

Hello YCF Team –

We survived our first ‘centralized’ summer as one YCF team, and while our staff is thrilled with our accomplishments in the water, it would be untrue to say we were also pleased with our (administrative) performances out of the water. The great news is that our team saw over 800 swimmers take part in YMCA swimming this summer, which is a milestone for YCF... however, many of our procedural plans for the new roll out were designed around a software infrastructure that was delayed, which forced us to revisit many procedures on the fly, causing delays and miscommunication at times.

I am happy to announce that those issues have been redesigned and resolved, and you will see a different level of communication and efficiency with our YCF program moving forward! You will also see an increased YCF staff to (continue to) build our YCF program to new heights, all of which is detailed below:

- I am pleased to announce the hiring of our new YCF Director of Competitive Swimming, Alan Pfau! Alan comes to us from SwimMAC Carolina and will serve as the lead coach at the YMCA Aquatic Center, as well as assist myself, Rowdy and our lead coaches in building the curriculum, infrastructure and procedures of our YCF team. At SwimMAC, Alan served as the Senior Coach Director for the best program in the country and will be a huge asset to YCF moving forward! We’ll be making visits to various YCF pools initially before he establishes himself at the AC, so please help me to welcome him when you see him on pool deck!
- We have also hired Abbi Tyler as a Business Assistant for the YCF swim team office! Abbi has a strong background in swim team and will be another strong staff member to provide customer service to our YCF families!
- We are also in the final stages of hiring a roaming Admin/Coach, whose sole purpose will be to travel to each YCF site, take over the new swimmer placement process, answer parent questions and serve as a swim team courier for us, (delivering new swimmer bags, team store items, etc. on a more regular basis). More information on this individual will be released very soon!
- We have also added three new coaches since the end of summer; Jasmine Gehringer at the Cocoa Y, Josiah Scott at the Roper Y and Jenna Tschaikevsky at the YMCA Aquatic Center. Another coach has been officially hired at the Cocoa Y, (name to be released once HR clears it), as well as solid candidates in process for additional coaching roles at Golden Triangle, J. Douglas Williams and Oviedo!

Other IMPORTANT points as we transition from our summer season to our fall season:

- All new swimmer gear bags and summer Recreational meet awards have been processed and have been sent to our YCF sites... expect that your coach will have them no later than Monday of next week, if not already available, (and our apologies for the delay).
- Many team store items have come in and have also been sent to our YCF sites... all individuals who ordered team store items will receive a separate email this week with further details and updates on missing items and reparations for the delay.
- All YCF top time lists and YCF team records have been updated and can be viewed at ycfswimming.org, (under the TIMES section)... and CONGRATULATIONS to all swimmers who broke a team record in the 2014-15 season, (you will be recognized soon!).

- Meet entry fees – this is one of the various processes that was held up without the expected software options for this summer... details on this new process will be sent to the entire team later this week, including balances due and instructions for payment options.
- An FAQ will soon be posted to the team website, which will include a description of upcoming fall/winter meets, as well as the addition of more closed Y meets, social events and fundraisers. Informational parent meetings are also being scheduled at every YCF site over the next two months. Look for more details to be emailed as soon as they become available...

On behalf of the YCF coaching and administration staff, we appreciate you, (thank you for your patience), and are very glad you are a part of the YCF family!