



DOLPHIN LANE LINES

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Round Rock Dolphins Swim Team
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Dolphins Awards Ceremony

We would love to have everyone join us for our annual end of the year awards ceremony which will be this Friday evening, July 15th. We will be in the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church in Round Rock. The ceremony begins at 7:00 with cookies and beverages provided. Please log into Swimtopia to RSVP your family's attendance so we know how many cookies to order.

Please check family files one last time to gather up any ribbons your swimmer has earned.

If you can not make the ceremony, Page Krebsbach will have the family files on her front porch for a few days. Her address is 15808 Royal Ashdown Drive, Austin 78717 in Avery Ranch subdivision.

At the Awards Ceremony we will be having a final sale of all remaining Dolphins merchandise and also DVD sales from previous seasons.

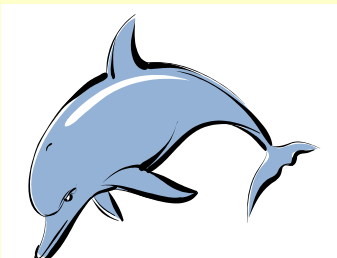
If you still have a Dolphin or Rock Award sign in your front yard you can bring it with you to the Awards Ceremony and we will be happy to get it back to the shed for next year's winners.

We are looking for a Merchandise Coordinator for next year's Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact one of the following individuals.

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Invitationals

Families heading to Invitationals ~

Coach Tom has asked that all Invitational Qualifiers swimming at UT please meet at 9:15 am by the tree in front of the UT Swim Center so they can all walk together as a team into the meet.

We want to thank all of the parents for volunteering as we have filled our needed positions.

This is going to be an exciting time for our Round Rock Dolphins family.

Warm ups will be in lanes 5-8 in the South pool from 9:45 to 10:05.

The meet starts at 11:00

There is only one shift for Volunteers.

When you are finished, you are free to leave or stay and cheer on your team mates as they compete.

President's Perspective

The Dolphin Family

At the end of every swim season I do the following: three loads of laundry because all of the swim towels have migrated back to the laundry room, hang up my Deutschland hat (along with Roy's Las Vegas hat), put away the blue stripe-y bag that holds massive amounts of sunscreen and extra goggles and store the big rolling cooler so that it is ready for next summer. But this year, in addition to all of the normal end of swim season items, I am writing the last article as President of the Round Rock Dolphins.

I can honestly say that it has been the best job I have ever had. I guess what I mean is that it isn't really a job at all, its been like taking care of a really large family. A large, sunscreen-ring-pop-nacho-breakfast-taco-where's-the-coffee family.

When Roy was in the hospital for surgery just a week and a half ago, there I was cold (wearing shorts--brrr!), with a lousy cup of coffee and a bad book. Janice Rattray (mom of Sara 9-10 girls and Allie 11-12 girls) saw me there, gave me a hug and some blankets and sat with me for a bit before heading to her real job. I thought to myself, how wonderful it is to be part of an organization where you will actually see other parents in another place/space. And you are made all the better for seeing them. Later on that day, I got a hug and a hello from Andi Barlow (mom of Jack Barlow in the 7-8 boys). I had many of you stop and ask me about Roy, offer to help (thank you Christi Waugh), and pick up extra jobs (thank you Lisa Cuellar, and John and Judi Hosang) because I wasn't able to do them.

And you know what? That corny old phrase that family sticks together? It really does exist. I have proof: all of you, the Dolphin family.

So, thank you for the past three years. I have really enjoyed serving as your leader. I know that your next President (soon to be revealed!) will do a great job leading our awesome Dolphin family. I have every confidence that we will continue to thrive and be the swim team that other teams look up to and try to emulate. Thanks for sharing your time, your talent and your most precious resource with us--your kids. We couldn't -- I couldn't -- have done it with you.

Good luck to our Individual Meet qualifiers, I expect great results and more personal bests from you all. Enjoy the busy school year ahead and I will look forward to seeing you all again at our Year End Celebration, and of course, Returning Swimmer Registration in the spring.

And as always, I will see you at the pool,

Kara

Spirit Contest for our Divisional Meet

Winners for Spirit T-Shirts:

Most Creative: Caroline Waugh

Most Spirit: Tristan Olstad

Most Original: Stephanie Waugh

Coach Tom's Corner

Dolphins,

Divisionals was an amazing end to one of the best seasons I have ever been a part of. We had a ton of spirit, great posters and fantastic cheers at the pep rally and that carried on through to the meet. You would think that after having so many bingos and time improvements from previous meets that we were tapped out for our last meet, but we definitely saved the best for last. We finished with a ton of best times and 10 (Yes 10!) new Dolphin records. Great job as always Dolphins. The coaches couldn't be prouder of you guys.

It's hard to believe that another summer has come and gone. Although we'll end the season this Friday with the banquet and a few will end on Sunday with Invitationals, I thought I'd use this chance to say thank you to all the people that always make Dolphins such a great experience . . .

Thanks to all of the Dolphin parents out there. You guys are that ones that shuttle the kiddos back and forth to practice, meets and all of the other Dolphin activities throughout the season. Without your help and volunteer efforts the meets and many of the activities that make Dolphins what it is would not happen. Your kids might not always show it and might not say it, but thank you for all you do. Thanks for being involved in your child's life and for the encouragement that you give them.

Thanks to all my Dolphin readers out there. It was fun finding the reading logs in my file and knowing that there are many out there that enjoy reading as much as I do. Keep it up for the remainder of the summer and look for the return of the Dolphin Reading Club next year.

Thank you to all of the other coaches. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of coaches for the Dolphins. I often hear kids say that that they want to be a coach when they grow up and I can see why. From letting kids destroy them in pool on Fun Fridays to encouraging them to accomplish things that seem impossible, our coaches are the best. Thanks you for all of your hard work and really caring about the kids.

Last but not least thanks to the reason that we are all here - the swimmers. It really is a pleasure to be involved with such a great group of kids year after year. One of the fantastic things about this job is getting to see kids gain self confidence, do things they didn't think they could - like swimming a certain stroke or across the big pool, seeing them have fun with their friends and watching them grow up before you know it. I'm to the point where many of the Dolphins that were just learning how to swim when I started coaching Dolphins are about to graduate and it's really a privilege to have been a part of their lives.

Thanks for coming back year after year and have a great remainder of the summer.

Coach Tom

P.S. Socks with Sandals is making a comeback - don't be afraid to try it. That one's for you J.C.

A huge thank you to Nate Myers who did an outstanding job running concessions this year.

Also, a warm and heartfelt thank you to all volunteers from set-up, to timers, judging, ribbons, pit parents, concessions, scoring, take down and clean up. We can not run these meets without everyone doing their part and we thank you all.

Our District meet was a huge success and we had many compliments from our visiting teams about how smoothly the meet was running and that we finished in record time. Everyone had a great day.

Please visit our website at www.rrdolphins.org to see meet results. We had some amazing record breaking swims.

Divisional Results

The Round Rock Dolphins were honored to host the Anderson Mill Barracudas and the Steiner Ranch Stars on an excellent Divisional meet.

The Dolphins had 77 Qualifiers for Invitationals over the course of the season!

The Dolphins also set 10 team records at the Divisional Meet.

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