



Colony Creek Mariners

April 25, 2017

President's Corner

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to returning families. I hope you will look forward to opening this email or link on our website weekly. We will use these two methods plus our Facebook page to keep you up to date.

Because of the size of our team, we practice at two pools, but we like to come together on Fridays as a team. Parking will be difficult so please be mindful of the residents trying to get home from work. When possible, carpool, walk or ride bikes.

Please add to your calendar the date of April 28th. That will be our first Friday practice as a team at the Colony Creek pool. I will be hosting a parent meeting in the clubhouse from 4:30-7:30 to accommodate parents coming and going. I will repeat what I am sharing a few times over the 3 hours so come as your schedule permits. We will have handouts and answer frequently asked questions.

Friday the 28th will be the only day next week and the last chance to register for the team. The coaches cannot sign swimmers up during practice. They are busy coaching. Please share with interested families that they need to come on the 28th between 4:30 and 7:30 to the clubhouse.

Please check out an article we have in this newsletter about volunteering and how your company can reward our team for your volunteering.

Upcoming Events

Practice begins for ALL swimmers on Tuesday, April 25th.

Please see website for schedule and locations.

We will have a parent meeting during all practices on Friday, April 28th in the Colony Creek Clubhouse. Please plan to come and meet members of our board and hear important information for the upcoming season.

Website Information

We are in the process of updating information on the team website. If you do not have access to the website, please contact William Strong at cmariners.website@outlook.com

Include Name, Address, phone number, and email address. Once added to the register you will have full access to the website and you will receive emails when news is posted.

Please visit our website at:

colonycreek.swim-team.us

Here you will find our calendar of events, swim practice schedule and other valuable information.



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Coaches Corner

Coach Lynn and I want to welcome all our NEW Mariners to our team and our returning Mariners back to our family team :)

Our new coaches for this year will be former Mariner swimmers Coach Jade Phillips and Todd Ber.

Reminders to PLEASE look at your schedules. We do not practice on Mondays.

We start using 2 pools on Tuesday. 6 & unders, 11 - 12 and 13 & overs will all be at Colony Creek on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays

7 & 8 , and 9 & 10's will all be at Champion Springs on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays

We are all at Colony Creek on Fridays and times will adjust.

These next 2 weeks are learning weeks and we will NOT be using fins yet.

Please bring warm clothes, 2 towels and YOUR GOGGLES to the 7 & 8 and the 9 & 10 practices because that pool is colder than the Colony Creek pool.

Be on time to pick up your kids... We are not babysitters and our fees are expensive

If you have any questions please contact a board member or one of the coaches.

Go Mariners
Coach Kathy

Volunteer Information

Kim Hamilton is creating an e-mail list for volunteers and will be sending out an email with the positions people have signed up for, and anything that is still open.

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Volunteer grant programs are corporate giving programs created to encourage volunteerism in communities where employees live and work. Volunteer Grants come in two forms:

1. A set monetary donation for every hour an employee volunteers
2. A set grant amount once employees reach certain thresholds

For example, ExxonMobil awards a \$500 grant to a nonprofit once a team of five or more eligible participants volunteer for a combined total of at least 20 hours or an individual completes 20 hours. Then Employees/volunteers log their hours and request the volunteer grant electronically at <https://www.easymatch.com/exxonmobil/>.

Here is a list of other companies that offer volunteer grant programs: Aetna, Outerwall (Coinstar/Redbox), Verizon, ConocoPhillips, Microsoft, Dell, RealNetworks, Time Warner, Allstate and BP found at [doublethedonation.com](http://doublethedonation.com) Once you click on a company if you scroll 2/3 down the page there is a link to "Search another company" and to see if your company offers a similar program as well as the link to submit for the grant to nonprofit organizations.