

**ROBALOS SWIM TEAM WELCOME LETTER
2012 SEASON**

Welcome parents and swimmers to the Auburn Robalos 55th swim season! What a milestone! I am very excited about the upcoming season to see not only the returning swimmers, but the new ones that will come and join the fun too.

This season is full of fun events, practices, meets, and activities. We will be seeing returning rival teams – Placerville, Orangevale, Cordova – and welcoming in a new team into our league, Arden Manor. But before we get to the competition we need to be practicing! I am anticipating a larger team than last year which means more bodies in the pool, more friends, more fun. If you are returning to the Robalos program – welcome back! If you are a new member – you’ve made a great decision! Making the Robalos swim team a part of your child’s summer will benefit them in more ways than one. Not only will they be joining kids their age in competition and work outs, they will be participating in a great physical activity. The Auburn Robalos welcomes children of any swimming background, from youngsters to teens. Feel free to look around our website – auburnrobalos.org – and see all the fun we’ll have this season.

After five seasons of assistant coaching I am pleased and honored to be given the head coaching position. It will once again be a year of change as we have lost two of last year’s coaches and are bringing on two new assistants. We would like to welcome Glenn Carnahan to the Robalos coaching staff this year. Glenn has extensive swimming (and water polo!) experience ranging from high school, through college, into the masters level. There is no doubt in my mind that Glenn will bring enthusiasm and knowledge to our organization. Not to be forgotten, Robalos will also see a veteran swimmer back on pool deck in the coaching position; Lauren Anderson. Lauren went through the Robalos program and is excited to come back to where it started to coach new swimmers. As a head coach I feel we are bringing on a great staff of coaches and can’t wait to see the swimmers. Feel free to ask any questions you may have throughout the season. But please, ask the questions in between practices, do not seek a coach out while they are in the middle of practice. Please give me the opportunity to focus my full attention on your inquiry and not have to multi-task between your question, watching your kids in the pool, and giving the workout. Also, each week we will have an opportunity for the parents to meet with me during a whole practice (yes, a full practice for me to meet with any parents) and discuss any part of the program with them.

Now parents, swimming isn’t just fun for the kids, you can have fun too! Don’t just drop your kid off at the pool; come down, sit on the bleachers, meet new parents, take a walk on the new trail around the park with someone, and have fun yourselves! Get involved at the meets; be a team parent, a timer, get involved in the ribbons, set-up and take-down, there’s so much to do.

Thank you for taking your time to read this letter and, again, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. My contact information away from the pool will be listed but, please understand that I am a student and work another job, I may not respond quickly, but I will respond. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and getting to know your names. Feel free to introduce yourself. Check out our website and see us on Shutterfly as well. With that said, time to pull out the towels, put on the suits, and lather up in sunscreen, it’s going to be a great summer season.

-Tyler Bonner