

The Weekly Splash

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BLAST Holiday Classic Results

The BLAST Holiday Classic swim meet was held last Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, December 3,4,5 at Holmes Junior High School in Cedar Falls. Thirty-two CRAA swimmers competed at this meet, posting overall 59% personal bests. Four High Point awards were taken home by these swimmers, plus several ribbons. Seven new Q times were swum, and one new team record was set. Here are a few of the CRAA highlights from the meet:

Matt Peng (10) swam to 11 best times out of 11 swims. Nine of these swims were 1st place finishes, with the remaining two 2nd place finishes, garnering Matt a High Point award in the 10 and under boys division. Matt also set a new CRAA team record for the 10 and Under boys in the 50 Butterfly with a time of :31.18, breaking a record that had stood since 1989. Matt, soon to turn 11, also swam four new 11-12 Q times in the 50 and 100 Backstrokes, the 100 IM and the 100 Freestyle.

Kelsey Drake (12) won High Point in the 11-12 girls division with eight 1st place finishes and swimming a new AAAA time in the 50 Butterfly.

Matt Jackson (12) and Ian Hoover-Grinde (12) each also won High Point in the boys 11-12 division. Both of these young men earned this honor with several individual swims placing in the top three.

Also earning new Q times were Mackenzie Jensen (9) in the 50 Butterfly, Sarah Gannon (10) in the 100 Butterfly, and Mackinzee Macho (10) in the 100 IM.

Congratulations to all the CRAA swimmers competing at this meet. There were many more exciting swims over the course of the weekend. All the results from this meet can be viewed on the CRAA website at <http://www.craa.org/Meets-Fall-2010-Winter-2011.html>

Irving B. Weber Invitational Meet Entries

The following swimmers have been entered the BLAST holiday Classic Meet:

Jackie Allen
Kelsey Drake
Sarah Gannon
Abby Krueger
Emily Nelson
Sam Valenta
Logan Barnes
Ethan Ford
Josh Horth
Carter Kramer
Tristen Perreault

Paige Broghammer
Amanda Fetters
Bibiana Granadillo
Kassidy Lovig
Emma Sorg
Kelly Wingerson
Morgan Barnes
Ian Ford
Matt Jackson
Daniel Lovig

Morgan Chambers
Casey Gannon
Alyssa Harris
Kinzee Macho
Olivia Squire
Spencer Davis
Nathan Homan
Cameron Kelley
Gabe Macho

Kailey Drake
Maddie Gannon
Shannon Kelley
Cameron Murray
Victoria Thorne
Eric Ford
Ian Hoover-Grinde
BJ Kolsrud
Matt Peng

Upcoming Swim Meets

CRAA Winter Invitational Meet Information and Entries

On the weekend of January 8 and 9, CRAA will be hosting the CRAA Winter Invitational at Coe College. This meet is similar to the Harvest Invitational meet that CRAA recently hosted at Kennedy High School in that the upcoming meet is also a Q minus meet. However, the upcoming meet is different than the Harvest Invitational in that this meet will only have one session on Saturday and one session on Sunday with all age groups competing during each session. This meet is a great opportunity for swimmers to compete in events in which they do not have state qualifying times. Also, swimmers with state qualifying times for their respective age groups may swim in this meet in the Senior division provided they do not have the Senior state qualifying times. Complete meet information for this meet can be found on the CRAA web site at www.craa.org.

The following swimmers have already entered the CRAA Winter Invitational:

Jackie Allen	Erica Bloomhall	Morgan Chambers	Casey Gannon
Maddie Gannon	Sarah Gannon	Bibiana Granadillo	Avery Hand
Shannon Kelley	Kassidy Lovig	Kinzee Macho	Cameron Murray
Micha Poellet	Cecily Robinson	Olivia Squire	Emma Sorg
Kelly Wingerson	Lexa Winn		
Dominic Foye	Nathan Homan	Josh Horth	Cameron Kelley
Daniel Lovig	Gabe Macho	Tristen Perreault	Adam Wolff

All Stars

The 2011 Team Iowa All-Stars meet information along with the ISI Registration for the meet are now available. The All Star meet is held at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center in Lawrence, Kansas January 15-16, 2011. Swimmers from Iowa who qualify have the opportunity to come together to compete in this meet as one team: Team Iowa.

To be eligible to enter this meet, swimmers must:

Be 2011 Iowa registered USA swimmers

Fourteen years of age or younger on Saturday, January 15, 2011

Team Iowa will send the 5 fastest available swimmers in each event. Each swimmer may compete in two individual events per session, not including relays.

Only USA Swimming sanctioned/approved/observed times achieved after September 1, 2010 may be used.

Team Iowa may enter 5 swimmers per individual event, and two relays per relay event.

Foxjet Invitational

Information for the Foxjet Winter Classic is now available on the CRAA website. This meet is scheduled for January 14-16, 2011 at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center on the U of M campus in Minneapolis. This meet is an "A/B++" meet with qualifying times and is in a prelim-final format. The CRAA entry deadline is Tuesday, December 21.

CRAA will be offering team travel to this meet provided the club has volunteers for chaperone responsibilities. The estimated cost for team-travel will be \$130 per person. Please indicate if you would like to participate in Team Travel when submitting entries.

If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, please contact Bobby. Per USA Swimming rules, chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and are required to complete a background check. CRAA chaperones for this meet will be responsible for their lodging and meals expenses.

DASH Key-City Invitational Meet

Meet information for the DASH January meet is now available on the CRAA website. This meet will be held at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, Sunday, January 16, 2011. This is a one day 9-12 Q-/8 & Under & Senior Open meet. To enter this meet, swimmers ages 9-12 can enter events in which they do not have a Q time, or they may swim in Senior events. Swimmers 8 and Under and all Senior swimmers may enter this meet. All swimmers in the Junior Rookies, Junior I, Junior II, Bronze, Silver and Gold practice groups are encouraged to attend this meet.

The CRAA entry deadline to enter this meet is Tuesday, January 4.

BLAST January Meet

Meet information for this meet is not yet available as we just decided to put this meet on the CRAA meets. now available on the CRAA website. This meet will be held at Holmes Junior High in Cedar Falls, Iowa January 21-23, 2011. This is a three day 8 & Under, Age Group, Senior Open meet. This meet is a prelim-final meet for 11-12, 13-14, and Senior swimmers on Saturday, a timed-final meet for 11-12, 13-14 and Senior age groups on Friday and Sunday and a timed-final meet for swimmers 10 and Under and 8 and Under for all three days. All swimmers in the Junior I, Junior II, Bronze, Silver and Gold practice groups are encouraged to attend this meet. The CRAA entry deadline to enter this meet is Tuesday, January 4.

DASH Valentine's Day Classic Swim Meet

Meet information for the DASH Valentine's Day meet is now available on the CRAA website. This meet will be held at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, February 4-6, 2011. This is an Open meet for all age groups. The CRAA entry deadline is Tuesday, January 17.

CRAA Holiday Pool Party

CRAA will have a Holiday pool party at Coe College Sunday, December 19, 4:30 – 5:30 PM. This is for all CRAA swimmers. There will be a few organized water games, and also time to play. More details to come later.

CRAA Giving Tree

Thank you **CRAA** families for your generosity.

This December, CRAA is taking the opportunity to reach out and help those who are less fortunate. There are families within the Cedar Rapids community who struggle to provide the day to day needs of life, and the holidays, instead of being a joyous time, become a heavy load. As a leader within the community, Cedar Rapids Aquatics Association would like to bring joy to a few of these families and individuals.

The CRAA giving tree has been posted on the CRAA website for just a week. Several of you have registered to purchase gifts for these children and their families, and gifts are starting to decorate the office as purchases are being dropped off at the office or handed off to coaches. Thank you for opening your hearts to help these children and families in need. There are a few gifts on the list that are still available.

To view the list and to sign up to purchase a gift, look under Hot News and the CRAA Giving Tree on the CRAA website at www.craa.org Click on the purple colored [craa_gifts](#). A web page with the names, list of items and a space for you to register for a gift will appear.

Please take time during this Holiday season to share this web page with your swimmers. If you are able, register to purchase a gift for a child or the child's family on the list. Bring the wrapped gift to practice to give to a coach or drop off at the CRAA offices at 601 Second Avenue SE on or before Friday, December 17. On the package be sure to include the name of the individual or family for whom the gift has been purchased.

Thank you for your kindness during this holiday season.