

CCLI YOUTH DRAGON BOAT TEAM COMPLETES SECOND SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The CCLI “Little Monsters” Youth Dragon Boat Team has been very busy this summer, starting 7AM Saturday practices back in June. They held a tag sale to raise money for a donation to their coaches, and they had time for a little fun too – going to dim sum in Flushing after a particularly tough practice and a Six Flags trip on September 4th. The kids trained all summer for the 21st Annual Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in Flushing Meadow Park on Sunday, August 14th.



Dim Sum after practice



Tag Sale – in 100° heat



Six Flags on Sept 4th

Here are a few details from Helen Chin about that wet but exciting day:

It began as a dark, dreary, cold and extremely rainy morning as team members and their parents made their way to the Flushing Meadow Lake before 7AM! That day over 11 inches of rain fell without stopping once during the entire day. Over 1500 contestants were huddled under tents, umbrellas and temporary shelters as they waited their turn to race. Everything and everyone was under water. The grounds were soaked and so were all the contestants and attendees. A good portion of the parking lots were under water.



Die Hard Dragon Boat Fans



Race Day – on the lake in the pouring rain



Little Monsters wait for their race to be called

Of course, the lightning strikes and thunder claps forced great delays in the day’s races. Our team was scheduled to compete at 9 AM. They were delayed until 10:30 AM. Just as they were to start their race, a huge clap of thunder and equally huge lightning strike hit! Everyone at the races screamed! All the boats on the water made a complete and rapid dash for the boathouse! Our Little Monsters finally got to race at 2 PM after waiting seven hours! Best of all, they came in with the third best time in their heat of 6 teams! Congratulations to our team, their parents and our volunteer parents who made this all happen. Their hard work of practice through many months paid off! Congratulations again to all!

Coordinators: Betty Leong, Stephanie Tang Bartoldus
Team Members: Alison Bartoldus, Christopher Bartoldus, Florence Chan, Kevin Chang, Lee Jay Chang, William Chang, Si Chen, Derek Chow, Stephen Eng, Timothy Hall, Kevin Jiang, Winston Lee, April Leong, Kelly Ng, Trevor Seet, Cloe Southard, Jason Wang, Victor Wang

