

## Redwood Pool Facility Use

In case you would like to understand the reasons for the e-mails regarding the Redwood Pool Facilities, we offer the following:

**Reason for.....** No food, drinks inside fenced pool.

The new facilities at Redwood took a very long time planning and creating. Now that they have the state of the art pool and gym, Redwood really wants the "newness" to last a long time. As their guest, it is our responsibility to keep the area clean and free of any accidental mishaps with food drinks etc.

Redwood was exceptionally concerned about food around the pool that it took some very powerful persuasion for us to have a snack bar during our home meets. First it was no, then we moved on to donuts, water and coffee. Finally we were able to persuade Redwood to allow the snack bar at meets by assuring them that Janie & Patrick Burke (Board Presidents) will be the first ones at the pool, the last ones to leave the pool and that they will personally make sure that the facilities are left in better condition than when Tidalwaves arrived. Thus... the no FOOD, DRINK, or CANDY, etc. on the pool deck.

Our snack bar will be set outside the pool near the tennis courts. We created volunteer jobs for parents to stand by the pool doors to double check that food is not coming on the deck. We will be evaluated after each home meet. This is written into our contract.

**Reason for.....** No parents inside fenced pool area during assessments and practice [meets are different].

During assessments, this is a very important factor for evaluation. The coaches are not only watching your swimmers' ability, they are also making sure they are confident around the pool and can independently leave their parents. The ability to walk on the pool deck and take instruction without parental assistance is one indication that they are ready for the swim team experience.

During regular practice there is limited space surrounding the pool. We have about 210 swimmers on the team congregating on the pool deck. There simply isn't room on the deck for all the parents as well. Marie, our Head Coach, wants the swimmers to sit on the bleachers as they wait for their practice times. As with other sports, practice is not a good time to talk to the coaches as their focus is on the swimmers that are in water. If you would like to talk with Coach Marie, you may call her any time at 453-9563. During practice you are more than welcome to watch your child swim through the chain link fence.

During meets - the entire pool area will be open to everyone and we encourage you to be there to cheer the team on. We also have a grassy area on the far side of the pool for chairs, tents, sleeping bags, blankets for everyone to hang out between events.

**Reason for.....** Bathrooms for only one purpose.

We really want children to come ready for practice. We understand the emergency situation when a child needs to get changed, but we really want to keep that to extreme situations. The High Schoolers will swim up until 6 PM, they will be in the bathrooms (sometimes for a long time) and we really don't think it is a good mixture to have High Schoolers and young children hanging out together in the rest-rooms. Additionally, the bathrooms are not supervised, and are not visible from the pool deck so safety is a big concern. The bathrooms are really just bathrooms, they are not changing rooms and they don't have showers.

**Reason for.....** Remain outside the pool until Redwood has finished their practice.

We need to keep the kids away from the pool deck and entrance until Tidalwaves practice begins. It is simple courtesy to keep the distraction at a minimum while the High School team is practicing. A few years ago Redwood

made us move our practice time back a 1/2 hour because when Tidalwaves kids arrived the Redwood coaches felt distracted and pressured to rush their swimmers out of the water. We would prefer that practice begin at 6pm, rather than 6:30pm, so we all need to be cooperative and supportive.