Dear Parent

EASTER 2008 TRAINING CAMP

At the request of Head Coach, Mark Craig, the Committee have been investigating the possibility of arranging a week of overseas training for Club members.

The potential dates are 20 March 2008 to 27 March 2008 (to coincide with the School Easter holiday period).

The trip's timing is to allow a higher level of fitness and technique to be achieved prior to the later season competitions such as the Age Group and Youth Championships.

We have considered a number of possible venues and having checked availability, we have the possibility of travelling to Palma, Mallorca.

Palma, Mallorca

Training camps take place at the Son Hugo Aquatic Centre in Palma City.

Son Hugo was the site of the 1999 World University Games, the 2001 European Masters Championships and the 2006 European Junior Championships. The facility comprises of two 10 lane 50m pools, one outdoor and one indoor (both heated).

Palma itself is a very elegant and cosmopolitan City and has loads to do away from the pool.

We would be staying in at least three star accommodation in Palma which would be a short bus ride to the pool.

This would be on a full board basis.

The total calculated cost at the time of writing is £695 per person this to include all travel, transfers, accommodation, meals (as indicated), coaching, swimming and insurance.

This is an estimated maximum figure at present as being so far from the actual date of travel it is difficult to secure competitive flight prices.

Appreciating that the cost indicated is high, the Committee have agreed to commit a substantial sum from current funds in order to subsidise swimmers wishing to go on the trip. Based on the total number of swimmers that will be able to travel (due to lane restrictions), the sum allocated would equate to a reduction of £150 per swimmer.

As a result, we anticipate that the amount payable per swimmer should not exceed £545.

Please note:
Templemore ASC should not be considered a tour operator under the terms of current legislation. Although we will provide as much information as possible to co-ordinate this trip in conjunction with specialist travel and other providers this is on the basis that no liability can be accepted by any of the co-ordinators acting on behalf of Templemore ASC.

We are however confident that we will be able to secure cheaper flights that should make a further saving on the above cost.

By those travelling organising and taking part in a number of fundraising events hopefully the amount payable will reduce even further.

A deposit will be required with your booking form.

50% of the trip will have to be paid by 30 September 2007, with the remaining balance paid by 31 December 2007.

Who can travel?

The trip is open to all Club members subject to some basic criteria.

To ensure the trip is seen as a training camp and not simply a holiday all those wishing to attend should demonstrate a certain level of commitment throughout next season. It is also necessary to have a basic level of fitness to ensure swimmers are capable of at least attempting the training that is planned.

Criteria prior to travel (Sept '07 – March '08)

Children under 12	:	Minimum 2 sessions per week
12-15	:	3 sessions per week
16 +	:	4 sessions per week

In addition to the minimum training requirements, all children will be expected to participate in all PTL and Teletots galas for which they are selected.

Although there are no ability restrictions or mandatory open galas, swimmers that require qualifying times are obliged to swim in all appropriate open galas, as recommended by their Coach.

Parents

For all children under 12 there must be a parent to accompany them or an adult whom the parent knows away from the swimming club and trusts implicitly with the wellbeing of the child and who the child feels comfortable around.

There will be some responsibility for parents who do attend though obviously the more that travel, the less each parent will have to undertake.

For each parent travelling the total cost of £695 will be reduced by £75 (amount payable therefore anticipated to be £620 per parent). Obviously any savings that can be obtained from better flight prices will be passed on.

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From the Coach

"This will be the first trip of its kind from Templemore A.S.C. and it is extremely important to me that it is a huge success and that all involved enjoy a positive experience so future generations may also get the chance". Mark Craig.

What next?

The minimum number of swimmers we can realistically travel with is 12. Due to lane restrictions imposed on us by the pools available, swimmer numbers are however limited to 24 in total.

Application forms will be sent to those returning the booking form below along with a deposit of £100 per person (cheques payable to "Templemore ASC").

Your form and deposit should be sent to Gary Proctor, 61 Orangefield Crescent, Belfast BT6 9GJ.

Once the 24 places have been filled Team Managers will be appointed and an information meeting will be arranged for all to attend.

Any additional information needed in the meantime can be obtained from Gary Proctor at telephone number 07803 211626 (after 6pm please) or by emailing info@templemore.org.uk.

Claire McGonigle, Chairperson May 2007

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BOOKING FORM

Name:			
Address:			
Tel:			
Email:			
Date of Birth:		Current Age:	

Will a Parent/Guardian be travelling Yes / No

If so, please confirm Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

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