

Vacationland Swim Club

April 29, 2009

Dear Coaches or Club Contacts,

Enclosed is the information about the Vacationland Open Water Challenge. Vacationland Swim Club is again hosting this event, which will be held at the Cedar Point beach on Saturday, July 18, 2009. Our weather date is Sunday, July 19th.

Along with the Vacationland Open Water Challenge, Cedar Point is again offering group rate tickets for Saturday, July 18th for Cedar Point or Soak City. Please take advantage of these great rates on an excellent day for fun.

Attached are the rates for the tickets. These tickets are also available on July 18th at the check-in area.

<i>Cedar Point</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>\$32 (48" or taller in shoes)</i>
	<i>Junior</i>	<i>\$17 (3 yrs and older and under 48 inches tall)</i>
<i>Soak City</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>\$18 (3 yrs and older and 48" or taller in bare feet)</i>
	<i>Junior</i>	<i>\$14 (3 yrs or older, under 48" tall in bare feet)</i>
<i>Slide& Ride</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>\$67 (Ages 4-59, 48" tall or taller in bare feet)</i>
	<i>Junior</i>	<i>\$37 age 3 and older, under 48 inches tall in bare feet)</i>

We will also have Vacationland Swim Club Open Water Challenge T-shirts available for \$15 presale only.

Directions to Cedar point are as follows: From the east follow Route 2 to Rye Beach Rd. and turn right. Turn left at the light, which is Route 6 and follow to Cedar Point Rd. Follow the signs to Soak City and the beach. From the west, follow the turnpike or Route 2 to Route 6 or Route 4 and follow the signs to Cedar Point. Cedar Point parking is \$10 at the gate.

We would like to encourage everyone to enjoy all the "Vacationland" has to offer. We look forward to seeing you with great weather on July 18th

*Sincerely,
Mike Wohl
Meet Director*

**The 10th Annual
Vacationland Swim Club Open Water Challenge
Sponsored by
Vacationland Swim Club
July 18, 2009
Weather date: July 19, 2009
Held under USA Swimming Sanction # LE 937 OL**

LOCATION: Cedar Point Beach, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

RACE DESCRIPTION: Beach start and finish. The course is an out and back course which runs parallel to the beach by the outer swimming buoys for approximately 500 m. Older age groups will repeat the course according to the distance. The water is approximately 6 ft. deep. Water temperature will be in the upper 70's.

STARTING TIMES: Warm-ups will be available at 8:10 a.m. with the competition beginning at 8:30 a.m. for 12-under age groups. 13-over warm-ups will begin at the completion of 12 & under events, which should be at approximately 9:00 a.m. and with the competition beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked by July 6th and received by July 8th. Hard copy, meet summary sheet and check must be received by date June 8th or your entries will not be accepted. Mail entries to Linda Wohl, 3115 Country Club Lane, Huron, Ohio 44839. Email: swimwohl@aol.com.

ENTRY FEES: Individual events \$30.00 which includes the \$2.00 per swimmer LESI surcharge. There is a \$1.00/swimmer handling fee for entries not furnished in an electronic file. If the weather is unsuitable or the lake is unusually wavy the meet may be postponed until Sunday, July 19th. Refunds will not be given if this should occur. Make checks payable to Vacationland Swim Club.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS: Swimmers may enter up to 1 individual event per day due to the nature of the meet.

DECK ENTRIES: Deck entries will be taken up to 35 minutes before the start of the meet. Deck entrants should sign up at the check in table. Deck entries are \$35. Deck entry swimmers new to the meet must provide proof of USA Swimming registration.

ELIGIBILITY: Swimmers must be current athlete members of USA Swimming and have met the time standard requirements. Coaches must be current coach members of USA Swimming and must check in for each meet or session they attend. All coaches must display the deck pass (wristband is required to be worn by all coaches) issued by the meet host. Age is as of the first day of the meet, July 18, 2009. On deck USA Swimming registration will **not** be available for swimmers or coaches but a one day Open Water USA registration will be available for \$10.

WAIVERS: Please photocopy the enclosed "waiver" and have this completed by each competitor.

QUALIFYING TIMES: "A" times or ability in the longest freestyle event available for their age group.

SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY: Entries for swimmers with a disability should be handled in the following manner: (1) enter the swimmer in the Hy-Tek database (or on the regular entry form); (2) list in the email accompanying the Hy-Tek entry file (or on a separate sheet of paper) the name of the swimmer, the stroke(s)/distance(s) s/he wishes to swim, the entry times, the day/session s/he wishes to swim the event(s), and the manner in which s/he prefers to be seeded (with a longer distance or with a different age group); and (3) provide any information about special accommodations needed by the swimmer. The final determination of seeding will be made by the Meet Referee after consultation with the swimmer and his/her coach.

CONDUCT: The meet will be conducted according to the rules set forth in the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Events will be contested in Lake Erie at Cedar Point Beach.

Events are as follows:

Girls	#1	10-under 1000 m freestyle	Boys	#2	10-under 1000 m freestyle
	#3	11-12 2000 m freestyle		#4	11-12 2000 m freestyle
	#5	13-14 3000 m freestyle		#6	13-14 3000 m freestyle
	#7	Open 3000 m freestyle		#8	Open 3000 m freestyle

Events will run as follows: # 1) 10-under girls, # 2) 10-under boys, #3) 11-12 girls, # 4) 11-12 boys. Upon completion of these 4 events, awards will be given at the beach. The Open and 13-14 age groups will begin at approximately 9:30. Event # 8) Open boys will begin followed by # 7) Open girls, # 6) 13-14 boys and # 5) 13-14 girls. All competitors must follow course rules or be subject to disqualification. Race event order may be adjusted if meet referee/meet director deem necessary. Awards for 13-14 and Open events will follow on the beach once results have been completed.

CHECK IN & Mandatory Pre-race meeting: A check in area will be set up at the beach entrance. Please follow the signs from the Soak City parking lot to the beach area. Swimmers are responsible for check in at this point and will receive a packet with their race caps and numbers. A mandatory pre-race meeting for 12 & under participants will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the Cedar Point Beach and at 9:00 for 13-over participants. 12-under participants must check in by 7:50 a.m. 13-over participants must check in by 9:00 a.m. All scratches need to be made by this time. Extra safety information will be given at this time.

COACHES: Packets and sign-in for coaches will be at the entry tables. There may be a coaches meeting if necessary.

AWARDS: Individual Events: 1st-6th place in each age group. All finishers will receive a ribbon of completion. All awards will be given at the beach. The awards will be given for 10-under and 11-12 age groups after the completion of the 9-10 and 11-12 races. The awards for the 13-14 and Open age groups will be given after the completion of the 13-14 and Open events.

MEET T-SHIRTS: Meet T-shirts will be available in adult sizes for \$15. There will be a limited number of shirts available at the meet. Please try to pre-order.

ADMISSION COST: Parking is \$10 at the Cedar Point Gate

RESULTS: Will be posted on Lakeerieswimming.com and displayed at meet site.

SAFETY/WARM-UP: Lake Erie Swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect at all times. Coaches must maintain contact with their swimmers during warm-up. All entry into the lake for warm-up must be done in the designated areas. Swimmers may be removed from the warm-up for violating safety rules. There will be ample safety personnel and boats on the course.

No recording devices, including cell phones, can be used in the locker rooms at the site of a swim practice or meet.

OFFICIATING OPPORTUNITY – Anyone that is a USA Swimming certified official is welcome and encouraged to join the Lake Erie Swimming (LESI) officials in officiating this meet. Please contact the meet director, Mike Wohl or LESI's Officials Chair, Chuck Kunsman, in advance of the meet if at all possible to let either know of your availability. The meet director's and Chuck's contact information is listed below. We are also looking for anyone that is interested in becoming an official, for more information please contact the Official's Chair, Chuck Kunsman.

Meet Director's E-mail: swimwohl@aol.com

Official's Chair: Chuck Kunsman: E-mail: chuck163@yahoo.com

UNSUPERVISED SWIMMERS: Swimmers without coach supervision must contact the Meet Director or Meet Referee to be assigned to a coach on deck.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments for all competitors, coaches, officials, and safety personnel will be offered after the race. A small concession will be available for spectators.

FACILITIES: Showers and changing rooms are available adjacent at Soak City.

MEET DIRECTOR: Mike Wohl swimwohl@aol.com 419-626-4835 cell 419-357-4132

SAFETY DIRECTOR: Jeff White white0216@sbcglobal.net 419-621-0368

ENTRY PERSON: Linda Wohl swimwohl@aol.com 419-626-4835 cell 419-357-9904

DIRECTIONS: From the East follow Route 2 to Rye Beach Rd. & turn right. Turn left at the light, which is Route 6, & follow to Cedar Point Rd. Follow the signs to Soak City and the Beach. From the west, follow the turnpike or Route 2 to Route 6 or Route 4 and follow the signs to Cedar Point.

MOTELS:

Best Western	1530 Cleveland Rd.	419-625-9234
Cedar Points Resorts		
Sandcastle or Hotel Breakers		
Breakers Express	1 Cedar Point Dr.	419-627-2106
Clarion Inn	1119 Sandusky Mall Blvd.	419-625-6280
Comfort Inn	5900 Milan Rd.	419-621-0200
Great Bear Lodge	4000 Milan Rd.	419-609-6000
Green Tree Inn	1925 Cleveland Rd.	419-626-6761
Holiday Inn	5513 Milan Rd.	419-626-6671
Holiday Inn Express	5513 Milan Rd.	419-624-0028
Howard Johnson	1932 Cleveland Rd.	419-625-1333
Park Inn	2047 Cleveland Rd.	419-626-4436
Radisson Harbour Inn	2001 Cleveland Rd.	419-627-2500
Rodeway Inn	1021 Cleveland Rd.	419-626-6852

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Girls #	Age Group/Stroke	Boys #
1	10-u 1000 m. free	2
3	11-12 2000 m. free	4
5	13-14 3000 m free	6
7	Open 3000 m free	8

LAKE ERIE SWIMMING, INC.
INDIVIDUAL AND RELAY SCRATCH RULE

Each swimmer/relay team shall be aware of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call.

- A. Pre-Seeded Meets - Each swimmer/relay team shall report promptly to the Clerk of Course prior to the race in which the swimmer/relay team is entered. Any swimmer/relay team not reporting for or competing in a timed final event or in a preliminary heat when finals are scheduled shall not be penalized.
- B. Events Seeded on the Deck –
 - (1) Events seeded on the deck shall be closed for seeding no earlier than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the session. Host may provide alternate methods of check-in (such as email, phone, and/or fax) for swimmers who do not plan to arrive before the scratch deadline.
 - (2) Any swimmer who has checked in for an individual event 400 yards/meters or longer must swim in the event unless the swimmer notifies the Clerk of Course before the seeding of the event has begun that the swimmer wishes to scratch; failure to scratch prior to seeding and not swimming the event will result in a fine of \$25.00 to the swimmer, except as noted in "Exceptions for Failure to Compete" (below).
 - (3) Any agent of a team (coach, parent, swimmer, etc.) who checks in a swimmer for any event when that swimmer is not present at the meet may cause a fine of \$2.00 per swimmer per day to be levied against that team.
- C. Scratching from Consolation Finals and Finals
 - (1) Any swimmer qualifying for a consolation final or final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said consolation final or final race shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted below in "Exceptions for Failure to Compete." If such failure to compete occurs on the swimmer's last day of the meet, the swimmer shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) by LESI.
 - (2) In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition, the Referee shall fill the consolation final or final when possible with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. These alternates shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete in the finals.
 - (3) When consolation finals have not yet been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the Referee, the Referee shall re-seed the consolation final and the final, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final.
 - (4) If a consolation final has already been contested, the final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).
- D. Exceptions for Failure to Compete - No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if
 - (1) The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
 - (2) A swimmer qualifying for a consolation final or final race following preliminaries notifies the Referee or designee within thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the qualifiers for that race that the swimmer may not intend to compete. The swimmer must declare within thirty (30) minutes following his last individual preliminary event a final intention to scratch or swim.
 - (3) The Referee determines that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.
 - (4) It is determined by the Referee that there were no alternates for the consolation final or final race in which the swimmer failed to compete, and that the swimmer's failure to compete did not affect any other swimmer's ability to compete in the consolation final or final race.

**Vacationland Swim Club
Open Water Challenge
SPONSORED BY
July 18, 2009
Weather date July 19, 2009**

MEET ENTRY SUMMARY PAGE

Team Name: _____ Team Code: _____ LSC Code: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

	# of Swimmers
10-under Girls	
10-under Boys	
11-12 Year Old Girls	
11-12 Year Old Boys	
13-14 Year Old Girls	
13-14 Year Old Boys	
15 & Over Girls	
15 & Over Boys	
TOTAL	

_____ (Total # of individual events) X \$30.00/event = \$ _____

_____ (Total # of swimmers) X \$1.00 (handling fee for paper entries) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED: \$ _____

- Swimmers will be without a coach on deck:
 I have arranged for my swimmer/s to be supervised by _____.

I VERIFY THAT EVERY SWIMMER LISTED ON THE ENCLOSED ENTRY FORM IS A REGISTERED ATHLETE MEMBER OF USA SWIMMING AND THAT EVERY COACH REPRESENTING OUR TEAM AT THIS MEET WILL BE A CURRENT COACH MEMBER OF USA SWIMMING.

SIGNED: _____ (coach or member team representative). DATE: _____

Make checks payable **Vacationland Swim Club**. **Please note:** All entries submitted with this sheet should be covered by a single check. **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IS July 8, 2009.** This sheet must accompany all entries including HY-TEK Meet Manager disk entries, hard copy & check.

Mail to: **Mike Wohl 3115 Country Club Lane, Huron, Ohio 44839**

REV: 12/19/06

WAIVER

I, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators voluntarily assume all risks of accidents or injury and release and forever discharge **Cedar Point** and its employees from any and all liability for personal injury or property damage of any kind sustained at Cedar Point Amusement Park during the **Vacationland Open Water Challenge** held on Saturday, July 18, 2009, whether such personal injury or property damage is caused by negligence of the employees of Cedar Point or otherwise. I further covenant and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Valley Fair and its employees from all loss and expense including but not limited to damages, legal expenses and cost of defense in any manner arising from my use of the park.

Participant name

Participant signature

Date

Parent or legal guardian name

Parent or legal guardian signature

Date

(If participant is less than 18 yrs. of age)

T-Shirt Orders

Adult Small, Medium, Large, X-Large shirts are available.
Shirts will be individually packed and swimmers will receive them at check in.

Team Name _____

	Name	# of Shirts	Sizes	Amt. Paid
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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18.	_____	_____	_____	_____
19.	_____	_____	_____	_____
20.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Cedar Point/Soak City Tickets

Team Name _____

Cedar Point Tickets

Name	Junior \$17	Regular \$32	Amt Paid
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Soak City Tickets

Name	Junior \$14	Regular \$18	Amount Paid
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Ride-n-Slide

Name	# of Junior \$37	# of Regular \$67	Amt. Paid
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