



January 2008 -On behalf of our SWAT board and coaches we wish you all a Happy, healthy 2008.

**STATE MEET INFO:**The state meet information for both short course state championships, is available on our swat website –[www.swimswat.org](http://www.swimswat.org). A list of swimmers who have met the meet requirements is also available. Both meets can be entered by using the Direct Athletics on line sign up .Please call the office if you are unable to print copies of the info and we can mail to you.

## FUNDRAISING

The fundraising period for this session will come to an end on January 31st. Profits from this session will appear on your registration billings for the April – July session. Fundraising for February 1st to July 31st will be credited to the September short course billings.

**Registration info for the next session will be mailed in March. We will have a new on –site registration process in effect this session. Registration packets will provide dates and times.**

SCRIP: Scrip sales continue to be strong and the ease of fundraising with this program seems to target it as a favorite for our families. When you write a check or pay cash for items from your favorite merchant instead of using SCRIP you are losing an opportunity to help your club AND save money on your next sessions dues.

**COFFEE SALES & KRINGLES:** Thanks again to Todd Roberts and Theresa Briggs for once again organizing these events.

**SWAT HOSTED MEET- DECEMBER :** It was a long day for many of our volunteers, but our meet received a “thumbs up” according to the many teams and families that attended. Our treasurer, Mike Fleischhacker feels that once expenses are all tallied, our revenue generated from the meet will be around \$4,000! We thank each and every one of you for your time and talents covering the various areas necessary to make our meet a success. Some of our “newbies” got a good taste of how much time and effort goes into hosting these meets before, during and after. Hopefully, you have a better understanding of why we make our meetst a mandatory volunteer requirement. We would also like to thank our anonymous pizza donor for the pizza’s that were provided to the swimmers at Alpine Lanes (who sponsored those fun shirts) A good time was had by all! Our Board feels strongly that every family (including brand new families) benefits when we host meets, by providing operating revenue to keep our fees down. Next to Swim America, meets generate the largest amount of fundraising revenue. Thanks again to all who helped at our Winter Meet,.

Regarding the subject of the Summer, Long Course State meet, The dates that our LSC has set for the meets are as follows: **12 & Under- July 25,26,27**  
**13 and Over – 7/31-8/3**

**HOTLINE & CALENDARS:**Jan/Feb calendars were posted on the swat website, however now that we are in the snowy weather it is imperative that everyone remember to call the hotline (414) 299-WHAT) everyday to verify the schedule. If a school cancels or closes early due to weather, our SWAT practices are cancelled too. Calling once in the morning to schedule your day is great, but if changes are made they are usually late in the day, so check before you drive!

**RECOGNITION BANQUET:** Theresa Briggs and Karen Wesel have volunteered to once again organize our banquet at the conclusion of the session in March. Dinner will be at the Cotton Exchange in Burlington. Info will mailed to all families. For our new families, we encourage everyone who participated this past season to attend the banquet, It’s the coaches opportunity to recognize each of our swimmers for their hard work during this past season. More info via our website or mailings will be provided once dates, and times are finalized.

**ESCROW BILLING:** Many accounts are beginning to get low on escrow meet entry money. Some accounts have had recaps emailed or mailed, but this is a good time of year to check and see where your funds at, especially if you have swam a lot of meets or have more than one swimmer in the family – entry fees add up fast. If your account is running low or has past due meet entry fees, please make a check payable to SWAT ESCROW to cover your entry fees. December 1st is when ALL final membership payments were due. Past due accounts are being assessed a \$5.00 monthly late fee. Returning high school girls, please remember to return the waiver form/parent code of conduct with your fees for 2008 USA registration.

If you have entered meets without starting an escrow account, please remit a check payable to SWAT ESCROW and mail to:

PO BOX 20738  
Greenfield, WI 53220

An amount of \$50 per swimmer will start your account.

Please look over your billing history carefully. All checks have been credited and deposited at this time.

If you have made a payment, not reflected in this billing, please call us at 262-679-7928 for correction.

**FINAL GROUP PRACTICES:** The final practice for swimmers who were registered as Penguins or Dolphins for the January session, will be **Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. and under) also concludes **February 18<sup>th</sup>**.