

BEACHWOOD DRIFT

THE LATEST NEWS IN BEACHWOOD SWIMMING
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Congratulations to our B Finals swimmers!

It was great to be outdoors again for B Finals after several years at an indoor pool. Everyone gave a great effort with many swimmers achieving their personal best times. All of that hard work and effort paid off! We also want to thank the volunteers who helped out with timing, marshalling and greeting – we really appreciated your efforts!



Swim Practice Schedule

7:00 - 9:00 13 and up
8:30 - 10:00 11 and 12
9:45 - 11:00 9 and 10
11:00 - 12:00 8 and under

On to A Finals!

I want to encourage all Barracuda swimmers and their families to attend as much of A Finals as possible. The Barracuda A Finals swimmers appreciate support from all of you and watching the high level of performance from all the swimmers in the league is great inspiration for next season. As host of this event we want our membership to be there in force! But first, there is a lot of work for our swim families to do to put on this event and we need you to provide your support as volunteers for a variety of needs. The need for volunteers begins Friday evening and carries through the weekend.

Please see page 2 of this issue of the Drift to learn more about all of the ways you can help.

Important Dates/Times – A Finals

Thursday, July 28 at 6:00

A Finals Pasta Dinner and Paper Plate Awards
Beachwood pavilion

Saturday, July 30

A Finals – Preliminaries @ Beachwood

Morning Session for 13/14s, 15-18s

6:45 arrival

7:00-7:25 warm-ups

Events begin at 8:30

Relay Session for All Relay Swimmers (all ages)

10:30 warm-ups

11:30 events begin

After noon Session for 8 & unders, 9-10s, 11-12s

11:15 arrival

Warm ups begin immediately after relays are complete

Events immediately follow warm-ups

Important Dates/Times – A Finals

Sunday, July 31

A Finals - Championships @ Beachwood

All A Finalists and Alternates:

7:30 arrival, warm-ups start at 7:45

(tentative; subject to change at coach's discretion)

Walk to the LaBelles for bagels, juice and a pep talk
(for finalists and alternates)

9:30 walk back to Beachwood

9:45 Parade of clubs *(see details on page 3)*

Important Dates/Times – All Beachwood swimmers

Sunday, July 31

9:45 Parade of Clubs

(gather at the Beachwood tent at 9:30)

Every Barracuda swimmer should plan to attend this fun filled annual event. See page 3 for more details.

6:30 Swim Banquet

See page 2 for additional details and page 5 for the registration form. Form is also available on the Beachwood website. **RSVP by 7/25.**

Midnight Swim (immediately following banquet)

More details on this final event to wrap up the season on page 3.



Car Stickers : \$2

Car Flags: \$5

Show your Spirit for Finals!

T-Shirts = \$10 each

Sizes are limited:

Adult : Small, Medium

Youth: Large



**Email beachwoodswimming@gmail.com
if you're interested**

A Finals Volunteers – we need your help!

We've made a lot of progress in getting volunteers signed up for A Finals and we sincerely thank those who have stepped up to help. For those of you who haven't, we still have slots to fill and we need your help...

DECK CONTROL: The NSSL has assigned Beachwood to be in charge of Deck Control for A Finals (other clubs are responsible for other jobs that weekend). We've had a few volunteers for this important job, but **there are many more slots to fill**, particularly on Saturday afternoon. Please email beachwoodswimming@gmail.com if you are willing to step up and help for a couple of hours or if you just want to ask a question about what this job requires. It doesn't require any special skill and you get a great view of the competition!

CONCESSIONS:

- We need people for the following:

Saturday: concession sales - 12:00 - 2:00, 2:00 - 4:00

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Sunday: concession sales - 12:00 - 2:00, 2:00 - 4:00

Sunday: grill - 11:00 - 1:00, 2:00 - 4:00

- We need someone to go to Costco or Sam's Club to get 29 cases of water.
- For those families who have not donated any food items, it's not too late!! We are in need of the following beverages:

38 12 packs of Diet Coke (with caffeine, please!)

19 12 packs of regular Coke

8 6 packs of Gatorade (12 ounce bottles ONLY)

Please contact Sandy Abowd (saabowd@gmail.com) or Julie Monroe (monroej@wowway.com) ASAP if you can help with any of these items.

TIMERS: If you've been a timer throughout the season, Dave Basile has probably already contacted you regarding our need for a couple of timers for A Finals. If you're interested in this role, please contact Dave at dbasile@adamlab.com.

SETUP/TEARDOWN: There is a lot of work to be done at the club on Friday afternoon/evening before A Finals begins on Saturday. Bleachers need to be put in place, tents need to be raised and a number of other things must be arranged to make sure the club is ready for the throngs of visitors. There is definitely some manual labor involved, but the swim team chair has traditionally been known to express his gratitude for this effort with adult beverages. (If anyone has a pickup truck to help us move the bleachers, that could make our task a lot easier).

We will also need help restoring the club to normal after the meet on Sunday, so anyone who can lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated.

Swim Team Banquet Sunday, July 31 @ The Met hotel

We will be continuing the tradition of wrapping up the swim season with our annual swim team banquet for **ALL Beachwood swimmers**. See page 5 for all the details and the registration Form. (Registration form is also posted on the Beachwood website). We'll have a delicious buffet dinner, hand out awards to all of our swimmers and be treated to a fantastic slide show to wrap up the season. You won't want to miss this!

You must RSVP by 7/25.



COACHES GIFTS

Even if you're unable to join us for the banquet, we'd like to ask for your support in making a donation for the coaches gifts. Our coaches work hard throughout the season and we all see the tangible results in the improved performances of our swimmers. You can use the banquet registration form (on page 5) to make your contribution.



A Finals Pasta Dinner and Paper Plate Awards

Thursday 7/28 @ 6:00

This is another great Beachwood tradition you won't want to miss. All of our A Finals swimmers and their families gather together to carb up, receive some fun awards from the coaching staff and listen to inspiring words from Coach Venos to get us fired up for finals.

You should have received your Evite invitation for the A Finals dinner last week. (You only need to attend this dinner if your swimmer will be swimming in A Finals). If you haven't RSVPed please take care of that ASAP. If you did not receive the invite, please contact Ellen Perham at perhamfamily@att.net.



Don't forget your BUDDY POSTERS!

If your buddy (or other Barracuda friend) is swimming at A Finals, please be sure to deliver your buddy poster the night of the pasta dinner (if possible) or Friday night. If you won't be around either night, be sure to have someone do it for you.



Parade of Clubs

We're going back to the 60s...it's going to be groovy!

Every Beachwood swimmer should plan on joining the Parade of Clubs on Sunday morning. This is another great A Finals tradition that you won't want to miss. This year will be extra special as the NSSL is celebrating it's 50th anniversary and each team is bringing back some "legacy" swimmers from their past.

In honor of the founding of the league back in the 1960s, our theme this year is the 60s. We've picked out a cool tie-dye bracelet and bandana for each swimmer, but please plan to supplement it with anything you have of your own....if it has a peace sign or it's tie dyed it will work. If you don't have a tie dyed t-shirt to wear, just wear your blue Beachwood team t-shirt. I'm sure our team is going to look *far out!*



Midnight Swim

We re-established this Beachwood tradition last summer and it was a big hit, so we're bringing it back again. After the banquet on Sunday night, please join us back at the pool for a night time swim. The pool will only be open to the swim team and their families and it will only be open for a limited time.

We will have lifeguards on duty, but you still need to keep a close eye on your younger swimmers, just like you would during the day.



At the banquet we hope to recognize everyone that graciously volunteered throughout the swim season. Your time and energy are deeply appreciated. Managing this team requires a lot of people and we couldn't do it without you. We hope we can count on you again next summer and throughout your child's swimming career at Beachwood.

We hope your and your kids thoroughly enjoyed the swim season, but there's always room for improvement. We'd love to hear your suggestions or answer your questions throughout the fall and winter. Just drop us a note at beachwoodswimming@gmail.com and let us know what's on your mind.

Summer swimming may be over...but we want you to stay wet!

Just because the Beachwood season is wrapping up, it doesn't mean you have to put your racing suits away until June. We would encourage you to stay involved in swimming throughout the fall and winter in one of the many fine swimming programs in the area. Your swimmer will benefit from staying active in this great sport and it will help our team improve throughout the coming years. You can find out more about these programs by talking to one of the coaches or the parents of many of our swimmers who are already involved with these organizations.



Birmingham Blue Dolphins
birminghambluedolphins.com



Birmingham Bloomfield Atlantis
bbaswim.org

POSEIDON SWIM CLUB

Poseidon Swim Club
poseidonswimclub.usswim.net

OAKLAND LIVE Y'ERS

Oakland Live Y'ers
olyswim.com



Cranbrook Speedsters

<http://schools.cranbrook.edu/ftpimages/209/download/2011-2012%20Speedsters%20flyer.pdf>



Swim Team Banquet

Date: Sunday, July 31, 2011
Time: 6:30pm – 10:00pm
Location: The Met hotel
 5500 Crooks Road, Troy
Cost: \$17.00 per person

Doors Open: 6:00pm
Buffet Starts: 6:30pm

MENU:

Kid friendly buffet includes spaghetti, pasta alfredo, salad, jello, herb chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, cake and ice cream, soda, lemonade, iced tea & coffee

**AWARDS AND VIDEO TO FOLLOW DINNER
 (AROUND 7:15PM)**

QUESTIONS???

**PLEASE CONTACT
 STEPHEN ABOWD: 248-642-1763 OR
SABOWD@COMCAST.NET**

RSVP Please by July 25th, 2011

Return the bottom portion with a check made payable to **"BWRA"** to the front desk.
Attn: SWIM BANQUET

PLEASE NOTE: COACHES GIFT:
 We have 6 wonderful Coaches who have worked their hearts out with our children this season! Use this form to donate to the Coaches' gift whether or not you will be attending the banquet.

The _____ Family

_____ Will be attending with a total of _____ Member(s).

_____ Will **NOT** be attending but **are contributing** to the coaches gift.

Number of people attending _____ x \$17.00 = _____

Amount donated to Coaches' gifts = _____

Total Amount enclosed = _____