



The Reactor Report

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In May of 2024, Atomic Swim told the families brave enough to embark on this journey with us that it would not be an easy one. It is always a difficult process, rocking the boat and upsetting the status quo. This is especially true when things in the Tri-Cities swimming community had gone unchallenged and unchanged for three decades. The Atomic staff has felt so blessed to have found such a supportive community, ready and willing to put in the extra work to try to make something new, something special for the kids.

Atomic has built so many great community relationships and partnerships in our short time of existence. One of those relationships is with the City of Pasco. They have been wonderful to work with and supported our program greatly by allowing us to use their amazing facility. Pasco's grand plan is to make Memorial Pool a year round facility, and that dream is what allowed Atomic Swim to start. Sadly, the construction on the air supported structure (bubble) has been delayed... This delay has put Atomic Swim in a not so ideal position.

As we approach the end of October, and our time swimming outside at Memorial pool is dwindling; the coaches need to prepare everyone for the news of serious practice schedule changes. Indoor pools in the Tri-Cities are few and far between... and the few that do exist are already being utilized during most "regular hours." The great news is, with much hard work, Atomic Swim has been able to secure pool space/time at Kia Ora Fitness Center in Kennewick. The not so ideal news is that the only time we were able to secure is before school, from 5:30-7:00am.

The coaching staff wants to emphasize that this practice situation is only temporary! Once Pasco has the bubble up then we will go back to practicing in the evenings at Memorial. There is no concrete timeline for when the bubble will be completed, but the Recreation Director said it would be after the new year. The coaches completely understand if this schedule change is not viable for your family schedule.

If you know that this schedule will not work for your family, all of your registrations and payments will be paused/cancelled until our practice is back to something that works for your family. Our hope is that families give this new morning schedule a trial run. There are plenty of benefits to practicing before school. The biggest one is having more family time in the evenings, because you don't have to go to swim practice.

Atomic really wants all of the kiddos to stick with the sport of swim, even if that means they are not a part of the Atomic Swim Family (temporarily). For those families, with younger swimmers (electrons 1/2) unable to make our morning practices, Atomic Swim is partnering with the Splash n' Swim school at Kia Ora Fitness. Splash n' Swim has several offerings that will provide competitive instruction at a more palatable practice time. We will be sending out a supplemental information sheet, with links, in a future email.

In an ideal world, I would not have had to send this letter. In an ideal world Memorial pool would have a bubble over it and we could continue to practice. Sadly, we do not live in an ideal world. However, this short time of discomfort and inconvenience will make us stronger as a team and if we can survive this little challenge then we survive anything, as long as we stick together. Thank you as always for your support!

Practice Schedule

Group	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18
Electrons 1	x	5:30-6:15pm	x	5:30-6:15pm	x
Electrons 2	5:30-6:15pm	x	5:30-6:15pm	x	5:30-6:15pm
Protons	6:30-7:30pm	6:30-7:30pm	6:30-7:30pm	6:30-7:30pm	6:30-7:30pm
Uranium	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm
Plutonium	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-7:30pm

Swimmer of the Week



Cruz Morfin

The Atomic Swimmer of the Week is Cruz Morfin. It has been such a fun journey watching Cruz improve so much since he joined the team just a few months ago. His freestyle and backstroke are looking outstanding and his butterfly and breaststroke look better after each practice. All of the coaches have noticed how kind Cruz is to his team mates and how he is always saying positive things to encourage the whole group. Cruz did such a great job at his first ever swim meet last month in Pullman. He swam fast, but more importantly he had fun! More swimmers should strive to have the same love for the sport as Cruz has. Thank you Cruz for bringing so many great things to the Atomic Swim Family.



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