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Dear Swimmers and Parents,

Welcome to all returning swim families! This newsletter is to bring you up to speed on our preparations for the upcoming summer swim program for our Lake Saint Louis Sea Lions and to give you an opportunity to pre-register for the team. While it hardly seems possible, swim season will be here before you know it!

To begin with, we are pleased to announce that the majority of our coaching staff will be returning for the 2005 swim season – Meridith Sykes as Head Coach and Cathy Thurwachter as our Night Coach. We are in the process of evaluating and interviewing for a new Asst Head Coach with the goal of having the position filled before the end of spring. Coach Joe, who is participating in a summer job internship, will be missed. Behind the scenes, your LSL Swim Team Board of Directors has been busy in preparation for another fun swim summer. Board Volunteers for the 2005 Swim Board are: Pearson Buell (LSL League Rep), Kathy Cumbie (League Director – St. Charles County), Sheri Smith (Secretary), Sheri Taylor (Treasurer), Michele Williams (Volunteer Co-Chair), Sheri Taylor; Jud Birza (Member at Large); Dee Gish (New - Member at Large); Patty Blakely (New -Member at Large); and Lee Sutherlin (LSL Swim Board Chair). All of the board members are open to hearing your suggestions for making our 2005 swim season fun and enjoyable for our children. The Swim Board meets the last Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at the Community Association clubhouse. Feel free to join us for a meeting to share your ideas. Finally, for complete information about the team visit our website. Posted at the site you will find (as the information becomes available): 1) the meet schedule, 2) practice schedules, 3) meet directions, 4) access to the Swim Board through email, 5) top times for our swimmers, 6) swim lesson information, 7) sign up forms, 8) volunteer schedules, and 9) a gallery of swim team photos. Go check it out at – [www.lslswimteam.com](http://www.lslswimteam.com) – way cool!

Given the temperature outside, it's hard to believe that our summer 2005 sign-ups are just around the corner. We have two methods of signing up this year and a modification to sign up for your volunteer duties. First, as in the past we will hold sign ups at the Community Association. The sign ups will be held from **3 – 5pm** on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. During the CA sign up times, you will have an opportunity to select your volunteer work time and duty(ies) on a first-come first-served basis. *Mailing the registration* - your volunteer assignment will be made based on the receipt of your completed forms. So get your registration form in before March 19<sup>th</sup> to receive first dibs on the prime volunteer slots! Mail your completed registration form, volunteer form, and **2** checks (registration and volunteer deposit) to:

Lee Sutherlin  
41 Moorings Drive  
Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367

Finally, a note about swim fees this year. The per swimmer team fee has been *REDUCED* by \$5.00 to \$65.00 per child. As a swim board we have decided to separate the cost of the team fees from the All-County swim meet fees. **NOTE:** All registrations must be received by **Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** to avoid a **\$15.00 late fee charge**. Registration will be closed as of May 27<sup>th</sup>; however, space is limited on the team so you are encouraged to register well before the deadline. If you need additional copies of the registration forms, they can be downloaded and printed from our website. **Beat the crowds, register early by mail!** We are looking forward to continuing our winning tradition with the 2005 Swim Season! Come Join Us!

The Lake Saint Louis Swim Team Board of Directors



## Attention Swimmers and Parents! How would you like to adopt a Sea Lion?

No, not one of your teammates, but a real California sea lion! The Lake Saint Louis Sea Lions Swim Team, through the St. Louis Zoo's Zoo Parents Program, would like to adopt one of their California sea lions. The beautiful animals, which swim only slightly better than some of our Lake Saint Louis Sea Lions, are normally found along the Pacific coast of North America. They are playful, curious, and highly social (sound like any Sea Lions that you know?). If you would like to help us adopt one of the St. Louis Zoo's sea lions, please complete this form and return it, along with your check made out to the Lake Saint Louis Swim Team. Then, the next time you visit the zoo, you can say, "Hey, that's *my* sea lion!"



\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to adopt a California Sea Lion! I have enclosed my check for:

\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



## Sea Lions Senior Scholarship

As most Sea Lions families are aware, last season we began raising money for a scholarship fund to help some of our graduating seniors as they head off to college. Our first annual swim-a-thon went a long way towards establishing this fund, however we would like to see this fund continue to grow, so we can help as many seniors as possible. If you would like to help, you can donate to this fund directly. Please make checks payable to the Lake Saint Louis Swim Team, and include "scholarship" in the memo portion of the check.

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to support the Sea Lions Senior Scholarship. I have enclosed my check for:

\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you are the parent of a graduating senior, and are interested in applying for the Sea Lions Senior Scholarship, you can obtain an application on the Sea Lions website ([www.lslswimteam.com](http://www.lslswimteam.com)).

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Have a B or equivalent grade average in high school
- Have been a member of the Lake Saint Louis Sea Lions Swim Team for at least the last two swim seasons (includes high school post-graduation season)
- Have applied to an accredited college or university
- Meet the minimum enrollment requirements of the college or university selected or have been admitted to a qualifying college or university
- Submit a completed scholarship application