Dear Hurricane Families,

Happy first day of summer vacation! The first day of summer also means our first morning practices – hooray! Just like that our season is off and . . . swimming!

Please take a moment to read through this email for some important announcements and reminders. It’s a long email but think of it as the kickoff to your summer reading list.

**PRACTICE REMINDERS**

Swimmers: For a successful practice, swimmers need goggles, a towel, an appropriate bathing suit, a hair tie or cap, and a water bottle. Swimmers may find a spot on the grass to leave their belongings until after practice. Goggles can be purchased at Dick’s Sporting Goods, Target, Pools Patios and Porches, Wal-Mart, or Amazon. We highly encourage purchasing two pairs just in case one pair breaks. Our team suit can be purchased at Pools, Patios, and Porches.

Communication: Just as a friendly reminder, during practice, our coaches’ sole focus is the swimmers. Coaches watch each swimmer closely to provide them with feedback and instruction. In addition to coaching, our coaches are also working hard to make sure every swimmer is SAFE in the water. If you need to speak to a coach about a quick question, please wait until the end of practice so that they do not have to turn from the water. If you have a larger question, please email Coach Jackie at [headcoach.cloverhillswim@gmail.com](mailto:headcoach.cloverhillswim@gmail.com) and she will answer your question as soon as she is able. Please feel free to reach out to the swim team board at [cloverhillswim@gmail.com](mailto:cloverhillswim@gmail.com)

Observation Area: Families are welcome to stay and watch practices. If you decide to stay and watch practice, please find a comfortable spot on the grassy area surrounding the pool. When families sit on the grass, the swimmers give their full focus and attention to their coaches. In addition, sitting on the grass keeps the pool deck open for our coaches who are moving back and forth between the shallow and deep end.

**OPENING SEASON PICNIC – Save the Date!**

Come Celebrate the start of the Hurricanes 2023 season with our team picnic on **Thursday, June 15th at 6:00pm** at the Clover Hill Pavilion. More details will be coming, but we will have a potluck pasta dinner, games, and lots of fun!

**STROKE and TURN OFFICIALS**

We need Stroke and Turn Officials to run our meets! The individuals who fill this volunteer position help officiate the meets and determine whether swimmers have correctly completed a stroke. This position is vital to running the meet AND to helping swimmers learn. Individuals interested in pursuing this volunteer opportunity do need to complete extra training. This year there are several virtual as well as an in-person training options. We would be SO GRATEFUL if we could have a number of folks trained in this role. Please see the document at the end of this email for the training schedule. Thank you in advance for your help!!

**MEET DECLARATION**

Please declare your child’s commitment (yes or no) for each swim meet as soon as possible. This helps our coaches plan and build meets quickly and easily.

How to Declare Your Swimmer for a Meet:

1) Sign into the team website and click on "Team Events" on the righthand side.

2) Underneath the first meet titled CH vs Holly Hills and Braddock Heights, click the button that says “Attend/Decline” or “Edit Commitment.”

3) Then, you will be asked to click you swimmer’s name. This will produce a declaration drop down menu. You will either select “yes” or “no.” At this point you can also add any notes you want to share with Coach Julie (i.e. needing to leave early, arriving late, a specific event your child wants to swim or not swim, etc.). Then click “save changes“ on the bottom right. Follow these directions to declare for every posted meet.

**VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteer positions for the meet will be opened next week! We will send reminders of how to sign up for volunteer positions when we open them.

**SPIRIT WEAR**

Don’t forget to purchase your Purple! Part of all sales are returned to the team. The store closes on Thursday, June 30th.

<https://cloverhillhurricanesswim.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

We are so excited for the 2022 Hurricanes’ Season!

Let us know if you have any questions and we can’t wait to see you at the pool!