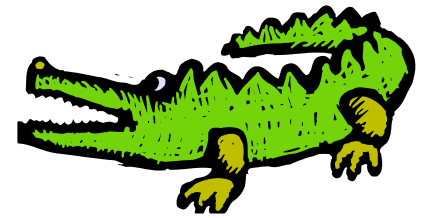


Gator Gossip



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Important Dates

July 10

Seven Oaks Meet (Home)

★ *Senior Recognition* ★

July 17

Meredith Townes (Away)

July 22

TSA Championship

July 24

Awards Night



Swim Practice Schedule

Morning

7-and-up 9:00-10:15

6-and-unders 10:15-11:00

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Afternoons

6-and-unders 4:00-4:45

7-10 year olds 4:45-5:45

11-and-ups 5:45-6:45

Friday Afternoons

6-and-unders 4:00-4:30

7-and-up 4:30-5:30

Message from Head Coach Brendan

Hello Gator Families,

Congrats to all our gator swimmers, parents and supports on a great win this past week. We saw our team step up and race from the start to the finish of the meet. I want to commend the cheering that we had at the meet. Over the last two meets let's keep this excitement up and finish strong. The coaches were very proud of all the hard work that they swimmers have been putting in at practice. That work is coming through in the results that the swimmers are having at meets. We have a few meets left in this season. Let's keep up the hard work to have a great finish to the season.

A few house keeping items. Swim-a-Thon money is due in no later than Tuesday July 10th. Our end-of-year banquet is on Tuesday July 24th at Greystone Baptist. Lastly, we will hold our T-shirt practice on Monday July 23rd.

Go Gators!

You can reach Coach Brendan at gatorcoach16@gmail.com.

Important Meet Reminders for this Week

- Please arrive at The Swamp at 4:45pm.
- Remember to show good sportsmanship during the meet.
- If swimmers have to leave early, notify both the age group parent and a coach.
- Please bring items to sell at the Gator Grill. See page 2 for assigned items based on your last name.
- Pack **extra towels** and chairs (if desired). Pack low-tech entertainment without a lot of parts and pieces. Leave prized possessions at home.
- Swimmers should **sit with their age group at all times**. Older swimmers need to listen carefully so they do not miss their event.
- Bring **small bills** for the bake sale, Gator Grill and Kona Ice.
- **Participant ribbons** will be given to younger swimmers at the end of each race. First heat ribbons will be handed out the next day.
- **Several open volunteer positions** this week:

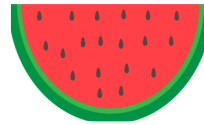
To sign-up, login to our [web site](#) and go to the "Swim Meets and Events" tab, then click on "Job Sign-Up" next to the University Club swim meet..

- 6 & under boys age group parent (2)
- 11-12 boys age group parent (2)
- 11-12 girls age group parent (1)
- Bake sale (1)
- Gator Grill (1)
- Kid pusher (2)
- Place judge (1)
- Ribbon writer (1)
- Timers (4)

Your Help Is Needed for the Gator Grill

The Gator Grill will be OPEN at this week's home meet. The grill will be serving all our favorites, so come hungry and bring small bills! We will be serving burgers, hot dogs, and baked potatoes! For this week's Bake Sale, we ask that families please bring baked potatoes, a dessert, or fruit depending on the first letter of your last name. This week, families with names beginning with:

- A-D please bring baked potatoes
- E-N please bring fruit
- O-Z please bring desserts



Desserts – One dozen per family. Please package the desserts so that we can sell them individually and priced at \$0.50. Suggestions: Brownies, Cookies, Cupcakes, Cake, Crispy Treats, Dessert Bars. Use colored cellophane and ribbon for a more appealing package.

Fruits – One dozen per family. Please package the fruits so that they also can be sold individually and priced at \$0.50. Suggestions: Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Grapes, Pineapple, Strawberries, etc. Use small plastic cups covered with a sealed wrap. We can then just stick a fork in the top and serve.

Baked potatoes – Four potatoes per family. Please wash, wrap in foil, cook for one hour at 400 degrees. Bring hot. We will provide a warmer to put them in.

TSA Corner

This week the Gators will be hosting the Seven Oaks Marlins who have a team of 287 swimmers. This is our last home meet of the year and we want to hear lots of cheering by our Gators. So let's hear some "Lets-Go-Gators!" and "Grey-Stone-Re-Lays!" As always, make sure you pack your good manners and sportsmanship along with your goggles and towels!



Weather – It will once again be hot and buggy with but with a limited chance of storms. You know the drill by now.

Parking – Let's be good hosts and leave the parking lot around the pool open for our guests. There is parking available along Sawmill Road, in the parking lot of the Mercy Vineyard Church (across from the pool) and on other side streets. Harbor Drive is often a good parking choice.

Seating – Greystone swimmers and families will once again setup on the south side of the pool, near the kiddie pool, on the deck and in front of the bar area. We will be hosting a large team and since many families are back from the holiday, it will be a crowded deck. There is some shade but you'll want to bring additional chairs.

Food – The Gator Grill will be open with the regular treats including burgers, hot dogs, sweets and more. We will have Kona Ice on hand to provide a cool treat as well.

Participation – Please be sure to declare for the meet on time. In addition, last minute participation changes cause a great deal of stress and confusion for the clerk of course and coaches. This could lead to missed race entries and reduce scoring opportunities.

Keep the Swamp clean – Don't forget to leave your area clean when you leave. Please plan on spending a couple of minutes after the meet to clean up and help put things away.

Attention Seniors—Scholarship Opportunities

Exciting news, there are two financially rewarding opportunities for our senior swimmers associated with TSA participation.

Cecil L. Williamson TSA Educational Grants

- Grants of \$400 each
- Background on the award is available [here](#)
- Rules are available [here](#)
- Please contact a TSA rep ASAP if you would like to be considered
- Names need to be submitted by the TSA representatives to the league within 24 hours of the last dual meet

Pool Professionals

Pool Professionals has once again generously sponsored the Partnership Scholarship for TSA swimmers, recipient gets \$1000. More information is available [here](#).



Reminder to Swim-A-Thon Participants...

All pledge money is due to Coach Brendan or Beth Lewis on or before Tuesday, July 10th! Checks can be made to Greystone Swim Team.

If you did not participate in the Swim-A-Thon, but you would like to donate to the Senior Scholarship fund, flat donations are more than welcome!!



Don't forget...we have awesome incentives!!!

- The Top Boy and Top Girl who raise the most money will receive FREE swim team registration for 2019!!!
- The Top Boy or Girl Age Group who raise the most money will receive a Super Ice Cream Sundae Party!!
- We have BAM Blowpops for all swimmers who turn in their pledge money. If you've already turned in your pledge money and did not get your BAM Blowpop, please get one from Coach Brendan or Beth Lewis.

Please help us make the Swim-A-Thon a success and collect those pledges and turn in your money ASAP!

If you have any questions about Swim-A-Thon or suggestions for next year, please feel free to get in touch with Beth Lewis at 919-270-4628 or email: bethanyoros@yahoo.com

If you're not exactly sure how many lengths you swam, please [click here](#) for a list of all the swimmers who participated and the number of lengths they swam!

End-of-Season Ceremony

Join us for our end-of-season ceremony followed by cake and punch—all in one location this year. Dress to impress!

Date: Tuesday, July 24th

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Greystone Baptist Church
7509 Leadmine Road



Join Us After the Meet

Gators and their families head to CHOW after each Tuesday meet. CHOW is located at 8311 Creedmoor Road, in the Kroger shopping center near the intersection of Creedmoor and Strickland Roads.

The staff is prepared for us to visit but we ask that everyone is polite and on their best behavior. Parents, please keep your little ones under watchful eye and ensure that they represent the Gators well. When ordering, please give the server your last name to prevent confusion with the tickets.



Gators on the Go This Week Heads to Menchie's

Each Tuesday throughout the season, a fun "Gators on the Go" event with coaches will be planned.

Note—coaches ask that swimmers stay home from the pool on Tuesdays after practice and rest up for the meet.



Menchie's

613 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, 27612

Located in Creedmoor Crossings
Shopping Center

Open Positions—Yes We Still Need YOU!

Please consider stepping up to help our swim team continue to run effectively. We realize that committing to something new can seem scary but we promise to make it easy and will support you along the way!

TREASURER-ELECT: Transition into this position after the season ends this year. Involves maintaining bookkeeping for the team, issuing and depositing checks as needed, assisting in developing and monitoring season budget, as well as long-term planning. Training will certainly be provided, including use of TeamUnify to reconcile registration payment in system.

GATOR GOSSIP COORDINATOR: Transition ASAP – creating this informative newsletter that we rely on as a team for great communication. Need to be able to use or learn Microsoft Publisher. The copy and formatting is similar week-to-week and season-to-season, so much of the work is just updating and organizing. Training and back-up help provided

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Leading the swim team has been a labor of love for me for the past three years. I plan to be around for many years to come, but it is time for me to step away from this role. We have a great group of leaders within the team, who have honed their roles. We have a new web site that keeps us running smoothly, two years in, so most of the kinks are worked out. Financially, we are in good shape. We have a good program of activities that members eagerly anticipate each year. Most importantly, we have an enthusiastic swim team and supportive swim team family. Believe it or not, I do not have to handle very many complaints! Everyone is very supportive. If you are interested, please reach out to me. I promise to help and support you along the way.

Countdown to Important Events....



2 days until....

9 days until...

14 days until...

Senior Recognition and meet against Seven Oaks

meet against Meredith Townes

TSA Championship Meet

The First Ever Gator Art Contest!

This contest will determine next year's Greystone t-shirt artwork!!!

The Rules

- This is open to **ALL AGE GROUPS**.
- We want to see a gator or swamp theme! It can be funny, realistic, cute, whatever your style is.
- Use an **11" x 13" sheet of white paper**. Drawing paper is fine, but so is printer paper. Just make sure it's 11"x13" so that it can be scanned in to be a digital copy for the t-shirt printer.
- **Please write your FULL name and age legibly ON THE BACK of your art.**
- Think big! Try to fill your paper with the design.
- Words are NOT required, but they are allowed. (Obviously, family friendly.)
- **LINE DRAWING ONLY, NO COLOR!** (This is for the t-shirt printer who does the coloring.)
- **Turn in your drawing to me (Nordica Burns) NO LATER THAN Friday July 13th, NO EXCEPTIONS.** (I'm at the pool Mon-Fri for morning practice, and I'm also available at all of the meets, most events, as well as donuts and ribbons, but if I need to meet you at a different time please email me at nordica@weareburns.com. I want everyone to have plenty of opportunity to get their artwork to me!)
- All entries will hang in the clubhouse for voting. The art will be **NUMBERED** so that the artists are anonymous (only put your name on the back of your art). There will be a ballot box and paper slips available at the snack bar.
- **Voting CLOSES on Friday July 20th after afternoon practice.**
- **PLEASE ONLY SUBMIT ONE VOTE PER PERSON**, let's be fair gators, guys.
- Parents and siblings, non-swim team member, coaches, etc. can vote, let's get the whole pool involved!
- Our winner will be announced at our end of the season awards ceremony on July 24th.



Let's get creative! Go Gators!



Share Your Favorite Pictures

We need your help collecting pictures throughout the season. If you take special pictures of your kids at time trials, meets, Wednesday awards, practice, or Gators on the Go events, - please send them to us at: Greystonegator@gmail.com

If your files are too large to email, please send [Ryan Ball](#) an email and he will make arrangements.

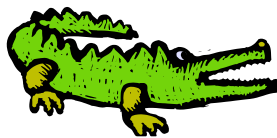
We want all of our swimmers in the end of year slide show!

Connect and Be Social

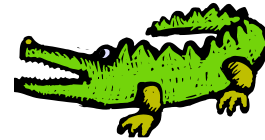
On Facebook, you can "Like" [Greystone Swim and Racquet Club](#) to get pool updates.

On twitter, you can follow our tweets at: [@GreystoneUpdate](#)





Greystone vs. Greenway Club



Final score: Greystone 314 Greenway Club 199

Sweeps!

Boys 6 & Under Freestyle: Stokes Oxrieder, Ryder Betts-Kitchen, Sullivan Blackburn

Boys 9-10 Breaststroke: Holden Ball, Rhett Munn, Sully Bridges

Girls 13-14 Backstroke: Audrey Shearon, Bethany Inge, Caroline Prather

Girls 15-18 Butterfly: Anna Edelson, Maddie Bachand, Anna Kate Uppena

Double and Triple Winners!

Juliet Christopherson (6 & Under Girls) free and back

Holden Ball (9-10 Boys) back, breast, and fly

Nikki Nixon (9-10 Girls) free, back, and fly

Greystone Pool Records!

15-18 Boys Backstroke

Thomas Wright: Old Record 25.23 New Record 25.20

Greystone Team Records!

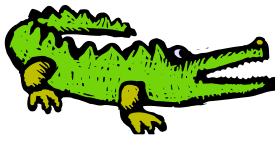
15-18 Boys Medley Relay

Trevor O'Neil, Jacob Wylie, Bode Ringenbach, Thomas Wright

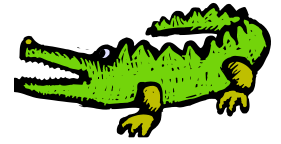
Old Record 1:43:37 New Record 1:42.81

15-18 Boys Backstroke

Thomas Wright: Old Record 25.23 New Record 25.09



Gutsy Gators



Each week, our coaches recognize two swimmers who exhibit great sportsmanship and effort. These swimmers keep the beloved Gutsy Gator trophies for the week, then return them for the next winners.



Jonathan Blevins

Johnathan comes to practice every day ready to give it his all and get better. He may be little but he has a big heart and loves swimming and the gators. He never acts up and always does what he is told. He asked to come watch the older swimmers on Tuesday night just so he could cheer them on. Johnathan is a real gutsy gator.

Congratulations Jonathan!



Rachel Shearon

Our Gutsy Gator this week is a 9-10 girl who regularly comes to practice ready to swim and improve. During this holiday week, Rachel showed up at the meet ready to impress. Individually, she dropped her swim time by 2 seconds. Rachel also inspired her teammates and cheered them on, bringing the gators to our first win this season.

Congratulations Rachel!

Thank you to our amazing sponsors for 2018!

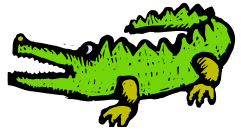


Julia Cowlbeck • Isabel Moss • Cara Pierce





What's Your Gator Best?



Greystone Swim Team Summer 2018

Meet	Freestyle	Back	Breast	Fly
Time Trials <i>June 2</i>				
Granite Falls <i>June 12</i>				
Northbrook <i>June 19</i>				
University Club <i>June 26</i>				
Greenway Club <i>July 3</i>				
Seven Oaks <i>July 10</i>				
Meredith Townes <i>July 17</i>				