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Dear Returning FCST Families,

Registration time is here again and we are anticipating great things ahead for our team. Returning member registration will be from June 18-30, with open registration beginning on July 1. Please consider registering early, as spots will be filled on a first come basis.

We continue to enjoy success with notable accomplishments from our swimmers. During the past year FCST:

- Continued to grow with the new Training Pool groups and increased membership at the Beaumont site
- Saw over 60 new team records, 25 Gulf records, and 2 National age group records set
- Had a swimmer achieve an American Record
- Had over 30 swimmers participate in training trips to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs
- Sent over 40 swimmers to national level meets in March and April
- Won the NASA Junior National Cup title
- Had swimmers attended USA Swimming's Diversity Camp and Zone Select Camps
- Had a swimmer participate as a member of the USA National Team in National and International competitions
- Continued to see a majority of graduating seniors commit to swim with collegiate programs

Also in the last year, we have seen an increase in family involvement through volunteering. These efforts support not only our team, but also the dreams of each of our kids. We hope that as you prepare to join us for the coming year that you will look for ways to be involved in contributing your unique talents and interests so that we can continue to offer unparalleled opportunities for growth and competition for our kids. We hope the ways you find to contribute will also lead to a greater sense of connection within the community of our team.

During the budgeting process this year, it was apparent that the cost of operations will continue to rise as we seek to provide quality programs. The board is working with the administrative staff to streamline these areas to help control costs but there will be necessary slight increases to fees. Those increases are reflected in the 2014-2015 Registration and Membership Policy. FCST will also be trying a different approach to fundraising this year. Replacing the swim-a-thon, will be a raffle, with a minimum ticket sale requirement per swimmer (with a family minimum for those with more than 2 competitive swimmers). There are currently several options on the table of how the money from the fundraiser this year will be used to enhance our program. A more detailed plan will be available in the fall.

As we enter the next chapter in our team's history we are confident that with the staff, swimmers, and families that we have we will continue to reach increasing levels of excellence. We look forward to having you as a part of our team family.

FCST Board of Directors

*First Colony Swim Team creates opportunity for swimmers to merge passion and commitment with expertise resulting in the highest level of personal performance*