

# NDA CREW



## ***THE CREWLETTER***

### **Newsletter of the "Think Pink" NDA Crew Team Cincinnati High School Invitational**

April 10, 2008

Notre Dame Academy – Toledo, OH

#### ***President's Message***

Welcome to the 2008 spring crew season!

Welcome back to all our returning rowers and cox'n's. To the returning novices, welcome back to your final novice season! To the new novices, welcome to rowing, welcome to NDA crew and welcome to a whole new adventure! I think you will find, if you have not already, that crew is a fantastic opportunity to work hard, row hard and have a huge amount of fun. To the returning varsity, you all know what to expect of the season and of yourselves. Row hard and keep up the good work. We all look forward to a fantastic finish at Midwests and beyond. And last, but by no means least, welcome back to our seniors! Something about "long and winding road" (since that long ago first regatta in the rain and cold in Cleveland) comes to mind.

We look forward to writing a new chapter in NDA Crew. Your officer team has been working hard in the off season to make this season great. As always, we are planning on a mixture of the old and some new innovations for the spring, so keep watching the CrewLetter for announcements.

NDA Crew is nothing more (or less) than what we all make of it, so this season depends critically on what we -- YOU -- make of it. In keeping with our theme this year of Teamwork, Leadership and Communications, let's all work together to make this a great season for everyone. If you see something amiss or that can be improved, let's talk it through and then move forward. Jump in, help out. You get out of Crew what you put in.

You have already seen a number of innovations this year, such as the fantastic bus trip to the casinos in Detroit, and some new food elements in the fall. Our new food coordinators, the McKinnons, promise further improvements this spring, though they have promised to keep bacon on the menu! And we are always looking for new ideas, so keep those suggestions coming!

One "innovation" still in the works (as of press time) is new carpets for the girls' room in the tent. As you may recall, we made the decision to dispose of the old carpets at the end of last season. They were, after all, pretty nasty after years of hard service, not to mention rain, mud and the like. We are looking for replacements, so if you have a line on remnants or have some old, usable carpets sitting around in the basement or attic, let us know. Size is limited to what we can store in the trailer and carry on Saturday mornings. Think something like 6 feet by 10 feet. Stain and water resistant if possible.

The coaches are all excited about how well the girls are doing on and off the water. Let's have a great season!

### **Races – this weekend**

All rowers and coxswains must **be at the regatta site at 6:30 am on Saturday morning**. Note if you have checked Regatta Central – the times listed there are for the finals not the initial heats. Tentative schedule for the heats and finals are as follows:

<b>HEAT Times:</b>	<b>FINAL Times:</b>
#1 8:00 Boys Varsity 8	#1 1:00 Boys Varsity 8
<b>#2 8:20 Girls Varsity 4</b>	#2 1:10 Girls Varsity 4
#3 8:40 Boys 2V 4	#3 1:20 Boys 2V 4
<b>#4 9:00 Girls 2V 8</b>	#4 1:30 Girls 2V 8
#5 9:20 Boys Novice 8	#5 1:40 Boys Novice 8
<b>#6 9:40 Girls Novice 4</b>	#6 1:50 Girls Novice 4
#7 10:10 Boys Varsity 4	#7 3:00 Boys Varsity 4
<b>#8 10:30 Girls Varsity 8</b>	#8 3:10 Girls Varsity 8
#9 10:50 Boys 2V 8	#9 3:20 Boys 2V 8
<b>#10 11:10 Girls 2V 4</b>	#10 3:30 Girls 2V 4
#11 11:30 Boys Novice 4	#11 3:40 Boys Novice 4
<b>#12 11:50 Girls Novice 8</b>	#12 3:50 Girls Novice 8

NDA will have boats in the races above in pink.

**Please dress for windy and wet weather this weekend.**

### **Fees**

Fees must be paid up by this weekend in order for your daughter to participate at the regatta this weekend. Please contact Martha or Tom Farrell to make arrangements. Their email address is [mtdaf4@bex.net](mailto:mtdaf4@bex.net).

### **Blessing of the Fleet**

We would like to thank Rev Richard Morse for joining us at the boathouse for the blessing of all athletes, coaches, and boats as they prepare for this weekend's regatta. Thanks also to the parents who were able to attend.

### **Bus Transportation to Regatta at Griggs Reservoir on April 26th**

We will not be hiring a bus to transport NDA parents and athletes to the Griggs regatta on April 26<sup>th</sup> due to lack of interest at this time. This idea will be revisited in the fall as a team bonding and gas saving alternative for rowers and their families.

### **Thank You...**

A special thanks to Brian Fuller for working with the folks from Carpets by Otto to provide new carpeting for the rowers changing area in the tent. It is greatly appreciated by all and especially by the girls who get quick naps lying on it.

### **Fund raising**

Mark your calendars for the next Greektown Casino Bus Trip August 29! Gather up your friends so we can make this even a larger success. Hope to see you there.

### **Sandals**

There are pink NDA flip flops for sale. The price is \$17 and all proceeds go to NDA fundraising. Please email Melissa Costa @ [jakebean@bex.net](mailto:jakebean@bex.net) and get yours now. Remember, these make awesome gifts for incoming freshman and other future NDA students/potential Crew members.



### **Mud Hens**

The Mud Hens concession season has begun and so have the fun times working with your fellow Crew team members and their parents! Fun for people of all ages. Last Sunday, NDA worked their first game of the season. Many thanks to the Farrells, Murrells, Relations, and Bremer's for starting the season off. Very special thanks to our fearless leader – Julie Lach and the lady with the money – Gretchen Mills. On our end, everything went smoothly.

**We really need people to volunteer for the following games:**

**Sunday, April 20 - 2:00 pm game**

**Monday, April 28 - 6:30 pm game**

**Tuesday May 20 - 10:30 am game (Kid's game)**

**Please email Julie Lach as soon as possible if you are able to volunteer for one of these games.  
[jlach@bex.net](mailto:jlach@bex.net)**

**Mark your Calendars now for fun at the Mud Hens!  
NDA Crew dates at Stand 2 at Fifth Third are as follows:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Game</b>
Sun	4/6/08	2:00 pm
Sun	4/20/08	2:00 pm
Mon	4/28/08	6:30 pm
Tues	5/20/08	10:30
Sun	6/8/08	7:00 pm
Thu	6/12/08	7:00 pm
Sat	6/28/08	7:00 pm
Sat	7/5/08	7:00 pm
Sun	7/6/08	7:00 pm
Wed	7/9/08	7:00 pm
Sat	7/26/08	7:00 pm
Sat	8/9/08	7:00 pm
Sun	8/10/08	6:30 pm
Tue	8/26/08	7:00 pm
Wed	8/27/08	7:00 pm

**Thank you so much to all who have already sent all of their dates to Julie Lach. This is a huge fundraiser for the club and we need all people to jump in a sign up for their time slots so that Julie can make sure all games are fully staffed. Parents of all NDA Crew team members must have their slots submitted to Julie by April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

All volunteers must enter Fifth Third Field at the Huron Street exit.

**Reminder**

Any questions regarding what is going on within the club, please refer to the coaches first for practice and boat loading information. All other events can be found on the NDA Crew calendar which can be found by clicking on the bottom link at the left of the NDA Crew webpage [www.ndacrew.com](http://www.ndacrew.com). The calendar includes athlete's birthdates, hotel and regatta information, Mud Hens information and other things. If you know of something that is missing, please feel free to email [ndacrew@hotmail.com](mailto:ndacrew@hotmail.com) and it will be added.

See you in Cincinnati!

April, 2008

Hi Everyone!

It may not feel quite like Spring, but it's here! Along with the (hopefully) warmer weather, comes the start of the Mudhens season. As you may know, Notre Dame Academy Crew operates Stand 2 at Fifth Third Field for a number of games throughout the season as one of our major fundraisers. We receive a percentage of the sales accumulated during each game we work. Our stand primarily sells hotdogs, pizza, popcorn and beer.

The success of this fundraiser depends on the participation of all of our families. We are asking that each family commit to a minimum of nine volunteer slots over the course of the season. You may also bring along friends or other relatives to assist you with your commitment. Individuals must be 19 or older to sell beer. Our rowers/coxswains typically assist with wrapping hotdogs, filling popcorn boxes and "running" items to the cashiers.

Listed on the following page are the game dates and times that we have been assigned. This list has been REVISED from the earlier list sent out. Please look over our game schedule and **sign up by April 18 for your three dates**. Please **include the names of all workers** for each date you volunteer. The Mudhens are requiring that we supply them with a list of who will be working BEFORE each game. You will not be allowed into the stadium if your name is not "on the list".

Please e-mail me back with **dates you are able to work and the names of the workers** or return the sheet below to Kelley Lach at practice **by April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**.

Thank you SO MUCH in advance for your help! The money we earn benefits every rower and we have fun while volunteering!

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Julie Lach

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2008 MUDHENS SCHEDULE

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(family name)	(phone number)	(e-mail address)
April 20	_____	_____
April 28	_____	_____
May 20 (day game)	_____	_____
June 8	_____	_____
June 12	_____	_____
June 28	_____	_____
July 5	_____	_____
July 6	_____	_____
July 9	_____	_____
July 26	_____	_____
August 9	_____	_____
August 10	_____	_____
August 26	_____	_____
August 27	_____	_____

\*Please fill in the name of EACH volunteer after the date.

We need AT LEAST nine volunteer slots from each family...you can sign up for more!