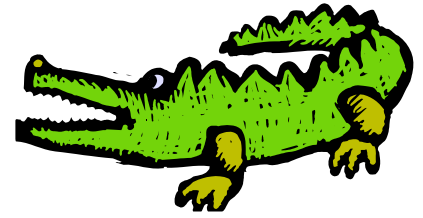


# Gator Gossip



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## Important Dates

June 11 – Morning practices start  
 June 12 – Granite Falls (Away)  
 June 19 – Northbrook (Away)  
 June 21—Family Fun Night/  
 Swim-A-Thon  
 June 26 – University Club (Home)  
 July 3 – Greenway Club (Home)  
 July 5—Team trip to Tucker Lake  
 July 10 – Seven Oaks Meet and Senior  
 Recognition (Home)  
 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,

We are just a few days away from our first meet of the 2018 summer season. I am looking forward to watching everyone race this coming Tuesday. Our first meet is against Granite Falls Swim Team. We will be racing at their Indoor pool for this meet. This will be exciting for many of our swimmers who don't get many chances to race indoors.

This coming week also marks the start of our school's out summer schedule. We offer two practices a day starting on Monday. The morning practices are from 9:00-10:15 for the 7-18-year old's, and 10:15-11:00 for the 6 and under swimmers. This morning schedule will occur on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – with Wednesdays being donuts and ribbons in the morning. The afternoon practices stay the same except for Friday we now only have 4:00-4:30 for 6 & under and 4:30-5:30 for all other ages.

The coaches have been working hard with the swimmers on dives and racing through the walls over the last week. We have also spent a lot of time on breaststroke with our 10 and under groups. We hope that everyone has been having a great time at practice. Remember, all coaches are available for private swim lessons during non-swim practice times. **Go Gators!**

You can reach Coach Brendan at [gatorcoach16@gmail.com](mailto:gatorcoach16@gmail.com).

## Important Meet Reminders for this Week

- **Away Meet at Granite Falls:** [800 Granite Falls Boulevard](#), Rolesville, NC 27587
- **Arrive at 5:10**, warm-ups start at 5:30.
- **Remember to show good sportsmanship** during the meet.
- If swimmers have to leave early, you must **notify both the child's age group parent and a coach**.
- 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.
- **Participant ribbons** will be given to younger swimmers at the end of each race. First heat ribbons will be handed out the next day.
- **Volunteer positions still needed for this week's meet:**
  - \* 11-12 girls age group parent
  - \* One place judge
  - \* One Kid pusher

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

## Volunteering Update

Great job at time trials to all those who tried something new! Thank you to everyone for being willing to show up and do whatever is needed. If you learned a new job at time trials, **please sign-up to do that job at least one time** during the season. Remember—swim team parents are required to volunteer at 3 meets. Meets cannot be conducted effectively without your help.

- If you sign-up to be an **age group parent**, please only sign-up for this job one time **per child**. These slots are often highly sought after, and we want to allow others to have the opportunity. Other good slots for parents with small children include being a runner at a home meet, relief timer, bake sale, and kid pusher.
- Great job on signing up for the first meet. 97% of the slots are filled. For this week, **we still need one 11-12 girls age group parent, one kid pusher, and one place judge.**



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## TSA Corner

It's time, our first meet of the year is Tuesday! We will be swimming against the Granite Falls Gators. We are super excited to get the season started.



- **Remember some important principles around summer swimming:** working as a team, so ditch the electronics and get to know your age group friends; working hard and doing your best, showing good sportsmanship by being polite and congratulating others in your heat and most importantly, having fun!
- **Travel:** Their pool is located at [800 Granite Falls Boulevard](#), Rolesville, NC 27587.
- **Parking:**
  - **Parking is available at the front of the club**, but additional parking is typically needed and is available in the grassy area across the street from the club. Important, note that **there is an electrical box that you cannot park to the left of or you could be towed.**
  - Parking is not allowed directly on Granite Falls Boulevard. There will be additional parking that is available at the State Employees Credit Union located at the corner of Rogers Road and Granite Falls Boulevard after 5:00 pm with a shuttle van to help anyone who parks at the credit union.
- **Pool:**
  - Granite Falls has an **indoor 8-lane pool**. Both team's parents and spectators will be sitting on the parking lot side of the pool.
  - There will be metal bleachers but you can also bring chairs.
  - **All of the swimmers will sit outside** due to the limited deck space. So, prepare the kiddos to sit outside which means extra towels, bug spray, tents for shade, etc.
  - The outdoor pool will be open during the meet for Granite Falls members, please **ensure swimmers stay out of the outdoor pool.**
- **Concessions:** They will have a concession stand at the outdoor pool that will be open during the meet. The concession stand carries items such as hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, etc. They accept cash and credit.

## Gator Swimsuits and Caps

Remaining swimsuits, caps and string bags can be picked up at the meet **this week at Granite Falls.**

Each swimmer receives one silicone cap. Also, each swimmer receives a free string bag compliments of Vanderwall Orthodontics.



## Gators on the Go

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.



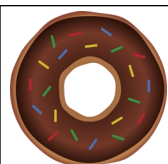
**Gators on the Go this Tuesday**  
**Starting at 11:15AM after practice**  
Let's have a pizza lunch at the pool and decorate our cars so that we can show our Gator pride as we caravan over to Granite Falls.

## Individual Photos—Sign-Up

Photographer Deb Scioletti will take individual photos by request on **Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**. Use this [sign-up](#) to reserve an appointment time. Complete the [order form](#) located on our team web site and bring it to the pool at your appointment time.



Orders for individual and team pictures will be processed and printed professionally. Deb Scioletti accepts cash, check or PayPal to [debsphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:debsphoto@yahoo.com)



## Ribbons and Doughnuts

Each **Wednesday at 10am**, Gators meet at the Swamp for a ribbon ceremony and sugar feast. It's a fun chance to congratulate our swimmers. First heat and relay ribbons will be handed out. All other swimmers get ribbons during the meet. The coaches also recognize two swimmers (one 10 and under swimmer and one 11 and up swimmer) who have shown the most "Gator Guts" during the previous week by awarding the two **Gutsy Gator** trophies. We will also play games in the pool after the ceremony (no official morning practice) so Gators should bring their suits if they wish to participate. **Go Gators!**

## 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.

## Open Positions—We Need You

**TROPHY COORDINATOR:** An immediate need for this season. Awards night will be Tuesday, 7/24. This job involves choosing the trophy, and using the rosters provided by the coach to order trophies at Crown Trophy in Stonehenge Shopping Center. Pick up the trophies (and MVP, most improved medals) at Crown, deliver to the ceremony location the afternoon of awards night, and arrange in a logical manner for handout.



**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.

## Gator Family Fun Night and Swimathon

# VILLAINS VS SUPERHEROS

SHOWDOWN  
AT THE  
SWAMP



**THURSDAY 6-21  
5PM-9PM**

Villains vs Superheros: One Night in the battle of Good vs. Evil!

Which side are you on? Whose side will win?

Watch the Battle of Good vs. Evil unfold throughout the evening!

For the first time ever, the Gators will be combining 2 super swim team traditions into 1 big night!

- **Costume Contest:** Dress up like your favorite superhero or villain, or create your own persona!
- **Superhero Chef Contest:** Anybody is welcome to enter their side in a contest. If you are interested, simply indicate that when you come in.
- **Games:** Superdad's Splash Contest! Power Penny Dive! Evil Greased Watermelon!
- **Swim-a-thon:** coaches will be handing out pledge forms Monday and Tuesday this week. You can also access swim-a-thon documents [here](#).
- **Annual Coaches Skit**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Ole Time BBQ and Potluck**

Each family is asked to bring a **side to share**. Please prepare enough to **serve 12 people**.

(To cut down on the crazy line-up for food our hungry Gators are used to, we are going to try something new. Similar to when you board an airplane, we will be calling up families by groups, as indicated on a ticket you will receive when you arrive at the pool that evening. Also, please come to the buffet with your children. We will work hard to keep a fair and steadily stocked buffet line!).

[RSVP](#) by Monday, June 18.

*If you are interested in helping out, [email us!](#) We will find a job for you! KAPOW!*



## Countdown to Important Events....



2 days until....

meet against Granite Falls

9 days until...

meet against Northbrook

11 days until...

Family Fun Night and Swim-a-Thon

25 days until...

team outing to Tucker Lake (July 5<sup>th</sup>)

42 days until...

TSA Championship Meet

## Declaring for Swim Meets

This year, for each meet, including time trials, you will need to declare "yes" or "no" whether your swimmer(s) can attend.

- Sign-in to your account on our [web site](#)
- Click on "Swim Meets & Events" tab. You can also access the list of meets by scrolling to the bottom of the home page.
- Click "Edit Commitment" for the event you wish to declare, and you will see your list of swimmers.
- Click on your swimmer's name, and a screen will appear with a pull down menu under "Declaration."
- Choose either "Yes, please sign [swimmer name] up for this event," or "No thanks, [swimmer name] will NOT attend this event."
- You may make any notes you want the coaches to see,.
- Make sure to click the "Save Changes" button!
- Repeat this process for each swimmer.

Already know your summer schedule? It's OK to go ahead and declare for ALL the meets for the season.

It is important that you follow this process. Swimmers who do not declare will not be put in the meet lineup. Reminders will be sent from our Team Unify system 7 days before the deadline for each meet. The signup deadline is two days before the meet (ex: Sunday for a Tuesday meet).

## Don't Get Caught in the Rain

Text messages will be sent through our Team Unify [web site](#)/platform if there is a weather delay for meets or practice. When you confirm your account on our Team Unify web site, please enter your mobile number in the "SMS" field choose your carrier. And let's hope for no rain on Tuesday nights this summer!



## Check out the Greystone Gators Handbook

Whether you are a new or an experienced swim parent, you will find helpful information to reference throughout the season in this year's updated handbook— like the practice schedule, tips for swim meet survival, and contact information for Gator board members.

The handbook can be found on the [Greystone Gators Web site](#).

## Update on Gator Merchandise

Gator gear has arrived! If you do not already have your items, please pick them up at the Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning practice. Questions? Contact [Janice Skelly](#)



## Greystone Swim Team Coaches Available for Lessons

Our coaches are available for individual lessons. Sign-up posters are available in the pool shelter.

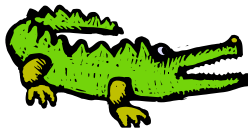


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# What's Your Gator Best?



## 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>				
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