seasonal dues in the past. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to use/purchase SCRIP yet, we hope that the ease of ordering on line, will motivate you to give SCRIP a try.

Some of our steady customers questioned why the change was made. We have had some wonderful volunteers over the years to handle SCRIP, but it is a big task. Making SCRIP available "out of the box" meant that we had to tie up valuable cash resources in inventory. Inventory was limited to only the most popular items, so as not to tie up club funds. Volunteers transporting large amounts of cash and inventory to different sites, also raised safety concerns, for our volunteers and the clubs liability as well.

What will the new SCRIP program mean to you and SWAT?

- **ACCESS TO LARGER AMOUNTS OF INVENTORY**
- **AVAILABILITY OF MANY LOCAL AND NATIONWIDE VENDORS**
- **ALL EXISTING VENDORS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, YET THE LIST OF ADDITIONAL VENDORS HAS LARGELY INCREASED – YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT WHAT IS ALL OUT THERE NOW**
- **PROMOTIONAL PROFIT CHANGES OFFERED THRU THE YEAR – INCREASED PROFIT HELPS YOUR FUNDRAISING PERCENTAGE GROW!**
- **CONVENIENCE – PLACE ORDERS ANYTIME, ANYWHERE YOU HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS**
- **ONLINE VIEWING OF YOUR SCRIP PROFIT MARGINS TO DATE, -PERCENTAGES ARE AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATED WITH EACH ORDER**

All orders will require pre-payment at time of ordering either by personal check or Presto-Pay. (Instructions attached) Orders from family, co workers etc, should make check payable to you and you will write one check to SWAT.

Please read the attached document which briefly explains the set-up, ordering and payment process. After you have your basic account set up, a detailed Family User Guide is available within the website.

To login, please go to <http://www.ShopWithScrip.com>

Every effort will be made to keep the order and delivery process consistent. A schedule of order and delivery times will be posted on the calendar section of the SWAT website. All orders accompanied by payment (or paid w/ Presto-Pay) that I have by 9am on Monday will be delivered at a practice the following Monday. If orders are available earlier, additional weekend pick-ups will be announced.

We hope that you will think of SCRIP for all your needs for the upcoming seasons. Please take the time as soon as possible to look over the enclosed info, set up your account and start saving towards next session's dues!

If you have any other questions, please contact Janis Katz, jkatz@tds.net or 414-423-0683.

A brief outline to help you get started using the new online ordering system of the ShopWithScrip program follows. For additional features and more detailed instructions, please refer to the Family User Guide within ShopWithScrip.com.

1. General Information

What is ShopWithScrip

ShopWithScrip.com is your *free* online scrip management software from Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC). Your family can now register and place your own scrip orders. The scrip coordinator then gathers up individual family orders, collects payments, and submits and distributes orders.

ShopWithScrip automatically offers your families the GLSC retailers you know and love. Since ShopWithScrip is a full featured scrip management program, your coordinator can add scrip from local retailers not offered by GLSC.

ShopWithScrip gives you full reporting based on date ranges you choose. You can find sales and earnings history or look at specific order details for your family. All reports can be exported to a text file or spreadsheet for easy customization.

Why you should use ShopWithScrip

This site offers you convenience. ShopWithScrip is a fully secured web application allowing you to place orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year, from any internet connected computer!

ShopWithScrip is more accurate than traditional paper order forms; discounts, products and denominations are updated immediately by GLSC as changes occur. ShopWithScrip provides timely family reports showing purchase history and current order status.

Who can use ShopWithScrip

Any family can use ShopWithScrip. However, to place an order you must establish a link from your account to one or more non-profit organizations with an enrollment code. SWAT's enrollment code is **4CCBDB3D1538**.

2. Getting Started

What you need to use ShopWithScrip

To use ShopWithScrip you need the following:
A participating non-profit organization (SWAT)
An email address
A computer with internet access and a current web browser. We recommend:
Internet Explorer 7.0
Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher
Apple Safari 2.0

How to Register

To register with ShopWithScrip first open up your web browser and go to

<http://www.ShopWithScrip.com>. From this page you can log in to your account or register a new one. To register a new account, go to the orange Member's Login box on the right side and select "Not a member? – Click Here."

Begin by entering your email address. Verify your entry by typing it correctly a second time. Create a password that you will use to log into the site going forward. Verify your password by entering it a second time. Enter your name, gender, year of birth and zip code, as they are mandatory. Your scrip can more easily be tracked by providing your address, but this is an optional field.

3. Using ShopWithScrip

The Account Dashboard

You can manage your account through the Account Dashboard. To access your dashboard, select the tab "My Account" at the top of any page. Refer to the Family User Guide online for more details regarding the dashboard features.

4. Placing Orders

Navigating through the "Order Scrip" Tab

To begin ordering scrip, select "Order Scrip" at the top of any page or, from your Account Dashboard, select "Start Ordering Scrip" located in the center of the page.

First, select the organization from which you wish to purchase scrip and select "Next." Most people only belong to one non-profit organization and will only have one organization displayed. However, if you are a member of multiple organizations like a grade school and a high school, select the non-profit organization from the list that will be the recipient of your order.

From this page you can shop for and order scrip in three different ways:

- Search by Brand
- Search by Category
- Using ExpressAdd

5. Checking Out

The cart contains all of the products you have ordered. Verify the denomination and quantity for each item.

6. Payment Options

The next step is choosing your form of payment. SWAT has enabled Presto-Pay, which means you can pay by this secure, automated method. (See below for information regarding Presto-Pay.)

Otherwise select the "Check" button. Then click "Confirm Your Order". If you pay by check, this is your order confirmation. Print this page and submit to either Janis Katz or Gwen Beirmeister with your check.

Presto-Pay

Presto-Pay™ is a convenient way for your family to pay your organization on-line at the time you place your order. GLSC will accept the payment on behalf of your nonprofit organization. GLSC will automatically debit your checking account for the face value amount of your order, plus a small convenience fee of \$0.39, and hold that payment until your non-profit's order has been released by your coordinator.

To enroll with Presto-Pay simply click on the link to begin the enrollment process. At this point, you will need to wait for GLSC to verify the account. This process takes about two business days. You can still place your order, but must pay by check until your account is completely verified.

For additional features, please refer to the Family User Guide within ShopWithScrip.com