



Montgomery County Swim League

ads@mcsl.org

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Dear Prospective Advertiser:

We are writing to offer you the opportunity to market your business to Montgomery County residents by supporting the 2013 Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL) season. MCSL is a nonprofit organization of 90 swim teams at public and community pools across the county. More than 14,000 children ages 4 to 18 and their families participate in this community based swim league that has brought summer fun and exercise to Montgomery County kids for more than half a century. By supporting our 2013 season, you will reach thousands of county residents while simultaneously supporting this valuable volunteer program.

MCSL offers three levels of support:

1. Bronze Sponsor – Handbook Advertiser and Presenter

As a Bronze Sponsor, you may place a half page or full page ad on an interior page of our handbook. The MCSL handbook contains everything families need to know about MCSL – league rules, meet schedules, directory and contact information, and other reference material. The handbook is distributed to families, coaches, officials, and pool representatives. Copies of past handbooks are available for viewing in the MCSL archives at the Montgomery County Historical Society.

In addition to helping your business reach thousands of county residents, your ad will help MCSL defray handbook publication costs. Rates for available handbook advertisements are as follows:

Interior Full-Page Ad: \$300

Interior Half-Page Ad: \$200

The published handbook will be distributed to our membership at our monthly MCSL meeting on May 9, 2013. As a Bronze Sponsor, you will receive two complementary copies of the handbook.

In addition to the handbook ad, Bronze Sponsors also have the opportunity to set up a display table and give a brief presentation (approximately two minutes) to our membership at one of our meetings on February 7, March 14, April 11, May 9 or June 13. The meetings start at 8:00 p.m., and are held at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building cafeteria at 101 Monroe Street in Rockville. Your presentation must be scheduled in advance and presentation slots fill quickly, so if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please indicate your preference on the enclosed advertiser form and return it promptly so we can put you on the agenda.

2. Silver Sponsor – Handbook Advertiser and Presenter + Web Site Advertiser

As a Silver Sponsor you receive all of the benefits of Bronze Sponsorship, including an interior full-page handbook ad, plus a second opportunity to market your business and support MCSL as a MCSL.org web sponsor. With this option you may place a website banner ad (116 pixels high by 606 pixels wide) and a link to your business web site on the MCSL.org web site. Your banner ad will appear on the MCSL.org home page and on several other frequently visited pages on the MCSL site. Last year, the MCSL site enjoyed nearly 80,000 visits in the month of July, generating more than 2 million hits! Be sure your business takes advantage of this visibility. Silver Sponsorship also entitles you to a graphic (up to 550 pixels high by 750 pixels wide) and a link to your business web site from our advertisers' page. Banner ads are presented one at a time in a random order on the various MCSL.org web pages, while the graphics on the advertisers' page are permanently displayed throughout the advertising year.

The rate for Silver Sponsorship, including the full-page handbook ad, banner ad, advertisers' page graphic and link and invitational meet program logo is \$500.

3. Gold Sponsor – Handbook Advertiser and Presenter, Web Site Advertiser + Invitational Meet Advertiser

As a Gold Sponsor you receive all of the benefits of Silver Sponsorship (interior full-page handbook ad, website banner ad, and advertisers' page graphic and link and footer logo in our invitational meet programs), plus you can further advertise your business at our league-wide invitational meets: the Coaches Invitational Long Course (July 9), All-Star Relays (July 27) and Individual All-Stars (July 28). These meets feature the very best swimmers in the area, joined by their families, friends and teammates. As a Gold Sponsor, you may place a ¼ page ad in each meet program, display your banner, have your business acknowledged by our meet announcer, and distribute brochures or sell wares at the meets.

The rate for Gold Sponsorship is \$600.

Please note that whatever option you choose, all of us at MCSL greatly appreciate your support of our program. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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MCSL Advertising Guidelines

Please complete the enclosed advertiser form completely, including all contact information so that we may contact you in the event that we have questions regarding your ad. While we make every effort to best present the images and graphics in your ad, we make no guarantees as to how closely we can match your ideal.

In order to meet our printing deadlines, your approved electronic (preferred) or camera-ready advertising copy and payment must be received **no later than March 11, 2013**. Payment may be made by check (payable to **MCSL**) and sent to:

Scott Bogren
13301 Burnt Woods Place
Germantown, MD 20874

Electronic submissions of artwork and the advertiser form information may be sent to ads@mcsl.org. Camera-ready artwork may be sent with your check to the above address. **When submitting your ad copy electronically, please mail a printed copy along with your payment and advertiser form.** This way we can verify that your ad appears correctly. We do not usually provide page proofs, but if requested we can email a .pdf file to you if your information is received by March 1, 2013.

Print Ad Sizes		Web Ad Sizes	
Half Page Handbook Ad:	3 ½" H by 3 ½" W	Banner Ad:	116 pixels high by 606 pixels wide
Full Page Handbook Ad:	7 ½" H by 3 ½" W		
Black and white logo for footer in Invitational Meet Program (.bmp, .jpg, .jpeg, or .png):	Up to: 0.5" H by 2.0" W	Advertisers' Graphic:	Page Up to 550 pixels high by 750 pixels wide
Invitational Meet Program Ad:	5 ¼" H by 4" W		

Print Ad Design Considerations

- Please design your ad considering the ad size. An oblong image for a half page ad or a square image for a full page ad may cause us to distort the image or size the image smaller than the allotted space.
- All ads appear in black and white with grayscale rendering of photographs and images. If photographs or colored artwork are submitted, they may lose resolution and detail when converted to black and white. Also note that fine line art does not always scale well.
- We use STOCK fonts. Should your image require unusual fonts, please send a copy of the font file with your image – this is especially important for Word files. Otherwise we will use a scanned image, or an approximation of the font from our supply.
- We can scan images, pictures and business cards if needed. But understand that color originals do not always produce good black and white printable images.

- If you advertised with us in 2012, please indicate if you would like us to use your copy from last year.

Print Ad Submissions

Ads may be submitted either in electronic (preferred) or camera-ready hard copy format. Electronic submissions may be in the following formats:

PDF file (.pdf) (preferred)	Graphics Interchange File (.gif)
TIFF file (.tif)	Bitmap file (.bmp)
JPEG file (.jpg)	Word file (.doc or .rtf)

2013 MCSL Advertiser Form

Business Name: _____

Business Description: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Bronze Sponsor

Interior Half Page Handbook Ad	\$200	\$ _____
Interior Full Page Handbook Ad	\$300	\$ _____

Silver Sponsor

Banner Ad and Advertisers' Page Graphic and Link (Includes Interior Full Page Handbook Ad)	\$500	\$ _____
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Gold Sponsor

Meet Advertiser (Includes Interior Full Page Handbook Ad, Banner Ad and Advertisers' Page Graphic and Link and Invitational Meet footer logo)	\$600	\$ _____
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Total Amount Due: \$ _____

_____ I've enclosed my check (made payable to **MCSL**) and my camera-ready artwork.

_____ I've enclosed my check (made payable to **MCSL**) and a printed copy of my artwork. I am sending the electronic artwork file via email to ads@mcsl.org.

_____ I've enclosed my check (made payable to **MCSL**). Please use the same artwork we submitted last year.

As a Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsor, I wish to present at the following MCSL membership meeting (please circle):

February 7th March 14th April 11th May 9th June 13th No
Presentation

All payment and artwork must be received by March 11, 2013. Please mail this form, payment and artwork to: Scott Bogren, 13301 Burnt Woods Place, Germantown, MD 20874 • email artwork to ads@mcsl.org

Questions? Please feel free to contact:

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