

XXXVIII Annual Ponderosa Invitational 1971-2008



CONGRATULATIONS SWIMMERS!

For thirty-eight years the Ponderosa Invitational has been the championship swim meet of the Northwest Aquatic League. Starting in 1971 with only eight teams, it represented the first end-of-the-season competition for the recently formed league. The Ponderosa Forest Swim Team was proud to host the inaugural meet in 1971 and remains dedicated to continuing that pioneering spirit by hosting this year's 38th Annual Ponderosa Invitational. NWAL now includes 14,000 swimmers from ninety-six

teams representing subdivisions and cities covering the entire Northwest Greater Houston Area and bordering areas as far north as Bryan-College Station.

The 2008 Ponderosa Invitational will be held at the Klein Collins High School Natatorium on June 28th & June 29th and we look forward to seeing you, your parents, coaches and teammates. Over the years, qualifying for the PI is an accomplishment that all swimmers have been proud of. This year, you join the NWAL elite, "NWAL's Best", by qualifying for the Ponderosa Invitational. Many finalists have continued swimming after graduation and have gone on to represent their Universities, Colleges, and the USA Olympic Teams. One of most exciting and rewarding things however, is to see and hear of the swimmers whose **parents** also swam in this Invitational.

We would like to thank our sponsors and many others for their generous support. We also want to thank all of those Ponderosa parents, NWAL officials, and parents from around the League who over the years have made this event an annual tradition.

The 2008 Ponderosa Invitational Committee

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General Information

Meet Information

- o **Location** The Klein Collins High School Natatorium is located at 20811 Ella Boulevard, Houston, TX 77388. Please see the enclosed map for pool location, parking, and team setup.
- o **Meet Format** Championship Meet format with events on Saturday and Sunday. Preliminary heats in the morning and finals each night. All relays are swum as finals. Seeding is done using the pyramid format.
- o **Entries**
 - o Individuals' swimmers qualify by attaining a time for each event listed on the official Qualifying Times posted earlier this year.
 - o Qualifiers must have swum the qualifying time during a sanctioned NWAL meet
 - o **Relay Entrants** need not have attained a qualifying time during the NWAL season. Accordingly, all teams are encouraged to include your relays to compete for your Group Championship.

Dates and Times

- o **Registration** Registration will be on Sunday June 22, 2008 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. It will again be held at the Anvil Meeting Facility located at 2021 Anvil Drive, Houston, TX 77090 (In the Ponderosa Forest Subdivision - 2 blocks off Kuykendahl, just north of 1960). Forms for registration can be found on the PI website and are included at the end of this document.
- o **Swim Meet** The meet starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. Saturday the 28th of June, and 9:00 a.m. Sunday the 29th of June. Finals begin at 5:30 p.m. on each day. However, please check with the announcers' table for any changes. Remember to be on time! If you are late checking in at the ready bench, you risk being scratched from the event.
- o **Warm-Up's** Warm-up lanes will be available before the start of each session. Dive-only lanes will be assigned as needed. The pool will be closed 30 minutes prior to the start of the preliminary heats and 15 minutes prior to the start of finals.

Saturday	Prelims	7:30 a.m.
	Finals	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	Prelims	7:30 a.m.
	Finals	4:30 p.m.



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Pool and Facilities

- o **Lanes** The PI will be swum in yards. The Klein Collins Natatorium is configured for 8 lanes.
- o **Spectator Seating** Stadium bleachers are located upstairs. Additional seating is provided poolside for all coaches. Spectator seating is NOT allowed poolside.
- o **Parking & Team Setup** Team setup areas are provided indoors and outdoors in designated areas within close proximity to the ready bench and pool entrance. The indoor space is located in the commons in close proximity to the pool and ready bench.

There is plenty of room to park and setup your team. Please review attached parking and team area maps. Please enter the parking area off Ella Boulevard north of the High School and follow the signs to the drop-off circle. Klein ISD police will be on site the entire time for your safety.



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Meet Personnel

Meet Referees

Sallie Kay Janes
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Brian Coles
Email: Brian.coles@halliburton.com

Safety Director

Chris Windham

Meet Director:

Ken Beckman

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Houston, TX 77090

Phone #:
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Meet Coordinator:

Kym Harrell
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Phone: 832-474-0123

Please email for all questions not related to entries.

Registration

Erika Ellington
Email: piranhasclerk@yahoo.com
Phone: 832-723-1104

Merchandise - T-Shirts, Iron- On Decals

Pre-Order T-Shirts With "PI Qualifier" Patches.

Just fill out the attached form and send it to:
PI T-Shirts
2123 FM 1960 West, Box 201
Houston, TX 77090

Advertising -

**Team Spirit
Pages, Event
Sponsors, &
Meet Sponsors**

Francie Beckman

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Web Site

www.gopiranhas.org/pi.html

Visit the Ponderosa Invitational Website for Information, Forms, Directions, and Updates.

Registration

General Information

Registration will be from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 22, 2008, at the Anvil Meeting Facility, 2021 Anvil Drive between Sugar Pine and Ponderosa Pines (Map Included).

All teams are required to submit their swimmer's information electronically on a CD. You may use either Hy-Tec Team Manager or Team Manager II software. A hard copy of the "Meet Entry Report" must be included with the CD along with the enclosed "team summary sheet". Please include the name and telephone number of an available team representative for questions on the 22nd.

Note: You may submit qualifying times in either meters or yards; indicate your choice on the entry form. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted with mixed meter and yard times.

Fees

Fees are due at registration and are as follows:

\$ 4.50 Per Individual Event

\$ 9.50 Per Relay Event

Late Entries

Late entries will be \$10.00 per individual event and \$20.00 per relay event. See the section rules regarding late entries.

Volunteers

We again ask for volunteers and thank those that have made this event an annual success. We will need timers, scribes, and ready bench. Officials interested in working at the Invitational should email Brian Coles at the address provided above. Please include a short description of your experience and the times of availability. A form will be available on our website for those of you interested in volunteering as a timer, scribe, or ready bench.

Coaches Packets

Each year we assemble a packet for your coaches. This packet includes the customary "goodies", a program for each day, finals heat sheets, and lunch. The cost is a low \$15.00 each and **we are limiting it to 150 this year**. Don't leave your Coach out!

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Pre-Order T-Shirts & Iron-On Patches

We will have order forms online so you can pre-order your t-shirts and iron-on "PI Qualifier" patches. Orders will also be taken at the meet. We will have tables set up this year to take your orders on a pre-printed form. When you hand in that form, you will be told when they will be ready for pickup.

T-Shirts: \$15.00 Each

Qualifier Patches: \$ 3.00 Each (Relays and individual events)



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Registration Form

All items on this sheet must be filled in with your entries.

Team Information			
Team Name			
Abbreviation			
Pool Address			
Team Rep & Phone Number			
Entry Person & Phone #			
Mail Awards Not Picked Up To:			
Name			
Address			
Phone #			
Officials Available From Team	Phone #	Email	Qualification
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			
Coaches Packet		TOTALS	
# _____	\$15.00 each	\$	
Individual Entries		TOTALS	
Number of Entries			
Times \$4.50	X \$4.50		
Total Individual Fees			
Relay Entries		TOTALS	
Number			
Times \$9.50	X \$9.50		
Total Relay Fees			
Total Entry Amount		\$	
P.I Use Only		P.I Use Only	
Payment Received	Initials	Cash or Check #	
\$			
Entry List Checked By:		Initials	

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T-Shirts, "P.I. Qualifier" and "P.I. Finalist" Iron-On Decals

Pre-Order Now!

P.I. logo T-shirts will be available again at this year's Ponderosa Invitational. The cost of the T-shirt is 15.00 and the event iron-on is \$3.00 each. This year you may preorder your shirts prior to the meet so you will not have to stand in line. Just complete the order form below and mail, along with your check made payable to PFST, Inc., to the address listed below.

We are changing the way we take orders at the swim meet so we can avoid those long lines that seem to form early on Saturday morning. We will ask that you fill out a furnished order form, pick the shirt size and desired event iron-on (s), and return when the shirt is finished. We will have plenty of people on hand to take your orders. Note: For multiple shirt orders with event transfers, please explain on back of this sheet, which events go on each shirt size. Thanks!

Please Circle Your Choices Below

T-Shirts	Youth	Adult	
Size:	YL	S M L XL 2X	
Cost - \$15 Each			
Quantity	# (x) \$15 =	# (x) \$15 =	
Total \$ T-Shirts			\$
Name			
Address			
Email/Phone#			
Towels (Blue or White)	\$25.00 ea # _____	=	\$
Qualifier Patches	Quantity	Cost	Total
Iron On Decals	1	\$3.00 ea.	
Freestyle or 100 yd. Freestyle	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
Backstroke	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
Breaststroke	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
Butterfly	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
IM	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
Free Relay	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
Medley Relay	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
Progressive Relay	X	\$3.00 ea.	=
Total \$ Patches			\$
Total Order			\$

PI Shirts
2123 FM 1960 West, Box 201
Houston, TX 77090

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Swim Team and Parent - Program and Heat Sheet Advertisement (Page 1 of 2)

Orders & Questions

- o All orders and questions should be directed to advertisingforpi@yahoo.com. For emergencies, you can reach Kym Harrell at 832-474-0123.

Spirit Page

- o Have every parent and swimmer sign your spirit page. Include your team logo. Include pictures and graphics. **Have Fun!** Spirit pages should be turned in no later than Friday, June 20.

Event Sponsor

- o Parents, show your support by sponsoring an event for your special swimmer. You can include up to three lines and say what you want (please avoid writing such things as "Johnny, clean your room"). Event Sponsor ads may be turned in with your team registration information. However, we will designate events on a first come - first served basis. So, get your requests in early!

Example

Size and Cost of the Advertisement

Event 10 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Freestyle

Sponsor: Ken & Barbie Doll

Barbie rules the pool! Love Mom & Dad

PI RECORD: 26.42 7/1/1998 NATALIE MILLER - OCV

Meet Qualifying: 29.55

Lane	Name	Age	Team	Seed Time
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Heat 4 Prelims

1	Barbie Doll	11	PF	27.29
2	Your Swimmer	12	FMKP	27.21
3	Your Swimmer			
4	Your Swimmer			
5	Your Swimmer			
6	Your Swimmer			

Size	Cost	Page Size
Team Spirit Page - Full	\$200.00	(8.5"x 11")
Team Spirit Page – Half	\$125.00	(8.5" x 5.5")
Event Sponsor	\$10.00	(4.25" x 5.5")
Parent/Swimmer – Card	\$25.00	(3.5" x 2")

Payments must accompany your order. Checks should be made payable to PFST, Inc. Ads should be, "camera ready", black and white. Order form, ad copy and payment should be turned in no later than June 20, 2008.

Please include the following information:

Event Number _____

Event Description _____

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 (If needed) _____

Program Advertising Form (Page 2 of 2)

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PFST, Inc. a non-profit corporation, reserves the right to reject any advertisement for any reason.

Advertiser Information

Business Name _____

Contact _____

Phone Number _____ **Home Phone** _____

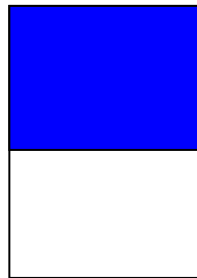
Size of the Advertisement

Size	Cost	Page Size
Back Cover	\$750	(8.5" x 11")
Inside Covers	\$500	(8.5" x 11")
Full Page	\$200	(8.5" x 11")
Half Page	\$125	(8.5" x 5.5")
Quarter Page	\$75	(4.25" x 5.5")
Business Card	\$25	(3.5" x 2")

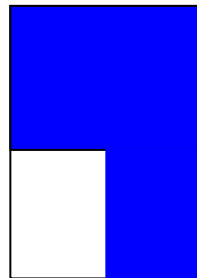
Ads must be camera ready and sized according to the dimensions listed. Examples below:



Full Page
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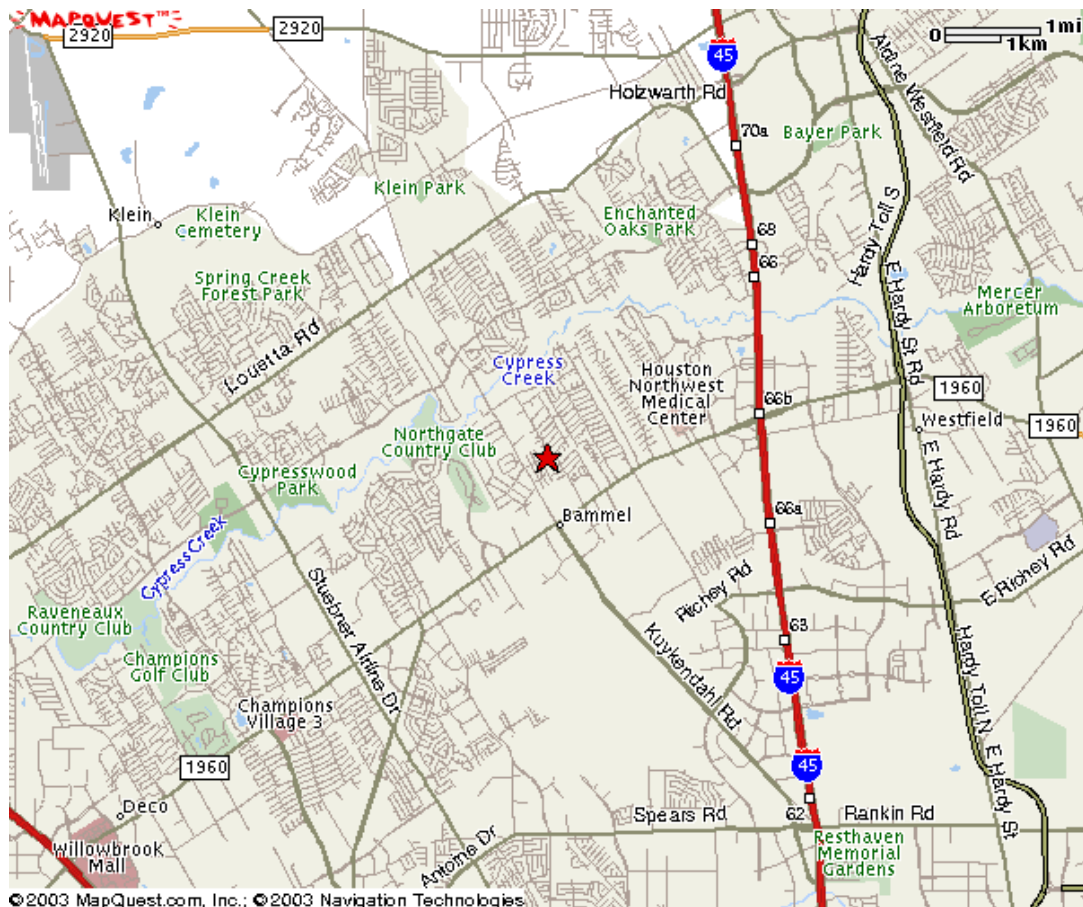


Map to the P.I. Registration Site

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Don't Forget

- o Completed Registration Form
- o A CD containing the Hy-Tec files
- o A hard copy of your entries
- o Completed Volunteer Form
- o Coaches Bag Form
- o Team Spirit Page and/or Event Sponsor Form
- o Presale T-shirt orders



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Ponderosa Invitational Rules & Approved NWAL Variances

- NWAL Rule Waivers**
- o Please review the “2008 Ponderosa Invitational Rules” below. There have been changes. The Ponderosa Invitational is an NWAL Sanctioned Meet. All swimmers must abide by the NWAL rules, the Ponderosa Invitational rules, and NWAL code of conduct. All swimmers must be in good standing with NWAL to participate.
 - o The Ponderosa Invitational Committee reserves the right to determine what course will be taken in case of unfavorable climatic conditions and emergencies as outlined in the Safety and Emergency Plan
 - o All references to “Divisional Meets” will either be deleted or Ponderosa Invitational Meet inserted where and when appropriate to maintain consistency of intent and rules contained herein.
- Add to Qualifying Times Sheet:**
- o Progressive Medley Relay: 11-12 (50Y Back); 13-14 (50Y Breast); 15-18 (50Y Fly); 9-10 (25Y) Free) and 8 and under (25Y Free)
 - o Progressive Free Relay: 8 and under (25Y); 9-10 (25Y); 11-12 (50Y); 13-14 (50Y) and 15-18 (50Y)
- Entries, Events, and Seeding**
- o Events and order of events are as shown on the qualifying times supplement.
 - o Contestants may enter any individual event in which they meet the published qualifying time. There is no limit to the number of events, including relays, in which a participant may enter. **Moving up** in age group categories is not permitted. **Younger swimmers cannot swim up in relays.**
 - o A team may enter only one relay team per relay event. Relay participants need not be named.
 - o The entry list is the official entry. The list is turned in at the Anvil Meeting Facility, located at 2021 Anvil Drive, on Sunday **June 24, 2008** between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each team must submit an entry form **electronically**, so long as entry fees are paid by the same time on Sunday June 22. Entries submitted after this time will be **“late entries”** which will swim in either heat one or two, if a vacancy exists therein, or otherwise in heat zero, which may contain less than three swimmers. Late entries will not be accepted after 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for events 1-42 nor after 8:30 a.m. on Sunday for events 43-84.

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Relays

- o All entry lists must have times submitted. There are **no qualifying times for relays** but seed times are required on entry lists. Individual events will be seeded per pyramidal rules. Relay events will be seeded by times (last heat-fastest times).

Electronic Timing

- o The Colorado Timing System and touch pads will be used in conjunction with an 8-lane time display.

Timers and Order of Finish

- o The timing devices used during the meet will determine the order of finish of any heat. In the case of a malfunction, NWAL protocol will be used.

Scoring

- o Ponderosa Invitational Scoring:

Individual Events: 16 places score:

19-17-16-15-14-13-12--9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay Events: 16 places score:

38-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

- o There will be consolation finals and championship finals in all events except relays. Relays will be timed finals as they are swum.
- o For individual preliminary events, **all ties** for placement in finals (including alternates) will require a swim-off unless swimmers, coaches and referee otherwise determine place. **Swim-off** will be scheduled within a reasonable time.
- o Swimmers qualifying and swimming in the consolation finals, swim only to score the points awarded for places nine through sixteen. They cannot score championship finals points, regardless of their times.
- o Team Scores for Saturday's events will be posted at the conclusion of Saturday's finals and on Sunday morning. We may also post the results of each session on the **P.I.** website.
- o Questions concerning Saturday's point totals must be raised to the Meet Director by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. After the last event on Sunday, final scores will be announced during the presentation of awards. Any questions concerning these totals must be addressed to the Meet Director immediately.

Medals, Ribbons, & Trophies

- o **Medals** – Medals will be awarded to the first eight places in individual events. Relays will be awarded medals to the first three places.

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- o **Ribbons** - will be awarded to the ninth through sixteenth place winners in individual events and fourth to eighth place for relays.
- o **High point Trophy** - Trophies will be awarded to the individual scoring the highest total number of points in "individual events" within each of the twelve age groups (11 boys, and 11 girls) broken down as follows: **6 & under, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/16, 17/18**
- o **Team Trophies** – Team trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each Group. Groups will be established based upon the numeric NWAL Division in which each team participates.

Disqualification

- o The swimmer will be considered **scratched** from a heat if not present and able to comply with the Starters command to step onto the starting blocks and assume the starting position before the start of the heat.
- o Any **scratches** from the consolation or championship finals must be made to the announcer's table within **30 minutes** following the announcement of the posting of the preliminary results. An Undeclared "no show" for the consolation or championship finals will forfeit any individual and team points he/she has accrued in individual events, and will be scratched from the balance of the meet.

Duties of Referee - Disqualification

- o Other than swimming infractions or conduct of an official, the referee will consult with the Meet Director before the enforcement of rules pertaining to the conduct of any swimmer, spectator, or coach. The Meet Director will have the final authority in such occurrences.

Attire - Insignia

- o Officials and Meet Referees may wear the insignia of the Ponderosa Invitational Meet.



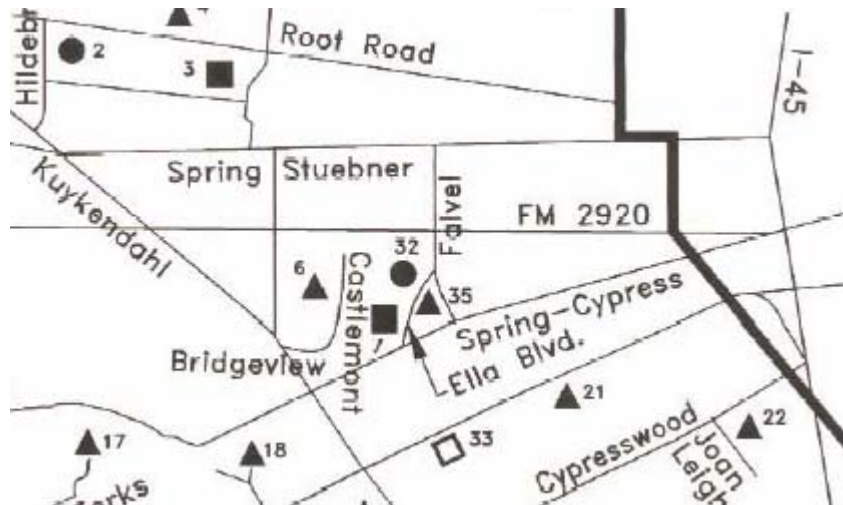
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Pool Location & Parking

All Swimmers can be dropped off using the north school entrance. Enter either the first or second drive leading into the parking lots.

There is ample parking close to the pool area. Spaces closest to the pool will be reserved for P.I. volunteers. If you plan on arriving in luxury in your RV, you may park in front of the stadium in a designated area. We will have staff and Klein police directing traffic and enforcing the rules of the school district. They include a No-Smoking rule, which will be enforced.



See You There!

Klein Collins High School

#7 on map: 20811 Ella Blvd. (intersection of Ella and Spring-Cypress)
Spring, TX 77388
832-484-5500

General Directions: From I-45 exit FM 2920 turn west, drive west on FM 2920 to Falvel Road turn south, Klein Collins is located about 2 miles on the left.