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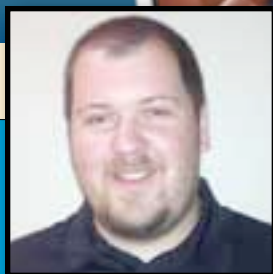
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NEWSLETTER FOR THE BRIDGELAND BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

ISSUE THREE



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## Meet Coach Nick!

Nick is thrilled to be a part of the Barracuda coaching staff. Coach Nick Tippet is currently the Assistant swim coach for Cypress Lakes High School and assists in coaching both the Junior Varsity and Varsity swim teams. He has been instrumental in starting the swim program at Cypress Lakes upon its opening in 2008. Nick has been a valuable assistant coach and has been crucial to the qualification of several regional swims. When he is not coaching swimming, he is teaching Geography at Cypress Lakes. His other passion is water polo. Last year, Nick organized and ran Cypress Lakes first water polo club. He enjoys starting new endeavors, and can't wait to start the summer off with swim meets and fast swimming!

Prior to coming to Cypress Lakes, he attended Eastern Illinois University where he majored in History. Nick's passion for swimming started at age 4, as a competitive swimmer for the YMCA Seahorses year round, as well as a high school regional finalist for all four years in his hometown of Zion, Illinois. Nick is looking forward to imparting his swim knowledge amongst all the Barracudas, working hard, and cheering all of the swimmers on!

## TIME TRIALS

Many teams have the luxury of completing time trials on a Saturday and run it as a mock meet. Unfortunately, we can't have the pool on Saturdays when the pool is open (except for NWAL meets), so we do this when we can - during practice. Breaking this into practice groups will help prevent families from having to sit at the pool for 3+ hours each night while we complete time trials.

As mentioned last Thursday, time trials will be held this Thursday and Friday during our normal practice times. For those who are capable, we will complete the freestyle and backstroke on Thursday. For some, that will include the 100 Yd freestyle.

Friday, we will complete the breaststroke, butterfly and IM (for those capable).

- \* We will be using the ready benches and chairs behind the blocks just like a real meet to get the kids lined up in the correct lanes.
- \* We will have the new wireless watches for timing and a manual stopwatch for backup.
- \* Our officials will be on hand watching and learning and we will use the starter system like a meet.
- \* Still waiting for confirmation, but concessions may be there selling snow cones, drinks and snacks.
- \* We will start each age group at their posted practice times.

If your swimmer can't make Thursday and/or Friday, then we will have a make-up scheduled for **Monday, May 16th at 7:45 after practice.** That is the LAST chance to get a time in. We will not interfere with normal practice by timing during practice. If your swimmer is participating in the make-up, you will be timing and/or scribing. (and no, make-up day does not count toward volunteer credits!)

# RULES&REMINDERS

Everyone is excited that swim season has started again and we all get to see each other for the first time in a while, but we need your assistance with making practice worthwhile for all and our season a success.

**Parents, please have your swimmer sign in, go to the left of the pool area and wait for their group.**

Parents, after your swimmers sign in, please head to the back of the pool area and take a break. We need to keep the entry way clear for groups coming and going. Also, the noise level on the shallow end is a distraction to the swimmers and the coaches trying to coach.

As mentioned at the parent meeting, please refrain from interrupting practice by talking to the coaches during practice. They are trying to learn all of the names, ability levels of nearly 230 kids and teach at a quick pace.

Coach Ashley and Coach Nick both have emails where you can send questions, comments or concerns. Link to [coaches](#) page.

**No one is allowed in the back pool area or splash pad during practice (HOA rules). Please help us keep the kids out of those areas. Also there is no bike riding inside the pool area. Bikes may be parked inside, but must be walked out upon exiting the pool.**

## Volunteer Update

Congratulations to the 65 families who have registered for their 15+ Volunteer Credits. That means that several families have not yet signed up for their full 15 credits or have not signed up for anything at all. There are lots of open spots across the whole season. Be sure you look ahead at all the meets to find positions to fill. If you have any questions contact Ame Richards [americhards@entouch.net](mailto:americhards@entouch.net)

## Officials



Congratulations to all the officials who recently completed their certification.

A special thank you to all the returning officials and a hearty welcome to the following new ones:

Brent McKay, Gary Nelson, Doris Calvert, James Soliah, Adrian Lewis, Lonni Harper, Rekesch Tripathi, David Cobb, Chrissy Benton, Pam Nelson, Sandra Poag, and Rachel Lippert.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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We have a wonderful team website called [www.swimcuda.com](http://www.swimcuda.com), that helps manage all of our volunteers, each swimmer's recorded times and parent contact information. Please remember to visit "The Coach's Notebook" section to let the coaches know if you will be absent from a meet. You can even log-in on your mobile phone during the meets and follow times and points as they are posted!



## Pasta Pump Up Party!

Friday May 20th

Our first Pep Rally of the season is our traditional pasta potluck. We get the swimmers loaded up on carbs and ready for the next day's meet. Please bring your lawn chairs, drinks and a dish to share. Classic pasta dishes like spaghetti, baked ziti, fettuccini alfredo and kid friendly mac-n-cheese are great. The kids get their event numbers, cheers are chanted and everyone has a terrific time.

## TEAM PICTURES

Wednesday,  
MAY 18, 2011  
@ 5:30p.m.

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## 2011 MEET SCHEDULE

	MAY 21	MAY 28	JUNE 4	JUNE 11	JUNE 18	JUNE 25	JULY 1-3
Bridgeland (A)	Home v. B	Away v. F	Away v. C	Home v. E	Home v. D	DIVN'L	INVTL
Concord (B)	Away v. A	Home v. C	Away v. E	Home v. D	Away v. F	DIVN'L	INVTL
Blue Marlins (C)	Home v. D	Away v. A	Home v. A	Home v. F	Away v. E	DIVN'L	INVTL
Cypress Mills (D)	Away v. C	Home v. E	Home v. F	Away v. B	Home v. A	DIVN'L	INVTL
Ravens Way (E)	Home v. F	Away v. D	Home v. B	Away v. A	Home v. C	DIVN'L	INVTL
Cypress Point (F)	Away v. E	Home v. A	Away v. D	Away v. C	Home v. B	DIVN'L	INVTL

As of April 22nd. If there are changes we will post them.



## Dates to Remember!

Refund Date- 5/6  
Picture Day - 5/18  
Pasta Pump up Party - 5/20  
CudaThon Fundraiser- 6/6  
Pep Rallies - Friday's after  
practice

### MEETS

- Home 5/21  
- Away 5/28  
- Away 6/4  
- Home 6/11  
- Mid Season Meet @  
- Cy Ranch 6/13-14  
- Home 6/18  
- Divisionals 6/25  
- Invitationals 7/1-3

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If you are interested or want more information, please contact a board member. Some positions do have a few requirements that must be met. Most chair positions will fulfill volunteer commitment.

## BARRACUDA BOOSTERS

Once our meets get started we will be selling heat sheets (meet programs) at all home meets. Send your swimmer a special Shout-Out with a dedication. You can send them a message, put in a photo, & let them know you love them! Cost os \$25 total for all three meets. Contact Chrissy Benton for more info!

Do you have something you'd like to see in The Cuda Nation? Send your suggestions or photos to [chrissy.benton@bridgelandbarracudas.org](mailto:chrissy.benton@bridgelandbarracudas.org)

## F.Y.I.

There are many ways to get info about what is going on with the Cudas. We communicate through Google Groups (look for Bridgeland Barracudas and register) or find us on Facebook. These are the fastest ways to find out about weather conditions & to get current updates.

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