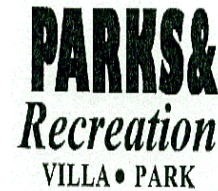




Villa Park Mariners Swim Team
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Villa Park, IL 60181
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Dear Swim Team Family,

We hope that you are looking forward to a fun swim season! Before we realize it, the swimmers will be out of school, and up early for their swim practices. If you have not already registered your swimmers, please do so before the June 5 deadline so they can compete in the first meet.

Almost all of the communication you will be receiving from the swim team will be via email so please be sure we have your correct email address and check your email often so you can stay informed. The email address is vpmariners@yahoo.com. All emails are sent using Blind Copy so that your address is not visible to others. You may provide more than one email address if you would like. Each swimmer will also have a mailbox (folder in a portable file box) where they can pick up handouts and any ribbons they receive from the swim meets. The mailboxes are set out most mornings during practice at Jefferson Pool.

Our season consists of 10 meets on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings with the Mini-Mariners competing in only the home meets. The first meet is at home, on Saturday, June 12th and will be followed by a get-acquainted picnic in the area right outside Jefferson Pool. The complete season schedule and directions to the away pools can be found on the Mariners website at: www.vprd.org/mariners/index.htm. The season finishes on Sunday, August 1, with the end of year banquet and pool party.

Turbo Turtles are back!! We will again be having Derby Races during the intermission at each home swim meet and we are looking forward to this event being a lot of fun as a fundraiser for the team. We are currently soliciting sponsors from the community for donations of gift certificates or merchandise for the derby races. If you would like to help get donations for the swim team, please email Lori McNamara at mcnamara45@comcast.net to let her know that you would like to help. Donation letters are available to be distributed to businesses you know.

The Mariners swim team will not be able to have a successful season without your volunteer help. Included In the handbook is a summary of the volunteer positions. You will enjoy the meets much more when you are involved - give it a try! **Starting this year, in order to receive the 50% off on the team suit, it will be necessary for a family member to volunteer for 5 regular season meets, and one conference meet.**

Do not forget that we have our **mandatory** parent "beginning of the season" meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Iowa Community Center. **Please read everything in the folder**, as this will be an opportunity for your pre-season questions to be answered, and any necessary forms to get turned in.

We are looking forward to a swim season of fun and excitement! See you at the pool!

Sincerely,

The Mariners Parents Association Board

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