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THERE WILL BE NO OTHER REMINDERS!!!

Mark Your Calendar!

CINCO RANCH SWIM TEAM

MANDATORY FINAL REGISTRATION:

SUNDAY, March 28th (2:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

-OR-

SATURDAY, April 17th (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)

*****FIELDER ELEMENTARY GYM*****

2100 Greenway Village Drive

BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK – NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED!

BRING YOUR SWIMMER TO TRY ON SUITS!!

BRING YOUR DATE BOOK TO SCHEDULE YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES!!

At registration, you will be able to purchase swim suits, goggles and accessories,
as well as order your free team t-shirt and cap.

TO COMPLETE FINAL REGISTRATION YOU MUST:

1. **Complete and submit your Release Form(s)**
2. **Sign-up for Volunteer Positions:** All parents are required to sign-up for 2 volunteer positions per swimmer up to a maximum five positions per family. It takes 60+ volunteers to run a successful meet!!

No-Shows will lose their spot on the team!!

If you cannot attend, please make arrangements for a friend to complete
the Final Registration on your behalf.

CINCO RANCH SWIM TEAM

March 1, 2010

Welcome to the Cinco Ranch Swim Team Open Registration!

Open registration for new swim families (and those returning members that did not pre-register) begins today and ends April 17, 2010. Registration is open to all individuals aged 4 to 18 (as of May 1, 2010) who are Cinco Ranch I residents in good standing as of March 27, 2010. We are excited that you are interested in registering for the 2010 swim season. Please read the following information carefully and follow the instructions as given.

TEAMS: Cinco has 4 separate swim teams. You are free to register with any of the 4 teams; however, most families find that it is more convenient to swim with the team closer to their own neighborhood. The registration form asks for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and/or 4th choice for placement. If you are definitely not interested in swimming on a particular team, leave that blank or cross it out.

The **Greenway** (GW) team practices and holds their home meets at the Greenway pool located on Greenway Village Drive across from Fielder Elementary.

The **Highland Park** (HP) team practices and holds their home meets at the Highland Park pool located at 4909 Gaston Road off Cinco Ranch Boulevard next to Kilpatrick Elementary.

The **North Lake** (NL) team practices at the North Lake pool on Northmoor Drive between Mason Road and Cinco Lakes Drive. Their home meets are typically held at the South Ranch pool.

The **South Ranch** (SR) team practices and holds their home meets at the South Ranch pool located at the corner of Mason and Fry across from Beck Junior High.

COST: Registration Fees for the 2010 swim season are \$95 per swimmer. **All registration fees are due with this application. Please send in a SEPARATE check for each swimmer you wish to register.** If you are registering three swimmers, you will send in three checks for \$95 each. If your child is placed on a team, the maximum refund you will be able to receive should he or she choose not to swim is \$50. Should your child choose not to swim for any reason between now and April 29th AND you notify the Registrar **in writing** prior to May 1st, \$50 of the registration fee will be refundable upon request. If your child is wait-listed and never placed on a team, your check for that swimmer will not be cashed. Additionally, each swimmer is required to purchase the current team swim suit to wear at meets. These run approximately \$35 for boys and \$50 for girls and are available at final registration.

SEASON: Practices will begin in early May. Regular season dual meets could start as early as June 4th and will finish no later than June 20, 2010. Our end of season invitational meets will be held the weekend of June 26th and 27th.

ABILITY: All swimmers must be considered to be a novice swimmer by the West Houston Aquatic League (WHAle) AND must be comfortable remaining in the water independently from the first day of practice. Additionally, all swimmers need to be able to swim 25 yards unassisted (i.e. no holding the lane lines and no touching the bottom, etc.) by the 10th scheduled day of practice. To ensure success, swim lessons should be sought prior to the first day of practice.

FRIENDS: If for transportation or other reasons, you only want to be considered to be put on a team with a certain friend, both families registration forms MUST be mailed in the same envelope – to ensure arrival at exactly the same time. Otherwise, notes written on the registration form regarding requests to be with a certain other friend can NOT be considered.

SPRING BREAK: Please note that any registrations received during Spring Break (March 15th through March 21st) will not be processed until Monday, March 22nd. Any emails regarding registration during this week will not be addressed.

DAILY PRACTICE TIMES: Practice schedules are set by the board in March and are published in the Team Handbook available at Final Registration. Practice times vary from team to team based on the size and availability of the pool. This year, daily afternoon practices will in early May, starting (at some pools) as early as 3:30 p.m. and may finish as late as 7:00 p.m. (30-45 minutes per age group). Morning practices will start Friday, June 4th, as early as 7:30 a.m. for some age groups. All practices will be finished by 10:45 a.m. so that the pools can open to the community at large.

We understand that daily swim team practice may conflict with other extra-curricular activities in the month of May. We ask that your swimmer attend as many of the daily practices in May as (s)he can and that you notify your team's Director of conflicts so that accurate attendance can be taken.

If your child is in the 6 and under group, or is not a strong swimmer, it is important that they attend as many daily practices in May as possible. On or before the 10th scheduled day of practice, the coaches will be evaluating all swimmers to insure their water safety. If your child cannot swim the length of the pool without assistance (i.e. holding the lane line, touching the bottom, etc.) at that time, (s)he will be dropped from the team and a partial refund of \$25 will be available to you upon written request.

WAIT LISTS: Each team is made up of 18 boys and 18 girls in each of the following age groups based on their age as of May 1st: 6 and under, 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, and 15-18 yrs. Coaches may ask certain swimmers to swim up in age group at meets if, and only if we do not have enough swimmers in a certain age category to swim in a competition. However, we are not able to age-up a swimmer for any other reason.

Our teams fill up fast and it is rare that many swimmers drop before the season starts. The registrar will let you know if you are "wait-listed" and will hold your check until your child is placed on a team. If your child is not placed on a team your check will be shredded (or returned to you upon your request). No swimmer can be "wait-listed" for more than one team.

COMPETITIVE MEETS: Meet dates and times are set by WHALe in late March or early April. League competition can begin as early as June 4th and will end at the end of June. If available, the schedules will be in the team directory distributed at Final Registration. As soon as the WHALe league completes the meet schedule, it will be posted on our website: www.cincoranchswimteam.org. Usually each team will swim 4-5 divisional dual meets (2-3 of which are held at their home pool). At the end of the season, certain swimmers from each team will be asked to swim in the Meet of Champs and then may earn a place at the All Star Meet. To earn the right to pre-register for the following year's swim season, at least one swimmer in each swim family must compete in a minimum of 50% of the scheduled intra-league dual meets (two of four or three of five). Pre-registration provides families the best opportunity to swim on the team of their choice.

USE OF EMAIL: A valid email address is required to register your child with CRST. It is much easier to communicate schedule changes, next year's registration, and other important information to the team as a whole via email. Please list an email address that you frequently check. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please add the registrar's email address, registrar@cincoranchswimteam.org to your address book and/or take any other necessary steps to make sure emails from this address do not get caught by your SPAM/JUNK mail filters. If your child is placed on a team, you will receive notification from the registrar via email.

SWIM TEAM WEBSITE: The CRST website: www.cincoranchswimteam.org contains valuable information. Please refer to the website to find some answers to frequently asked questions regarding swim team. Space availability charts are posted on our website's home page and updated as registrations are processed. Important dates of swim team events may also be found here.

COACHES: Cinco Ranch Swim Team is made up of 4 separate swim teams. Each has its own head coach and two assistant coaches. All coaches are hired in the early spring; however, commitments and placements are not made until late March or early April. Therefore, during the registration process we are unable to insure that a particular coach or assistant coach will be returning to or placed on a particular team.

FINAL REGISTRATION: You must attend Final Registration (see attached flyer) to complete the registration process and ensure your child's spot on the team. At Final Registration, you will be asked to select and commit to your required parent volunteer positions for the swim season, purchase required team swim suit(s) and sign the necessary swimmer release form(s).

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

STEP 1 – COMPLETE & MAIL REGISTRATION FORM

- a) Be sure to complete the entire registration form and include a separate check made payable to Cinco Ranch Swim Team (or CRST) in the amount of \$95 for each swimmer you are registering. If you are registering 3 swimmers you will need to send in three separate checks. Please do NOT staple checks to the registration form.
- b) Mail your registration form (in a manner which does NOT require signature upon receipt) **immediately!** No registrations are taken in person. Registrations are taken by mail only! Registrations are processed based on date received and not by postmark date. Incomplete registration forms will not be processed until all missing information has been provided. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

STEP 2 – COME TO FINAL REGISTRATION – (Sunday, March 28th, 2pm – 5pm OR Saturday, April 17th 10am – 12 noon) at Fielder Elementary

- a) Bring your checkbook. Should you choose to order additional swim team shirts or yard signs you will need your checkbook as the team does not accept cash. Additionally, you will need your checkbook or credit card to purchase other spirit gear (towels, bags, etc.) available from our selected vendors.
- b) Bring your swimmers to try on suits.
- c) Bring your family calendar to assist you in scheduling your Required Volunteer sign-up positions.
- d) Pick up team Handbooks at Final Registration.
- e) You must attend or make arrangements for someone else to attend for you. ***No shows will lose their place on the team!***

PARENT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT: It takes over 60 adults to conduct a timely and successful swim meet. In order to make the swim team meets fun for all and not overburden a small group of volunteers, all families are required to fill 2 volunteer positions per swimmer (with a family maximum of five) at the meets during the season. These positions can be handled by one parent or split between the parents. All volunteer positions will be explained and sign-up sheets available at Final Registration. You will not be allowed to complete Final Registration without committing to your volunteer positions so bring your calendar to Final Registration!

As a reminder, please note that CRST REFUND POLICY is as follows: A portion of the registration fee **may** be refundable. If a swimmer chooses not to swim for any reason AND notifies the REGISTRAR **in writing** after completing Final Registration but PRIOR to May 1st, a \$50 refund will be available upon request. On May 1st, all fees become non-refundable except for swimmers unable to swim the length of the pool by the 10th scheduled day of practice, as determined by the team's Head Coach. Swimmers who are unable to swim the length of the pool will be eligible to request a refund of \$25. All written requests for refunds must be received by the Registrar by June 1st. Absolutely no refund requests will be considered after June 1st.

You will be notified by email when your application has been received and processed. If you have other questions, you may email them to: registrar@cincoranchswimteam.org. This is the quickest way to get a question answered.

Thank you for your interest in Cinco Ranch Swim Team! Good Luck!

Rachel Shaffer, Registrar

Email: registrar@cincoranchswimteam.org

22418 Crisfield Court

Katy, TX 77450

CINCO RANCH SWIM TEAM

2010 New Swimmer Registration Form

Thanks for your interest in the Cinco Ranch Swim Team. CRST is currently comprised of four separate teams. Please indicate to which team or teams your child/children desire placement in your order of preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th). If there is a team or teams you would not like to be considered for, simply do not assign a numerical placement to that team.

Greenway
 Highland Park
 North Lake
 South Ranch

Parent's Names: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Cinco Subdivision: _____
Number Street Zip

Email: _____ Cell Phones: _____
(Mandatory)

If you do NOT wish to be included in the 2010 swim team directory, please check here _____

The above listed address is: OWNED _____ LEASED _____ (check one)

1st Swimmer (\$95)					
Last Name _____	First Name _____	MI _____	DOB _____ <small>(MM/DD/YY)</small>	Gender _____	Age On _____ <small>05/01/2010</small>
2nd Swimmer (\$95)					
Last Name _____	First Name _____	MI _____	DOB _____ <small>(MM/DD/YY)</small>	Gender _____	Age On _____ <small>05/01/2010</small>
3rd Swimmer (\$95)					
Last Name _____	First Name _____	MI _____	DOB _____ <small>(MM/DD/YY)</small>	Gender _____	Age On _____ <small>05/01/2010</small>

Please list below any medical conditions or medications that may pertain to the above mentioned swimmer(s), i.e. allergies, asthma, etc. that may affect performance or require special attention:

I, the undersigned, parent or guardian of the above mentioned minor(s), certify that the above enjoy good health and have no physical condition that would be aggravated by his/her participation on the Cinco Ranch Swim Team (hereinafter referred to as "CRST"). I hereby agree that said minor(s) may participate in all activities of the CRST, including but not limited to: practices, swim meets and social functions. I, the undersigned, waive ANY AND ALL rights to claims for property damage, injuries to, or death of any person arising out of participation on the CRST or the West Houston Aquatic League (WHALe) functions. I, the undersigned, also agree that a representative of CRST may authorize medical attention for the above-mentioned minor(s) in an emergency situation. I hereby grant CRST permission to use the likeness of my swimmers in any of its media whether now known or hereafter existing. I have read, understand and agree to the terms, conditions, and responsibilities as explained in the attached registration letter.

 Doctor's Name _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ date _____ Doctor's Phone _____

Please mail this form with SEPARATE CHECKS payable to CRST in the amount of \$95 per swimmer. Mail to: CRST c/o Rachel Shaffer, 22418 Crisfield Court, Katy, TX 77450. All registrations must be mailed in a manner that DOES NOT require a signature. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN PERSON. CHECK PAYMENTS ONLY! DO NOT staple checks to this form.

