

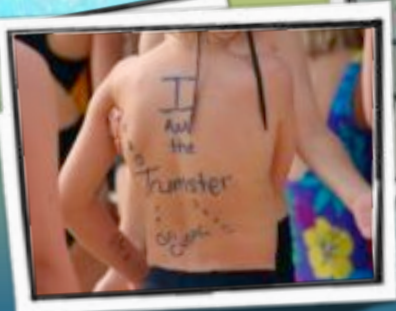


# THE CUDA NATION

APRIL 25, 2011

NEWSLETTER FOR THE BRIDGELAND BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

ISSUE TWO



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## Meet Coach Nick!

Nick is thrilled to be a part of the Barracuda coaching staff. Coach Nick Tippet is currently the Assistant swim coach for Cypress Lakes High School and assists in coaching both the Junior Varsity and Varsity swim teams. He has been instrumental in starting the swim program at Cypress Lakes upon its opening in 2008. Nick has been a valuable assistant coach and has been crucial to the qualification of several regional swimmers. When he is not coaching swimming, he is teaching Geography at Cypress Lakes. His other passion is water polo. Last year, Nick organized and ran Cypress Lakes first water polo club. He enjoys starting new endeavors, and can't wait to start the summer off with swim meets and fast swimming!

Prior to coming to Cypress Lakes, he attended Eastern Illinois University where he majored in History. Nick's passion for swimming started at age 4, as a competitive swimmer for the YMCA Seahorses year round, as well as a high school regional finalist for all four years in his hometown of Zion, Illinois. Nick is looking forward to imparting his swim knowledge amongst all the Barracudas, working hard, and cheering all of the swimmers on!

**APRIL 29th**  
**LAST DAY TO REGISTER & ORDER CUDA GEAR**  
Barracuda Swim Team registration officially ends on Friday, April 29th at the end of practice. Remember if you have signed up, but not yet paid, you are not registered. The last day to request a refund is May 6th.  
As a reminder the last day to order Cuda Gear is also the 29th. If you think you may withdraw from the team and you have ordered Cuda Gear you must cancel your order by the 29th to get a refund for your order. We have to order our shirts ASAP to get them back in time for our first meet.

# RULES&REMINDERS

Everyone is excited that swim season has started again and we all get to see each other for the first time in a while, but we need your assistance with making practice worthwhile for all and our season a success.

**Parents, please have your swimmer sign in, go to the left of the pool area and wait for their group.**

Parents, after your swimmers sign in, please head to the back of the pool area and take a break. We need to keep the entry way clear for groups coming and going. Also, the noise level on the shallow end is a distraction to the swimmers and the coaches trying to coach.

As mentioned at the parent meeting, please refrain from interrupting practice by talking to the coaches during practice. They are trying to learn all of the names, ability levels and teach at a quick pace.

Coach Ashley and Coach Nick both have emails where you can send questions, comments or concerns. Link to [coaches](#) page.

**No one is allowed in the back pool area or splash pad during practice (HOA rules). Please help us keep the kids out of those areas. Also there is no bike riding inside the pool area. Bikes may be parked inside, but must be walked out upon exiting the pool.**



## Officials

There are still a few classes available for those that want to become officials. Please contact Dwight Waters for more information.  
[dwight.waters@bridgelandbarracudas.org](mailto:dwight.waters@bridgelandbarracudas.org)



## Team Suits

D&J's will be delivering our suits on Monday, April 25th from 3:45 - 7:15. If you miss them the unclaimed suits will be with the board. If you have not ordered your suit, please contact D&Js directly. They are located off of Spring Cypress, near HWY 249.

Please remember that these suits are for meets and are not recommended for practice. Don't wash the suits in the machine. Just rinse the chlorine out, maybe a bit of dish soap, and hang to dry. D&J's carries many different practice suits and often has a great clearance section with great deals.

## [www.swimcuda.com](http://www.swimcuda.com)

We have a wonderful team website called [www.swimcuda.com](http://www.swimcuda.com), that helps manage all of our volunteers, each swimmer's recorded times and parent contact information. Please remember to visit "The Coach's Notebook" section to let the coaches know if you will be absent from a meet. You can even log-in on your mobile phone during the meets and follow times and points as they are posted!



## Pasta Pump Up Party!

Friday May 20th

Our first Pep Rally of the season is our traditional pasta potluck. We get the swimmers loaded up on carbs and ready for the next day's meet. Please bring your lawn chairs, drinks and a dish to share. Classic pasta dishes like spaghetti, baked ziti, fettuccini alfredo and kid friendly mac-n-cheese are great. The kids get their event numbers, cheers are chanted and everyone has a terrific time.

## Practice Schedules

First FULL SQUAD Practice Begins

April 25th for everyone.

4:00 –5:00 13 & up

4:55 –5:30 6 & under

5:25 –6:15 7 & 8

6:10 –7:00 9 & 10

6:55 –7:45 11 & 12

Note: Fridays may be shorter,  
watch for updates

Practice Schedule for 6/2 –6/24

Monday (afternoon/evening) -

Same as 4/25 –5/31 (see above)

Tuesday –Friday (mornings) - 7:00

–8:00 11 & up

7:55 –8:30 6 & under

8:25 –9:15 7 & 8

9:10 –10:00 9 & 10



## 2011 MEET SCHEDULE

	MAY 21	MAY 28	JUNE 4	JUNE 11	JUNE 18	JUNE 25	JULY 1-3
Bridgeland (A)	Home v. B	Away v. F	Away v. C	Home v. E	Home v. D	DIVN'L	INVTL
Concord (B)	Away v. A	Home v. C	Away v. E	Home v. D	Away v. F	DIVN'L	INVTL
Blue Marlins (C)	Home v. D	Away v. A	Home v. A	Home v. F	Away v. E	DIVN'L	INVTL
Cypress Mills (D)	Away v. C	Home v. E	Home v. F	Away v. B	Home v. A	DIVN'L	INVTL
Ravens Way (E)	Home v. F	Away v. D	Home v. B	Away v. A	Home v. C	DIVN'L	INVTL
Cypress Point (F)	Away v. E	Home v. A	Away v. D	Away v. C	Home v. B	DIVN'L	INVTL

As of April 22nd. If there are changes we will post them.

## Dates to Remember!

Registration Deadline - 4/29	-	MEETS
Cuda Gear Order Deadline 4/29	-	Home 5/21
Refund Date- 5/6	-	Away 5/28
Picture Day - 5/18	-	Away 6/4
Pasta Pump up Party - 5/20	-	Home 6/11
First Home Meet 5-21	-	Mid Season Meet @
CudaThon Fundraiser- 6/6	-	Cy Ranch 6/13-14
Pep Rallies - Friday's after practice	-	Home 6/18
	-	Divisionals 6/25
	-	Invitationals 7/1-3

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## Filled & OPEN Chair Positions



### PEP RALLIES

Erika Sanchez & Daphne Urrea

### PICTURE DAY

Michelle Marshall & Julie Reedy

### DJ

Trent Henson

### CUDA GEAR 2012

Annette Jiminez & Open

### CUDATHON

Veronica Schoenheft, Jenny Snyder

### EOY AWARDS BANQUET

Teal Moran

### EOY PARTY

Open

### EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT

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### AGE LEVEL REPS

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### OFFICIAL TEAM PHOTOGRAPHER

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If you are interested or want more information, please contact a board member. Some positions do have a few requirements that must be met. Most chair positions will fulfill volunteer commitment.

## BARRACUDA BOOSTERS

Once our meets get started we will be selling heat sheets (meet programs) at all home meets.

Send your swimmer a special Shout-Out with a dedication. You can send them a message, put in a photo, & let them know you love them! Cost is \$25 total for all three meets. Contact Chrissy Benton for more info!

Do you have something you'd like to see in The Cuda Nation? Send your suggestions or photos to [chrissy.benton@bridgelandbarracudas.org](mailto:chrissy.benton@bridgelandbarracudas.org)

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## F.Y.I.

There are many ways to get info about what is going on with the Cudas. We communicate through Google Groups (look for Bridgeland Barracudas and register) or find us on Facebook. These are the fastest ways to find out about weather conditions & to get current updates.

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