

The Swimmer's Ear

Mason Manta Rays

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PRACTICE CHANGES

Saturday 6/27 National: 7:30am-10:30am; **Platinum:** 7:30am-9:30am; **Varsity:** No Practice; **Gold:** 9:15am-11:15am; **All other groups:** No Practice

Wednesday 7/1: Normal Practice at the Mason Community Center pool, but enter through Natatorium entrance due to the Mason Community Center being closed.

REGIONAL & JO MEET SIGN-UP FORMS DUE TODAY: TURN IN TO COACH TODD'S MAILBOX

SENIOR MANTA RAYS

Congratulations to all of Manta Rays that just graduated! We have a few swimmers who signed in the spring.

Congrats to **Zach Rice** for earning both a swimming and athletic scholarship to the University of Buffalo! Congrats also to **Keaton Freds** earned a scholarship to swim at Ashland University and to **Ellen Barhorst** who will be swimming at Miami University! We are very proud of our largest Senior Class ever! Congratulations to all!

Zach Rice – University of Buffalo
Keaton Freds – Ashland University
Stephen Koch – Ohio State University
Michael Hart – Georgia Tech
Jared Kolwyck – University of Pittsburgh
Brendan McNamara – University of Kentucky
Elizabeth Tabor – University of Pittsburgh
Mary Wunderle – Georgia Tech
Ellen Barhorst – Miami University
Paige Austin – University of Tennessee
Reese Cosimi – Butler University
Andy Supranos – Miami University
Tyler Torbet – Alleghany College

OPEN WATER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT:

On the morning of June 25, 2009 sixty plus Manta Rays took part in Ohio Swimming's fifth open water championships. **Zoe Thatcher and Jared Kolwyck** won individual state titles! Two of our relay teams won state titles as well! **Zoe Thatcher, Katie Hulbert, & Kate Fowler** won the 11-12 girls relay. **Joel Thatcher, Gabe West, & Sergio Zarate** won the 11-12 boys relay. Visit the official web page for this meet at www.ohioopenwater.com for the final results (yet to be posted)!

NORTHERN KENTUCKY CLIPPER DAVID WEBB MEET REPORT

We had a great David Web meet. This meet is always a great tune up for all of the upcoming championship meets. Not only did we have a lot of best times, we had more swimmers swimming fast enough to swim in finals than ever before at this meet! Congrats! As a team, we finished second behind the host team with 3,303 points.

We also had several top in the top ten for individual points including: **Brooke Frazier, Tiffany Yu, Dillon Froass, Patrick Hudak, Katie Hulbert, Kate Fowler, Gabe West, Panos Skoufalos, Haley Palmore, Alisabeth Marsteller, Sarah Austin, Ian West, Bryan McNamara, Josh Enrico, Cesar Carrillo, Danielle Jansen, Mike Hart, Stephen Koch, Brandon Williams.**

Combined Team Scores

1. NO KY Clippers

5315

2. Mason Manta Rays	3,303
3. Cincinnati Aquatic Club	2684
4. Ohio State Swim Club	629
5. Kettering City Swim Team	390
6. Sycamore Flying Fish	350
7. Kingfish Aquatic Club	344
8. Coffman Family YMCA	272
9. Springfield Family YMCA	266
10. University Of Rio Grande Swim	235
11. Unattached	181
12. Colonel Aquatics	147
13. Oak Hills Swimming Torpedoes	43

ROLLING HILLS MEET REPORT

The Manta Rays swam great at the Rolling Hills meet. All swimmers worked hard focusing on stroke technique and many achieved best times in multiple events. We had a large showing of Manta Rays swimming in finals, either representing their summer club teams or the RAYS. The following represented the RAYS at finals: **Alicia Stone, Maya Kirl, Maggie Sattler, Aki Li, and Justin Stone.** Great Job to all Manta Rays!

SENIOR 15 & OVER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM TRIP UPDATE

This summer we are going make the Senior State Meet a team trip. We have 44 swimmers and nine chaperones attending this meet. We will be staying in on-campus housing (apartments) & eating breakfast and lunch in the new dining hall. This should be a great trip! We will have more details about the trip very soon.

50-METER POOL FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

The City of Mason city council agreed to use money we had donated from USA Swimming and fundraisers we have done to take the first necessary step in building a 50-meter pool. The city hired a firm to conduct a feasibility study that will have experts look into the viability of such an idea.

The firm Counsilman-Hunsaker visited with City staff, city council, our coaches, Park Board, Warren County Visitors Bureau, and others to gather information so they can do the feasibility study. This firm is the same firm that has work on many of the first class facilities in the country and they hinted that they were working on a London pool to be used in 2012!

Needless to say, a 50-meter pool would be a valuable addition to the City of Mason and our program. Stay tuned for updates about this exciting development. The results of the study should be returned in the next couple of months.

COACH BRIAN GETTING MARRIED!

Please read the following message from Kerstin Hagemeister and Chris Carter.

Hi everybody,

As maybe a lot of you have already heard, Coach Brian is getting married on the 4th of July.

We would love to surprise him with a gift. If you would like to be part of it, please drop a donation into the Hagemeister family folder and sign your name on the card in the folder.

We are having a small party at the shelter by the outdoor pool on or around June 30th at noon (more details on this to follow), to present him the gift. Let's show our appreciation for all the work and time he put into the Manta Rays. If you have any questions, call Kerstin Hagemeister (513)234-8962 or Chris Carter at (513)295-2405 or at ccarter@cinci.rr.com.

PLATINUM, NATIONAL, AND HS VARSITY CANOE TRIP

Platinum, National and HS Varsity Manta Rays are invited to attend a six-mile canoe trip down the Little Miami on Monday, June 29. Swimmers need to be dropped off at Morgan's Canoe Ft. Ancient at 11:00 a.m. and picked up at 3:00 p.m. The cost is a discounted \$27 (tax included) per canoe with 2-3 swimmers per canoe.

Sign-up at the pool by Friday June 27. Please indicate the number of people. We are in need of parent chaperones to help the coaches on this trip. Interested chaperones please sign up on the same sign up sheet.

You must fill out a Morgan's Canoes waiver that can be downloaded here:

<http://www.morganscanoe.com/ftancient/waivers.cfm>

Directions: <http://www.morganscanoe.com/ftancient/contact.cfm>

Take I-71 to Exit 32, (Rt. 123 Morrow Exit). Go south on Rt. 123 approximately 1 block to Rt. 350 (Interstate Mart). Turn left on Rt. 350 approximately 2 miles to the river. Do not go to Morrow.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR RED, RHYTHM AND BOOM?

We have a great opportunity to earn service hours and give back to the community.

Join the fun at:

Mason's Red Rhythm and Boom
Friday, July 3

Earn community service hours while having fun! We are looking for volunteers to assist with carnival games, inflatable centers and crafts at our annual Red, Rhythm and Boom event. These are no-skill volunteer assignments with the volunteers simply replacing beanbags, pins, balloons, handing out prizes and working with younger children. Please note that parents will be present at all times. Volunteers can wear their own tee shirts to represent their church or group name. Simple signage at the tent areas. If you represent a large group of 25 or more your group name will be displayed on our large LCD screens during the entire program.

The event takes place on Friday, July 3rd at CorwinNixonPark. There will be fireworks and a free concert at the end of the evening. Below are the times that we need volunteers. If interested please let me know what time you will be available, and I will contact you with more information. I look forward to hearing from you!

Date or Dates needed:

Friday, July 3rd

Shift #1 1:30-5:30pm

Shift#2 4:30-8:30pm

Shift #3 6:00-10:00pm

Thank you

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