

Dear Parents of 8 and Under Swimmers,

I am writing to welcome you to the LMT Swim and Dive Team and to explain the exciting program we will offer to our Developing 8 and Under swimmers. Enrollment of 8 and Unders on LMT for 2007 was an incredible 98 kids! The majority were first year swimmers. To say the least, this is exciting for the future of LMT and swimming! We are expecting 2008 to be close to the same.

In order to better meet the needs of our youngest swimmers, we established a program in 2007 for building and nurturing our developing 8 and Under swimmers. We will continue this program in 2008. The "LMT Minis" (placement determined by the coaches) will swim in (3) of the Home Dual meets of their assigned team, (2) Friday Fun Meets in place of the Away Dual meets, and the Annual Wee Care Awards Meet.

**Here are some of the benefits that the Mini program offers:**

- A less intimidating environment for the new swimmers. The number of swimmers and speed at which a dual meet is run can be intimidating to a young swimmer.
- A more respectable time for young swimmers to compete. The Friday Fun Meets will be held on Fridays during the regularly scheduled 8 and Under practice. The Dual meets begin at 6:15 PM and often do not end until well after 9:00 PM. When traveling for an away meet, this often keeps the young ones up well past their bed time.
- A chance to swim more events. The events swum by Minis in Home Dual meets may be Free, Back, and/or a Relay. The Friday Fun meets and Wee Care will award the opportunity for these new swimmers to try the Breast stroke and Butterfly in a swim meet.
- A chance for the coaches to focus more on the needs of these new swimmers in an environment that caters to the beginner swimmer. They will be better able to provide immediate feedback and encouragement after a swim.

**Here is how it works:**

All 8 and Unders will be rostered on a team, either Crocs or Gators. The coaches will determine whether your child is an "LMT Mini". A list will be hung on the bulletin board in the team room by June 16. Only swimmers in LMT Mini's will compete in the Home Dual meets of their assigned team and Friday Fun Meets. **All other 8 and Unders will compete in only the Dual Meets of their assigned team, both Home and Away.** As the season progresses, the coaches may encourage some of the LMT Minis to attend the Away meets. All 8 and Under swimmers, both new and returning, will be considered for the Mini Program.

The meet schedule for LMT Minis is as follows:

MAY 31	New Member Orientation for all new swimmers of all ages
JUNE 10 AND 11	Time Trials
JUNE 21	LMT Invitational (CROCS and GATORS)
JUNE 26	Home Meet (CROCS) 5:45 PM
JULY 1	Home Meet (GATORS) 5:45 PM
JULY 10	Home Meet (CROCS) 5:45 PM
JULY 11	Friday Fun Meet 10:45 AM
JULY 15	Home Meet (GATORS) 5:45 PM
JULY 17	Home Meet (CROCS) 5:45 PM
JULY 18	Friday Fun Meet 10:45 AM
JULY 22	Home Meet (GATORS) 5:45 PM
JULY 23 (WED.)	WEE CARE FUN MEET (All 8 and Unders) 10:45 AM

There are also Invitationals on June 28 (Cold Water Classic), July 12 (Odd Age Invitational), and July 26 (8 and Under Champs) that any 8 and Under is encouraged to enter. Please see the website ([LMTswim.com](http://LMTswim.com)) for more details.

I am excited about the opportunity that this format offers our youngest swimmers and look forward to working with your child. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the LMT Mini program.

Kind Regards,  
Heather Jorris  
LMT Swim and Dive Head Coach

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**Optional Invitationals (see website for info):**

<b>JUNE 28</b>	<b>Coldwater Classic (Warrington Swim Club)</b>
<b>JULY 12</b>	<b>Odd Age Invitational (Somerton Swim Club)</b>
<b>JULY 26</b>	<b>LBSL 8 &amp; Under Champs (Central Bucks South HS)</b>