

TORPEDO TALES



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Coaches' Corner

What a way to kick off the season! At the conclusion of our first "A" meet, the Torpedoes pulled in over 80 personal best times and 17 All-Star swims!! And we had tons of fun doing it! Thanks to all those who swam, cheered, and volunteered to make our first meet a success!

As we move up into the more competitive divisions, we will continue to strive for record numbers of best times and personal growth for each swimmer. It is important for us all to keep in mind that the MCSL, and Germantown especially, are all about making swimming an enjoyable experience for everyone and creating a lifelong love of the sport. Competing in "C" division is the biggest challenge the Torpedoes have faced thus far, and we are very proud of how our swimmers are rising to meet that challenge. Again, congratulations and great job to all those who participated this weekend!

Now that morning practices have started and the season is in full swing, it is more important than ever that swimmers be present at practice. If you have a scheduling conflict, please see Coach Lauren to make alternate arrangements. We ask that parents don't bring their swimmers to a practice other than the one scheduled for his or her age group without permission from a coach. This helps us to keep practice organized and allows it to run smoothly.

On a similar note, if you know your swimmer is going to be missing a large number of practices or any meets, please put a note in Coach Lauren's box. It is **very** important that we are aware of any absences **at least** four days prior to the meet that will be missed. Thanks for your cooperation!

Lastly, our first "B" meet was last night! Though Nature tried to stop the Meet, it did not stop the enthusiasm of the swimmers and their fans. We were able to complete all events. Damascus will be at Germantown again at the end of the season. Thank you for coming out and supporting your teammates, volunteering, and participating in the fun! If you have any questions about the meet or about the events your child swam, please see a coach or one of the parent volunteers.

Swimmers of the Week

BOYS – Taylor Rushing and Pete Swan. They both competed in their first "A" meet with outstanding effort and enthusiasm as well as spirit and sportsmanship.

GIRLS – Danielle Norwitz. Came in as a brand new swimmer and wowed the team with her eager attitude and her willingness to help the team as they needed her.

"A" MEET NEWS:

Saturday HOME vs. Olney Mill
ALL swimmers please be at the pool by
7:30 AM ready for warm ups.

THEME: Wild. Wild, West

Special Thanks to
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~ Burger King at 355 & Rt. 118, Germantown
~ Royal Bakery at Middlebrook & Rt. 118, G' town

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“A”Rep Corner

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with our first meet of the season at Damascus. I was pleased to see so many new parents helping out alongside our returning veterans. This Saturday we have our first home meet, and I know that you will all pitch in again to make it a smooth running and successful meet. Don't forget that we will need help to set up, beginning at 7:30 am. We will be setting up concessions, roping off the officials' areas, setting up lane time displays, so "all hands on deck" – the more help the better. Our concession stand will need volunteers as well. Let us know we can count on you by signing up at the pool in advance.

New Program Recognition *New*

The Torpedoes are looking for local businesses to be recognized in our Meet Programs. We will sell about 100 programs each meet. This is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to show their support for the community while advertising their products and services. We encourage every family to contact their favorite business owner about this opportunity. Sample letters are available in the team mail box. Families are also welcome to place messages to a swimmer or the team. We will offer both single meet and seasonal (3 meets) rates:

Family Dedication- Single \$5:00 for 3 lines
Business Card - Single \$20, Season \$50
Half Page - Single \$30, Season \$75
Full Page - Single \$50, Season \$100

The seasonal rate will also include a poster at our home B-Meets, and special mention by our announcer.

Six Flags

Swim America Day at 6-Flags is Monday July 11. This is your opportunity to enjoy a day of fun with your coaches and teammates. You can purchase discounted tickets for \$21 and meal vouchers for \$7.75 for your family and even your non-swim team friends. These special price tickets also allow early entrance to the park on July 11. Parents, please note that it is **not** a chaperoned team event. You must provide your own transportation, and accompany your children, or make arrangements with friends for their supervision. Look for the sign up sheet at the pool this week. The deadline to sign up for Six Flags is Thursday June 30th. **Please make your check payable to the GERMANTOWN SWIM TEAM.**

Bowman's Bagels B

Meet RibBons

NEW THURSDAYS

Starting this Thursday the Coach's will pass out B Meet Ribbons on Thursday morning practice. As a special treat, the team will sell **BAGELS AND CREAM CHEESE for \$1.00**. All swimmers bring your \$1.00 and join the coaches' in your celebration!

Lost and Found

The Torpedo lost and found is growing by the day. If you are missing goggles, towels, spirit wear, etc., please stop by the lost and found today. Remember to put your name in all your spirit wear items, and they will probably find their way back to you.

Helpful hints: Did you know that if the strap breaks on your favorite goggles you don't have to throw them away! Many swim stores carry replacement straps that are less expensive than new goggles. I like the bungee cord straps: they are universal, last a long time and often outlast several sets of goggles.

Swim Parent To- Do List

1. Volunteer to help at next meet
2. Visit and join **Yahoo Group**
www.germantowntorpedoes.com
3. Volunteer to help at the next meet
4. Put your vacations (if any) on the team vacation calendar
5. Volunteer to help at the next meet
6. Check your Mailbox regularly and read your Hand Book
7. Volunteer to help at the next meet.

Calendar

Date	Event
Thurs., June 23	
ALL Morning Practices	Bowman's Bagels \$1
Team 8-9PM Pre-Team 8:30-9:00	Evening Practice
Fri., June 24 8:00PM	PEP RALLY THEME: WILD, WILD WEST
Sat., June 25 7:30AM	"A" Meet HOME vs. Olney Mill
Tue, June 28 Team 8-9PM Pre-Team 8:30-9:00	Evening Practice