

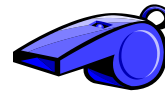


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**Week of January 18, 2011**

## **Coach's Report**



What a great weekend we had. We had many great swims even with everyone swimming at different times. Keep up the good work in the pool.

With Championships right around the corner here is a breakdown of all the upcoming meets:

**Clusters** - this meet starts our championship season all swimmers that have swam in 3 YMCA meets compete in. If a State, Zone or National cut is not made at this meet the swimmer will swim at Districts.

**8 and Under States** - this meet is for all 8 and unders that have competed in 3 YMCA meets. There is no time standard for this meet. This will be the last meet for all 8 and unders.

**Districts** - this meet was called "B Clusters" in years past. This meet is for all the swimmers that did not make 9 and up States and competed in 3 YMCA meets. We as an organization are trying something different for this meet. We are now going to have Districts which will include all teams in the state to have more competition for the swimmers and to make for a better meet. So we will be alternating sides of state of where the meet will be swum just like 9 and up states. This meet will be swum on the same weekend as the 8 and under starts. 8 and under states will be on Saturday and Districts will be on Sunday. After this meet the swimmer is done. No qualifying times can be made at this meet.

**9 and Up States** - this meet is for all 9 and up swimmers that have made a state time standard during the season. These swimmers will not compete in Districts. If a Zone or National time is not accomplished at this meet the swimmer is done.

**Zones** - this is a meet for a swimmer, typically 9 and up, that has made a zone qualifying time during the season. This meet will include swimmers in our zone of states. If a National qualifying time is not achieved at this meet the swimmer is done.

Hopefully this will help out with any questions. If you are still confused please talk to your swimmer's coach.

*Coach Colleen, Coach Eric and Coach Rick*

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## Deadlines:

- **January 28th, 7pm,** Clusters Meet Entry Deadline to the black box at the Y.
  - **January 28th, 7pm,** Clusters Meet Ad Deadline to the black box at the Y.
  - **February 1st,** Hotel Reservations for Grand Rapids (see below)
  - **February 7th, 7pm,** 9 & Up Districts Meet Entry Deadline to the black box at the Y.
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## Save the Date

The week before Clusters we will be having a Championship Potluck Pasta Dinner for all swimmers and their families. This will happen on a weeknight and information will be sent out as soon as possible.

Our End-of Year Banquet will be on March 27th.

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## Sunday Practice Reminder

There will be practice this Sunday for all 9 and ups at the Y.  
9-10 12:15 to 1:15  
11 and up 1:15 to 2:15.

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## Clusters Meet

### Eligibility:

The YMCA Cluster meet is the first of the YMCA Championship meets. All swimmers who have met the 3 YMCA meets requirement over the season can swim; there is no time cut requirement for this meet. It is also the "last chance" meet to get a YMCA State Cut. Entry forms are due to the Black Box at the Y by 7pm January 28. Make checks FOR MEET ENTRIES ONLY payable to South Oakland YMCA.

### Happy Ads:

There will be a championship program in which parents have the opportunity to place "Happy Ads" to cheer on their swimmer. This ad packet is separate from the meet entry.

**Please fill out the ad packet and PLACE IT IN THE BLACK BOX AT THE Y in a SEPARATE MARKED ENVELOPE BY JANUARY 28th.**

**Checks need to be made to BBD for the ads (meet entries still are to be made out to the South Oakland Y) BUT DO NOT SUBMIT FORMS OR CHECKS DIRECTLY TO BBD. We will turn in the ads together as a team.**



## Grand Rapids Hotel Information

The 8 and Under State Meet will be on February 19th and the YMCA District Meet (for all those 9 and up who did not get a State Meet Cut) will be on February 20th in Grand Rapids. More information about meet specifics will come out when the packet is released to our team. But, hotel reservations can be made now.

YPAC will be staying at the Homewood Suites, and a group of rooms have been blocked off for our team at the rate of \$79.00 a night plus tax. To make your reservations please contact the number below and mention that you are with YPAC.

Homewood Suites  
3920 Stahl Drive, Grand Rapids 49546  
616-285-7100

The hotel can only hold our "block" until Tuesday, February 1st. The pricing will be good past this date, but the hotel cannot guarantee available rooms after this date. So, please make sure to make reservations before this date.