

## PARENT NEWSLETTER – JULY 8

- This weekend's meet: Specific address: 1896 S. New Florissant, Florissant, MO 63031
- Upcoming Meet: Our next scheduled meet is the USATF Region 9 Championships at McClure High School just outside St. Louis, MO. The entries were posted on the Facebook page. Please refer as well to the Facebook page for the complete Region 9 packet and schedule. Information about hotel bookings/travel for North Carolina will be forthcoming. Be thinking about if you want to travel with the team. We will be having a van leaving Cessna Stadium on Sunday night/Monday morning. Again more details to follow.
- Overnight stay: A list of hotels has been provided in the Meet Packet (located on our Facebook page). However, I will be staying at the Days Inn – Westport. Feel free to go online at book with them if you choose. They have some great internet rates. Free breakfast. ☺
- Briefings: Our parent briefing on Wednesday will be consist of you submitting your fundraising envelopes to Angel (if there are any left out there).
- Next Meet:** Our next meet following USATF Regionals will be our home meet that will take place on **Sat., July 20**. ALL DEVELOPMENTAL & COMPETITION level athletes are expected to participate. This will be our last meet of the season (except for those that are going to J.O.'s). Please log on to [www.CoachO.com](http://www.CoachO.com) and sign up for this meet at Cessna stadium. Report time is 8am for all. We need all hands on deck to help out with this meet: timers, measurers, pit crews, etc.
- Fundraising: Our next fundraising adventure will be in conjunction with our Developmental Track Meet. We are trying to enhance our concession stand for that meet if possible. Some thoughts are if someone could bring a small grill, and a couple of other people donate some hot dogs, others buns, others ketchup... (Catch the drift)?? Give it some thought, and we can discuss this before practice on Wednesday.
- Angel will put together a list of what we can donate, etc. Again, this will help us make a small in-kind donation to our volunteer coaches that have been working diligently with our kids this summer.
- Summer's End: I can hardly believe that I am typing and discussing the track season coming to a close! 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 practice/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 8:00am.
- 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:
- AAU Declaration: Declaration for Shocker Track Club is today Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> (for those it applies to). I realize it's earlier than normal but I want to be setting up for our home meet next week so we had to bump it up.
- New Coaches: I have noticed a tremendous amount of teaching that has been done by our coaches. I trust that you have noticed it as well. I really feel that we will be well represented in St. Louis for Regionals, and I can't wait to see our patented pending jerseys coming down the home stretch, etc.
- 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. If there's something you would like me to consider changing...please don't hesitate to approach me directly. Your thoughts and input have been invaluable.
- Awesome: Hey guys, we are doing a great job! We just added a few more athletes! This is amazing in only our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!