

PARENT NEWSLETTER – JULY 15 - FINAL

This weekend's meet:

Upcoming Meet:

Our next scheduled meet is our home meet this Saturday at Cessna Stadium. All developmental & competition level athletes are welcome and expected to participate. This is a way to cap off our season and showcase our improvements. Please go on to www.coacho.com and sign up individually for this meet. We need all hands on deck to help out with this meet: timers, measurers, pit crews, etc. Team report time will be 8am. Team picture will be taken at 8:15. Volunteer meeting at 8:30. Wristband pick-up at 9:00.

Next Meet:

Our next meet following this will be the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships in Greensboro, N.C. We had a very productive meeting last night. It looks like we have everything covered logistically. When you get to Greensboro please see me the night before your child competes to get his/her bib & wristband. I will be staying at the Drury Inn which is very close to campus.

Check-in/warm up – parents and coaches are not allowed in the warm-up area so please make sure your child is warming up in the warm-up area close to 1 hour before their scheduled event. That will give them plenty of time to warm-up & do their drills before they have to check-in to their event.

AAU J.O.'s

Please get with Angel so she can send you the link regarding housing to make sure you are in accordance with their housing policy.

Fundraising:

Our final fundraising activity will be an effort to enhance our concession stand for our developmental meet. It will mostly be us there at the meet, but I wanted to in essence do a dry run with the idea of going big time next year as we open up our meets to team across the state and beyond. Please make sure you coordinate with Angel to see if anything else is needed in terms of items or help.

Summer's End:

Time flies when you're having fun. Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the indoor season. Be thinking about the Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday as a start date.

Our final practice will be Wed., July 17th & our season officially ends Sat., Jul 20 with our Shocker Developmental Track Meet. Please make sure everyone (parents included) are available for a photo before the festivities begin at 8:15am.

Additionally, we are in the process of planning a year-end celebration. A possible location would be the Golden Corral on East Kellogg. Let me know if there are any other preferences. A projected date is Sat., August 17 @ 2pm. Please R.S.V.P. and let me know if that does not work for you. We want as many people out as possible, so if we have to change the date to accommodate the masses, I have no problem doing that. That was just a date I penciled in...let me know.

Other things to consider:

Moving Up:

All families that participated on the developmental level this year should seriously consider moving up to the competition level next year. I have seen tremendous growth from each developmental athlete and look forward to having them on the competition level next year. It's a good idea to order your uniform during the indoor season as to avoid the rush of summer ordering, and the delays that go along with that.

Coaches:

I want to personally thank all of our coaches that contributed to our success this year...we couldn't have done it without you. I believe just about everyone on the team PR'ed in one event or another, with many setting personal bests virtually every time they stepped on the track (or field).

Help Us!:

As always, if there's anything I left out or if you see something you don't like, please don't hesitate to contact me. Parents, thank you so much for your help this summer, and we look forward to having you back next year. Help us spread the word. We have effectively merged five teams together. There are 1-2 more teams out there that are considering joining with us next year to make the mission complete – one Wichita area track team.

Awesome:

Hey guys, we are doing a great job! This is amazing in only our 2nd year! Our totals have us around 75 athletes. It's hard to please over 150 people...our numbers counting parents/grandparents, etc...but we are doing an amazing job as a volunteer organization! Let's keep it going in our efforts to be one Wichita track & field family! Now, family doesn't mean we may all agree all the time, but we are making great strides in creating great opportunities for our kids! Let's keep it going!