

OMSC - 2005

Swimming Lessons

Teaching children to swim is an important aspect of Olde Mill Swim Club. The Red Cross "Learn to Swim Program" is offered here by fully-certified instructors. We typically have 130 students during the summer who complete 2-week sessions at different levels.

We have been fortunate to have had Beth Holden as the parent volunteer overseeing this activity; she has done so for six years! Beth, thanks for your time and effort in keeping this program in operation. Debbie Sunstrom has now taken the reins of our swimming lesson program; she's a familiar face and has been involved in Olde Mill aquatics for many years.

If you have children, make sure they know how to swim. Our program is open to everyone.

Swim Team

On July 30, the Olde Mill Swim Team (OMST) held its annual Awards Picnic. This end-of-season finale is a celebration for the team's community and provides recognition of the swimmers' accomplishments. It caps the June-July period during which the swim team trains, competes and has fun.

This year the team was under the able guidance of coaches Mandy Wilson and Caitlin Heidemann. They worked hard to make the team a positive factor in our children's lives. They made it a source of both exercise and enjoyment.

The 2005 team had 68 members. Twenty-one were new to the team, including:

6 and under age group: *Ebenezer Hagan, Nana Jacob Hagan, Daniel Parker & Jacquelyn Sunstrom*

8 and under: *Alyssa Kjerulf*

9-10: *Calvin Glover, Abigail Hagan, Esther Hagan, Darnell Haskell, Kayla Haskell & Scott Zimmerman*

11-12: *Stephanie Allen, Zach Campbell, Reika Haskell, Alex Lewis, Jonathan Owens & Kaili Owens*

13-14: *Ryan Adkins & Hunter Laisure*

15-18: *Robin Adkins & Andrew Lewis*

These new members provided renewed vitality to the team. If you have a child who might be interested, please consider joining the team next year.

The OMST competes in the Central Maryland Swim League, which includes 48 teams across the Baltimore-Annapolis region. CMSL swimmers who have outstanding times in their events are invited each year to the Straehle League Championship. This year we had the following individuals qualify: *Nicholas Allen, Ryan Adkins, Rachael Ballard, Ryan Ballard, Greg Batchelder, Chrissy Cunningham, Chris Durrant, Hilary Radolec, Megan Radolec & Matt Thompson*. Congratulations for your accomplishment!

And, to our three graduating seniors, Helen, Jamie and Rachel – good luck at Towson, Salisbury and McDaniel!!!

The Olde Mill Swim Team also hosted its traditional evening Steak Barbecue on July 23. This adults-only event was enjoyed by a record crowd. A silent auction was held for items provided by numerous friends and businesses. Thank you all. It was an enjoyable evening.

If you'd like to learn more about the Olde Mill Swim Team, visit our webpage at <http://www.oldemill.org/>. The team's website was recently redesigned & enhanced by another of our bright young individuals, Matt Bouchard. Thanks to Matt and thanks to the many parents who do all the other behind-the-scenes work.

A special acknowledgment goes to RT's Gourmet Cafe, who once again was OMST's main sponsor. Local businesses such as RT's provide a real benefit to our community. We appreciate your financial support.

Membership

Membership in Olde Mill Swim Club has remained steady this year, matching last year's mark of 260 Active families. We have welcomed 35 new families who have joined the club in 2005. We invite everyone in the area to join; it's very inexpensive entertainment.

Staffing

The 2005 lifeguard staff was excellent. Mandy Wilson and Kevin Behringer headed a group of some of the finest young people in the area. We were fortunate to have employees of such high caliber. They served their customers and maintained the club as a safe harbor for our children.

To the staff, we very much appreciate your endurance and demeanor. We feel blessed to have been able to share the summer with you. Good luck in your upcoming academic studies.

*Kevin Kendall – Director
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