



When my family first got involved with the Piranhas two years ago it was right before Firecracker. To be honest, we were a just slightly overwhelmed by the whole event! Since then we have come to love swim meets and look forward to Firecracker as a chance to show off what a fantastic group of swim families the Piranhas have. But in thinking back it would have been great to have some more guidance on what to expect. To that end I have compiled some advice for new families. Veteran parents may want to brush up as well! And remember, if you have any questions that you cannot find an answer to, ASK! *Happy Swimming!*

The Piranha Post

Paradise Piranha Swim Team website: www.paradiseswimteam.com

Super Silent Auction on Saturday and Sunday

One of the highlights of our Firecracker is the Silent Auction. Great items such as dinners and Disneyland tickets are yours for the right price. But in order to make it our best ever, we need everyone's help. Please plan on soliciting at least one item for the auction and/or one advertisement for the program. If you own a business this is a great way to advertise your commitment to the community. Contact Jennifer McCann at 877-3925 or Melissa Fitzgerald at 872-9054 for details or to get donation letters.

Pancakes and Sausage and Juice, Oh my!

Our Firecracker would not be complete without our signature Pancake Breakfast. Plan on coming early both days to enjoy pancakes, sausage and juice or coffee, all for only \$4.00. Still hungry? Burgers, hotdogs and other goodies will be served in the afternoon, as well. All proceeds go to Piranha Swim Team!

Bits & Pieces

Plan to arrive early and stay late! You should have signed up for a shift by now, but there is always more to be done! If you are not yet signed up contact Julie Johnston at 533-7442 or tjcsjohn@sbcglobal.net Remember, you must volunteer at least 8 hours at this event. Also, if you have EZ-Ups, generators or ice chests (filled with ice), please bring them Friday. Call Julie for details.

Setting up your gear Friday night is helpful, as the best spaces go quickly. A Paradise Team Area will be loosely designated but it is first come, first served. Parking is also at a premium so plan accordingly.

Your swimmer's Heat and Lane assignments will be posted before each event on a bulletin board on the pool deck. It is his/her responsibility to know when he/she is swimming, so be sure to monitor the postings so as not to miss an event. Our announcers do a great job letting everyone know who is in the water, but it can be hard to hear outside of the pool area.

IMPORTANT! Remember to send a copy of your Entry Confirmation to Coach Brian at piranhacoach@hotmail.com when you register for a meet online. This is crucial so he knows how many officials Paradise will be responsible for providing. If we are short on officials our kids will not receive ribbons or medals. (Print yourself a copy and bring it to the meet, as well.)