

Shark Alert

November 7, 2011

Thank-you to all of our hard-working Shark parents/volunteers for your time and effort at the **Trick or Treat Meet**. Your support of the Club made this meet another terrific success! Our team can't run a meet without your help.

Swimathon needs your help! Our annual fundraiser will be held on January, 21, 2012. We are looking for volunteers to help organize this event by serving on the Swimathon Committee or by helping out at the event itself. The first organizational meeting of the Swimathon Committee will be held later this month (date & time TBA). At this meeting, we will describe the specific tasks that are necessary to be performed in order to make our Swimathon successful. We have many jobs to do—some bigger, some smaller. Chances are, we can find one that's right for you! The Swimathon is a fundraiser not only for our team, but for USA Swimming and a chosen charity. Please consider helping to make the Swimathon a fun, team-building experience for our swimmers. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Davis at: rlds@nycap.rr.com.

Remaining Team Equipment Orders are being processed and are on their way! Most orders have already been filled and delivered to SSC swimmers. The remainder of the orders should be completed within the next few weeks. If you have any questions regarding your Equipment order, please contact our Team Equipment Managers, Bryce & Ellie Colby at: bcolby@nycap.rr.com.

Ads and Sponsorships for the remainder of the fall/winter season are still available. SSC is hosting 4 more meets (10 meet days) this season. Please note that you receive 50% credit of the ad value that you obtain in credit toward future registration. Ad info was distributed to SSC families earlier this season. If you have questions, please e-mail vicromanov@schenectadyswimclub.org. The deadline for submitting ads for the next SSC-hosted meet, the Saratoga Mini-Meet, is December 7th.

Timing at Meets—when attending a meet not hosted by SSC, the Club must provide timers for lanes that are assigned to us by the host team. Timing is a responsibility to be shared by all SSC parents attending a meet. It is expected that all parents will do their share of the timing. Sign-up sheets to time at a meet are usually posted by our Club outside of the pool entrance at the meet or you may be contacted directly by a SSC Timing Coordinator and asked to time. Please do your share of the timing!

The Cardiac Classic Run is a little more than 2 weeks away! As has been previously announced, the Club is again partnering with Ellis Medicine Foundation and is actively involved in the race this year by providing support services for the Cardiac Classic. The 5K Road Race(9:00am start), Wellness Walk(8:00am start) & Children's Fun Run(10:00am start) will be held in Central Park in Schenectady on Thanksgiving morning, November 24th, and we are asking for **Volunteers** to work on Race Day, as well as helping staff packet pick-up on Sunday, Nov 20th(12noon-4:00pm) and packet pick-up/late registration on Wednesday, November 23rd(2:00pm-5:30pm). We will need approximately 10-12 volunteers to staff packet pick-up on both days and approximately 60 volunteers to work Thanksgiving morning. Volunteer sign-up sheets for all 3 days will be posted on the SSC website by this Wednesday. This Thanksgiving morning tradition is a fun, healthy, uplifting community event that is attended by families from all over the Capital Region. Race Day Volunteers should expect to be finished by about 10:30 am. Feel free to bring the family and friends to help you volunteer, or to run in the race! It's a great way to begin the holiday (and can serve as an excuse to get people out from under foot while the cook is busy preparing!) Family members and friends who are interested in running in the Cardiac Classic Race may register for the race by visiting the Foundation for Ellis Medicine website and clicking on the link to the Cardiac Classic at: www.cardiacclassic.org. If you wish to volunteer, please visit the SSC website later this week to sign up. This is a great volunteer opportunity to receive community service credit for swimmers or volunteer if you are a parent. For more information or questions, contact Vic Romanov at: vicromanov@schenectadyswimclub.org.

Thank-you to all of the parents who helped fold Cardiac Classic t-shirts last week during practices at Skidmore and BH-BL! There were many of you! Over 1800 shirts were folded and bagged! The next step is to insert racing bibs, chips, pins and ties into the packets, attach entry labels and file/store the packets for pick-up. These packet preparation sessions will be held during practices at the Casino in Schenectady's Central Park starting on or about Sat., Nov. 12th and continuing through Sat. Nov. 19th. Details regarding these sessions, and other sessions that may be scheduled, will be sent via e-mail. If you have been saving copier paper boxes to be used for the Cardiac Classic, please contact Vic Romanov at: vicromanov@schenectadyswimclub.org. to arrange for a convenient pick-up time for your boxes.

Please remember to check your family folders! All SSC families have a family folder, located in the bleachers at their home practice pool (either BH-BL or Skidmore). Announcements and swim meet ribbons are placed in these folders.