



Hello Springlakers! We are excited to start our first year as swim team representatives and cannot wait for the season to begin! We are hopeful that all of our team participants from last year will be returning this year. Our team grew significantly last year and we hope to continue that trend. Please spread the word about how much fun swim team is and encourage your friends to join! The Springlake Piranhas Swim Team is for children of all ages up to 18 who can swim 25 meters unassisted and pass the deep end test. **For safety reasons, all new swimmers must pass the deep end test by the first swim meet.** This gives them some time to work with our coaches and hopefully pass the deep end test!

We are so excited to share some information about the strong coaching staff that we will have this summer. Our head coach Solomon Sniad is returning to us again this summer and we could not be happier! Solomon has been coaching since 2009. He has spent the last 10 years working with the NBAC age group program which ranges from ages 5-14 years old. He has also taught swim lessons since 2007 for all ages and abilities. His passion is working with children from sports camp counselor, to the pool deck and even inside the classroom where he teaches Kindergarten. His goal is to guide them to become better athletes and outstanding individuals. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful leader for our swimmers!

This year we are lucky enough to hire THREE Assistant Coaches because of our growing number of swimmers. Coach Kyanna will be returning again this year and we are thrilled. Kyanna Cadwaller grew up swimming in Florida and moved to Maryland to swim Division III at Goucher College. Her best stroke was breaststroke. Kyanna recently graduated from college and is thrilled to remain in the

swimming world this summer coaching with the Piranhas. She has coached summer league teams in Florida since she was fifteen and has also taught private lessons at Goucher to children and adults working on water safety, basic swimming skills, and stroke technique.

One of our new assistant coaches is Abby McKenna. Abby has swum for NBAC since she was 8 years old and has been an avid swimmer for as long as she can remember. She is graduating from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute this spring and is attending the University of Maryland College park with a Banneker Key scholarship. Abby plans to major in biomedical engineering. This is her second summer coaching young swimmers and is thrilled to be joining the Springlake team!

Our final addition to the coaching staff this season is Ryan Miller. We are lucky to have another avid swimmer who is passionate about coaching aspiring swimmers. Ryan is currently attending the University of South Carolina as a Sport and Entertainment Management major and is thrilled to be starting his fourth year coaching. Ryan has had previous coaching experience with our head coach Solomon, and is looking forward to continuing a great partnership.

Piranhas Swim Team registration for the 2019 season will be held at the pool on Thursday, May 2nd from 4:00-6:00. Please bring the completed registration form with payment on May 2nd. Checks are preferred, but we will accept credit as well. Swim team fees help pay for league dues, insurance, ribbons and awards, equipment, coaches' salaries, parties, team gifts etc. FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE. Family Membership dues **must** be paid prior to registering for swim team. A representative from Metro Swim Shop will be at registration to help with sizing and purchases for our team suits. We will be using last season's suits again this summer. If you need to purchase a new suit for your swimmer, we strongly encourage you to bring your swimmers with you to take care of

purchasing the suit at registration. The suit will be available for purchase at the swim shop after registration.

You will find the Practice and Meet Schedule posted on the website. We have moved up a division because of our amazing season last year, and are excited for this new endeavor. We will have 3 home meets and 2 away. We will be holding the Car Wash and Bake Sale on Friday June 14th. It is a ton of fun, be sure to mark it on your calendars! Afternoon practices will begin the day after Memorial Day. Morning practices will tentatively begin on June 20th, but this is subject to change once the last day of school is announced. The Pep Rally will be on Friday morning 6/21 for the kids. Donuts and juice will be provided and they may bring their signs to decorate the pool before our first home meet the next day. The coaches will lead cheers and relay races. If anyone has an idea for a team building activity and is interested in working with some parents to organize it, please let us know. We welcome any and all new ideas!

Please contact Nicki at nvercollone@yahoo.com with any questions. We look forward to another amazing Piranhas season!

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