

Blue Marlins Swim Team



Parent Meeting
September 2nd, 2015

Coaches

Head Coach Darby Brtva

Lead on Striped & Black

All Groups

Head Developmental Coach

Kimberly de Jonckheere

Lead Turquoise & Atlantic/Pacific

All Groups

Assistant Coaches:

Kim Leidolf

All Groups

Eric Waller

All Groups

Ashley Schrafel

Turquoise/Atlantic/Pacific

Chris Vega

Turquoise/Atlantic/Pacific/Stripe

William Mathe

Stripe/Black

Adam Nelligan

Black

How to contact Coach Darby

☒ Office-voicemail 847-410-5234

☒ Cell phone (meet days only please)
847-732-1973

☒ E-mail: dbrtva@ymcachicago.org

Where do I get information?

- All Swimmers have a mailbox on deck that they need to check every practice. Medals, Ribbons, handouts are placed in there.
- We have bulletin boards on the pool deck and outside my office, much information is placed on there.
- Team web page: www.bluemarlinswimming.org
- **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FRONT DESK FOR INFORMATION!!!** They do not know what goes on with swim team!

Expectations

Must be a Member of Buehler YMCA when they sign-up and throughout the season. (YMCA of The USA rule)

To compete in YMCA Championship Meets, you must swim three Closed YMCA meets. (YMCA of USA The rule)

Have a positive attitude and be ready to make new friends and have fun!

Practice Expectations

Arrive on deck 5 minutes prior to practice time with water bottle, cap, goggles, fins, etc....

Get all equipment (pull buoy, kickboard, fins) out and ready to go.

Stretch with the team.

Be ready to enter the water, feet first, when practice starts.

Practice Groups

Practice Guide

Special note for 10 and under swimmers

All swimmers 10 and under must be walked into the building and to the pool deck. You will need to sign your swimmer in and out.

All swimmers 10 and under can not be in the pools' area by themselves before or after practice. They must have an adult in the area with them.

These are Buehler YMCA rules.

Special note for swimming at Harper College

All swimmers that practice on Friday at Harper College are expected to sign-in before practice, and to sign out in the hallway when leaving practice.

Harper requires all swimmers take a shower before entering the pool.

This ensures safety for all swimmers.

Meet Expectations

If you running late or are lost please call the Coach in Charge

Do not leave the Meet until you talk to your coach.

Parents are expected to help at both home and away meets. We must provide timers for all away meets.

YMCA vs. USA

YMCA is our primary affiliation.

USA swimming is the national governing body of competitive swimming in the United States.

USA swimming is responsible for selecting the USA teams for the Olympic games, Pan Am Games, World Championships, and all other international competitions.

USA swimming

If you are an USA swimmer.

It will allow for more meets.

Different competition

Different distances

Different Pools to swim in

Chance to swim at Seniors, Age Group, Zones, etc.....

USA Meet Fees

USA meet fees are not included in your registration fee.

You pay at the front desk once you get a program number from me.

If transferring USA Member

Fill out the Athlete Transfer Application

New Club name: Blue Marlins Swim Team

New Club Code: PALA

**\$10 check, processing fee, made payable to Illinois
Swimming, Inc**

Turn form and check in to Coach Darby

Handouts

- **How to contact Coach Darby**
- **Team Volunteer sign-up**
- **Apps Coach Darby Uses**

Handouts needed back ASAP

Parent interest sheets

Important Dates

First Day of Practice

September 2nd

Important Dates

Wednesday September 23rd

5:00-8:00 PM

Swimsuit Try-on Night

Kiefer will be in the Training room.

Kiefer

There is a link attached to our team webpage.

You will order all your items online.

Caps are to be ordered through Coach Darby

Kiefer

*2747 Pfingsten Rd
Glenview, IL 60026*

(847) 400-5360

www.kiefer.com

Female Suits

TAPER Splice



Back of Suit



Male Suits



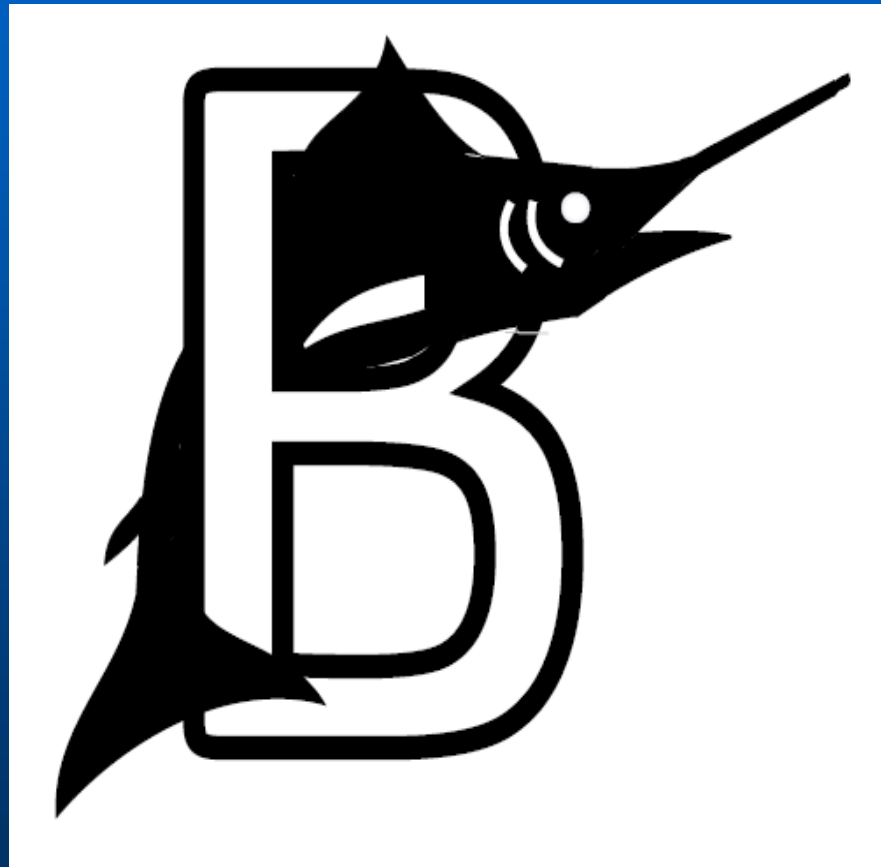
At meets

I am asking that all swimmers have a Blue Marlin cap for swim meets.

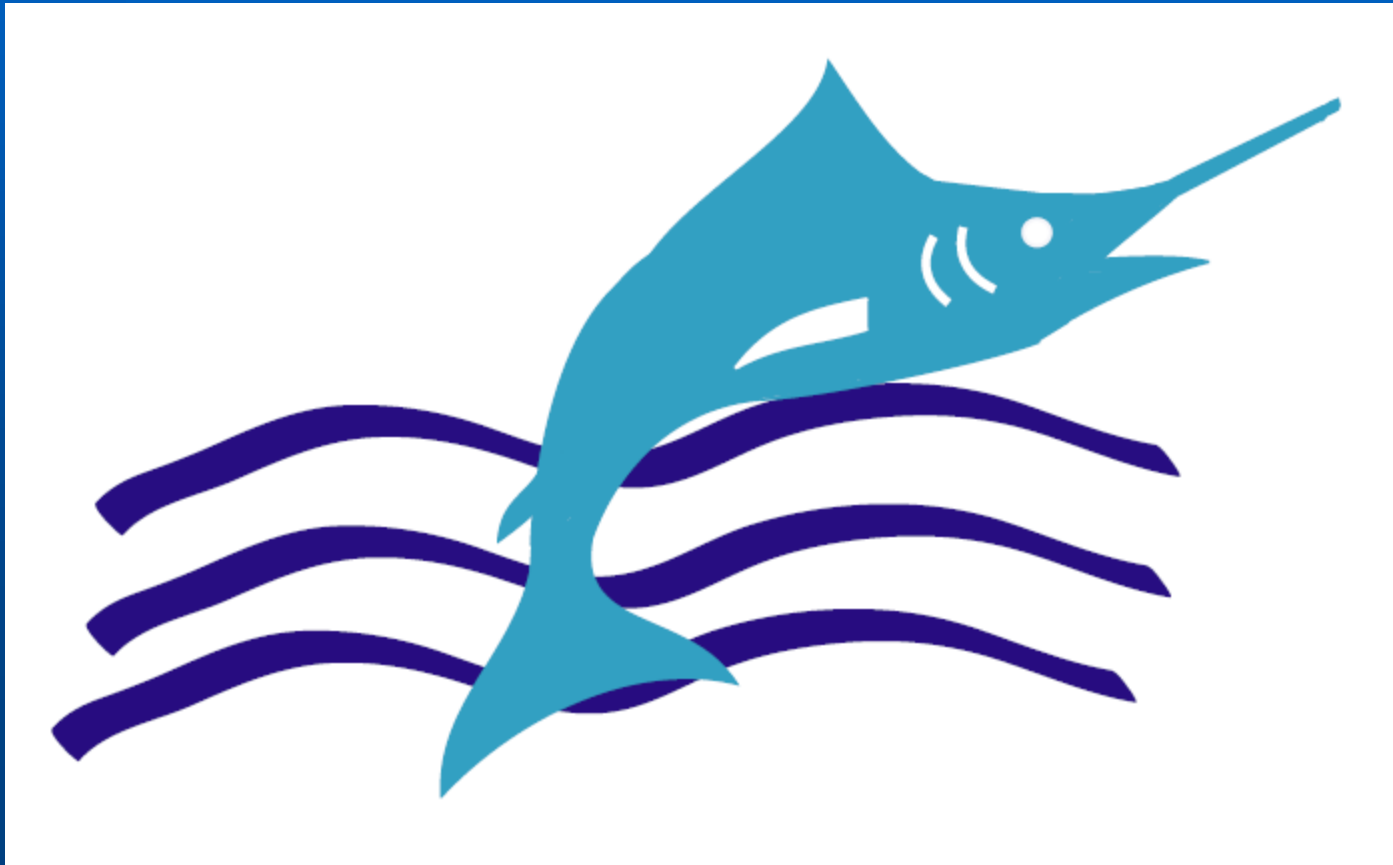
Swimmers can wear whatever cap they want for practice, but at meets we need to have a team cap on. We are proud of who we are and this helps us look more like a team when we all have our team cap on.

PARENTS: I am asking all parents to sit together and wear Blue Marlin Spiritwear! Be a large Cheering Section together in the stands cheering on our Team!

New Team logo



New Team logo



New Team logo



Team Photo Night

To Be Announced

Meet and Greet Night

DUEL IN THE POOL!!!

Boys vs. Girls

**Saturday September
19th**

Time: 5:30-8:00 PM

Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory parent meeting at 5:15 outside of my office before Dual in the Pool.

All parents must attend!

Team Unify & Parent On Deck Tutorial

- On September 21st at 7:00 PM in the state room.
- Come and learn how to manage your account, sign-up your swimmer for meets and how to take full advantage of functions like checking your swimmers attendance and listing to coaches comments from your swimmers swims at meets.
- We will also be covering how to take advantage of the free Parent OnDeck App. that accompanies the Team Unify Swim Office the we use. With the app you can look up your swimmers best times, see how far off they are for qualifying for championship meets, sign-up for swim meets as well as volunteer opportunities.

Chicago Wolves game

**Chicago Wolves game will be Saturday
November 28th, 2015 at 7:00 PM.**

Versus San Antonio

**Cost: \$25.00 (ticket, Hot Dog, drink,
and a wolves hat) \$2.50 is donated
Back to the Blue Marlins**

Watch for a Flyer with more details.

Pasta Party

The kick off the Championship Season pasta party will be around Sunday February 21st.

We make posters, sign them, and just have a fun team spirit building time!

Watch for a Flyer with more details.

End of the Season Banquet

**End of the Season Banquet will be in
April 2016.**

Looking at 16th/17th

Watch for a Flyer with more details.

Meet Dates

You can look at your Master Meet page...

If we have anything else come up we will let you know as soon as possible.

Remember you are done swimming as soon as you finishing competing.

NO PRACTICE DATES

**Friday September 4th- NO HARPER: Stripe and Black at Buehler for dryland
fun 5:30-7:30 PM**

Monday September 7th- Labor Day

Thursday November 26th

Friday November 27th

Thursday December 24th

Friday December 25th

Thursday December 31st

Friday January 1st, 2013

No Harper Dates- practice at Buehler

Friday September 4th

Friday November 27th

Friday December 25th

Friday January 1st

Volunteering

All parents are encouraged to get involved and take an active role in making the Buehler program a fun and rewarding experience. Because of the many hours that your swimmer will spend at practice and meets, there are some things that you as a parent can get involved in to make it a positive family experience, while building lasting memories and friendships.

Volunteering Continued

Blue Marlin Parent Advisory Committee

BMPAC

Check the team website for dates.

Volunteering Continued

Some of the activities that the parents organizes include:

Meet Worker Organization

Fund raising

Social programs

Publicity

Equipment and supplies

Providing ribbons for meets

Organizing the year end banquet

Supporting swimming as a sport in Palatine

YMCA Officials Training

We pay for you to go

We provide a polo shirt for you

It is a great way to learn the rules of the sport

It is a great spot to watch the meet from

**We do expect you to work all home meets and some
away meets**

I REALLY NEED PARENTS TO GO THIS YEAR!!!!

Up coming Y Officials training

- **Sunday September 20th- AO training at Buehler at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**
- **Saturday September 26th at Lattof
Level I at 8:00 AM
Level II at 1:00 PM**
- **Sunday November 19th 8:00 AM-1:00 PM at McGaw YMCA. Level I and II at the same time.**

Up coming USA officials' training

- Mundelein - September 13, 2015
- Naperville - September 20, 2015
- Niles - September 26, 2015
- Peoria - September 27, 2015
- Elmhurst - October 11, 2015

Please talk to coach Darby if you are interested in attending

Fundraising

Concession sales at all home meets

Pentathlon

Red White and Blue Spectacular

Manna group

Corporate Sponsorship

What is Manna?

- **Manna program was established in 1989 and has been providing funds to non-profit organizations.**
- **Gift card/gift certificate program**

How does Manna help the Blue marlins?

- Manna is a program where swim team parents and Y employees can purchase gift cards.
- Parents buy the gift cards at face value, and the swim team receives between 2% - 20% of the gift card value as cash-back.
- Example: \$100 Jewel card, \$4 Swim Team—Parent redeems gift card at \$100
- Everybody Wins!!

How do I Participate?

- Order online- everyone will have their own account.
 - Card Distribution **will be at the front desk (ID and signature required)**
 - We order every two weeks

How would I use Manna?

- Like any other Gift Card!!
- Holidays, Birthdays, Thank you
- Plan your grocery, gas, fast food needs (Wendy's) for the month
- One-stop Holiday Gift card Shopping
- *You buy your gift cards through the Blue Marlins Manna program at no additional cost and you support the Blue Marlin Swim Team!*

Benefits of Manna Program

Fundraising

- **Parents can support team without additional cost**
- **Children/parents don't have to sell anything: candy, wrapping paper, magazines, etc...**
- **Manna has been successful for many organizations: Celtic Soccer, Pleasant Hill PTA, PPD Tiger sharks**

Parent Representatives & Participation

- **Parent Representatives-- Swim Team Manna**
 - Amy Bellof
- **Parent-fill orders**
 - We would like one parent from every group to help fill orders.

**Thank you for supporting
Buehler Blue Marlins
Manna
Fundraiser!!**



Blue Marlins Manna to date

Month	Sold	Profit	Total Profit
December	27,465.00	1,666	1,666
January	11,908.00	632.71	2,298.71
February	8,050.00	529.05	2,827.76
March	4,372.00	285.13	3,112.89
April	7,465.00	347.00	3,459.89
June	8,020.00	318.95	3,778.84
July	6,400.00	270.45	4,049.29
September	6,637.00	327.23	4,376.52

Fundraising Continued

Team Sponsorship....

This program is designed to raise additional funds for the swim team program to continue to provide the best possible program for it's participants without putting any further financial strain on it's members. The Team would solicit Sponsorship from area businesses that have not already contributed to the YMCA for any other program. There would be three Levels of Sponsorship. All Sponsors would receive a banner to be hung in the pool area and a Plaque for their place of business. The upper levels would also receive ad placements in the Swim Team's Invites Meet Programs. All three levels of Sponsorships would be for a 2-year period.

Team Sponsorship Continued

Bronze Medal Sponsor: \$1000 (roughly \$800 profit 80% profit)

3' x 5' Banner

A Bronze Medal Sponsor Plaque

Silver Medal Sponsor: \$1500 (roughly \$1250 profit 83% profit)

4' x 6' Banner

1/4 Page ad in all Invite Meet Programs.

Silver Medal Sponsor Plaque

Gold Medal Sponsor: \$2000 (roughly \$1700 profit 85% profit)

5' x 8' Banner

Full Page ad in all Invite Meet Programs

Ad on the Team Webpage

Gold Medal Sponsor Plaque

What does fundraising go for?

Fundraising goes to items that benefit the whole team.

Team Website

- www.bluemarlinsswimming.org
- This is where you sign-up for swim meets, volunteer jobs at swim meets, and all team information is found

Apps

- **Parent on Deck**
- **Meet Mobile**
- **USA swimming deck pass**

Apps Coach Darby uses

- **Ubersense**
- **Pocket Swimmer**
- **Swimmer TimesCalc (time converter)**
- **Go Swim**
- **Swimhero**

Other Techie items

- **We do have a team facebook page.
Just request to be added**
- **We do have a twitter fed as well
BlueMarlins1**
- **We have a team shutterfly. We ask that if you take any pictures during the season to please add them to the site for the end of season photo recap.**

Questions and Answer Session

Any Questions.....