

Gator Gossip



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July 5, 2021

Message from Coach Brendan

Gator Nation,

We are entering week four of the swim season. This is the start of our in-person meets for this season. What does this mean for our team? Here are a few of the changes that will take place. All swimmers need to be to the pool at 4:45 p.m., We will only get half of the pool for our team - this is from lane 6 on the creek side around to the entrance with the deck and the old baby pool area. The meets will take longer, instead of being done around 8:30 p.m., it will most likely take an hour longer. The meets will also be louder because both teams will be cheering. With all these changes we will also have more excitement at the meet with the competitive energy of both teams.

This past week we had a great battle with Brier Creek that came down to the free relays. The final score was 263 to 248. At this point in the season, we are 5-0 which is a great accomplishment. Let's finish up the last three meets just as strong as we started.

A few reminders, watch for emails and text when we have weather in the area. This means parents please make sure your cell phones are verified in the Team Unify website. Second, on Monday July 5, we will only have afternoon practice, the 9-and-under will be from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. and 10-and-older will be 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Third, we announced the swim-a-thon will take place on Wednesday July 21 during Donuts and Ribbons from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Lastly, our team celebration will take place on Tuesday July 27, at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendar.

Coach Brendan

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

Important Meet Reminders

- **Home meet** - Arrive at 4:40 p.m., warm-ups start at 4:45 p.m.
- **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 with few parts. 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.
- **Ribbons** will handed out the day after the meet to first heat and relay winners.
- **Please sign up for your volunteer role prior to the event!**

Important Dates

- July 6 - Northbrook
(Home, In-person)
- July 13 - Greenway Club and
Senior Recognition
(Home, In-person)
- July 20 - North Hills
(Away, In-Person)
- July 27 - Awards Night - 6 p.m.

Swim Practice Schedule

NEW July 5 - afternoon only

- 9-and-unders 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
10-and-older 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

June 14 - July 27

Morning practices

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

- 9-18 year-olds 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
8-and-unders 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Afternoon and evening practices

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday:

- 7-and-unders 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
8-10 year-olds 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
11-18 year-olds 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Friday Afternoons

- 9-and-unders 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
10-and-older 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday:

All age groups Donuts and Ribbons

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**All practices are subject to change due to other activities at the pool.*



The Gator Grill is back!

The Gator Grill will be OPEN at this week's home meet. You won't find a better burger for this price in all of Raleigh.... The grill will be serving all our favorites, so come hungry and **bring small bills (cards are not accepted)**! \$40 will easily feed a family of four with snacks included. We will be serving burgers, hot dogs with chips and a drink. Traditionally, we have asked families to bring either a baked potato, desserts, or a fruit cup for donation but we will be forgoing that this year due to the pandemic.

The Gator Grill is a big team fundraiser! Please support your Greystone Gators!

Volunteering is Part of the Deal



Please sign up prior to the meet.

Swim team parents are required to volunteer at 4 meets.

Meets cannot be conducted effectively without your help. Most positions are very easy and

require no training. However, a few do require some minor,

simple training that we will provide at your convenience. We will be providing a signup for volunteering at each meet in the coming weeks.

We will need additional volunteers this year, as we will be staffing our swim meets without the help of volunteers from visiting teams. We will also be using a new timing system this year, so we will need help ironing out any kinks in the system prior to our first meet.

We have a number of important roles at meets that need to be filled. This will keep our meets running smoothly year-to-year. Thank you!

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 Northbrook swim meet.



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.



(L-R) Caroline Prather, Bethany Inge, Ryan Scanlon, Rhett Munn, Holden Ball, Thomas Wright, and Brendan Betts at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, June 30, 2021.



(L-R) Brendan Betts, Thomas Wright, Nora Maradei, Bethany Inge and Caroline Prather at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

13-14 Boys

The older Gutsy Gator this week is actually a whole age group, the 13-14 boys! They were all on the side of the pool cheering for their teammates and each other very loud throughout the whole meet. At the end of the meet they were all behind the blocks getting super loud for their teammates. Since they were all so loud as a group we struggled to pick just one so this week which is why the 13-14 boys are this week's older Gusty Gators!

Congratulations 13-14 Boys!

Nora Maradei

Our younger Gutsy Gator this week goes to a 9-10 girl, Nora Maradei. Nora is constantly cheering on her teammates and encouraging everyone around her to be enthusiastic as well. She always comes to practice with a big smile on her face and is ready to work hard. Nora is always willing to give a helping hand at practice and at meets, offering to help clean up, or just coming to chat with the coaches. Nora's outstanding positivity and team spirit make her this week's Gutsy Gator.

Congratulations Nora!

Greystone Gators vs. Brier Creek Barracudas

Final score: Greyston Gators: 263, Brier Creek: 248

Records

Drew Sito broke three team records and two pool records during the meet against Brier Creek. Amazing job, Drew!

In the 50 yd. freestyle for 11-12 boys, he broke the record he set himself last week with a 25.03 (-0.04), for both pool and team records.

With a 27.66 in backstroke, he broke the team 11-12 boys 50 yd. backstroke record set in 2019 by Holden Ball (31.78) and the pool record set in 2008 by Wood Valley's Scott Johnson (30.04).

With a 27.76 in 50 yd. butterfly, he broke the 11-12 boys team record set in 1989 by T. Peterson (29.10).

Stokes Oxrieder broke the team record for the 9-10 boys 25 yd. butterfly with a 14.03. The previous team record was with Adam Schauer (14.03), from 1996. Awesome swim, Stokes!

Double/Triple Winners

Juliet Christopherson (7-8 girl): Free, breast, fly

Drew Sito (11-12 boy): Free, back, fly

Nikki Nixon (11-12 girl): Free, back, fly

Ava Berry (15-18 girl): Free, back, breast



Sweeps

9-10 girls • 25 yd. breast - Ella Rynearson • Liza Ball • Whitney Inge

11-12 girls • 50 yd. free - Nikki Nixon • Charlotte Rinker • Isabella Leoncini

13-14 boys • 50 yd. free - Holden Ball • Andrew Inge • Lincoln Burns

15-18 girls • 50 yd. free - Ava Berry • Bethany Inge • Caroline Prather

15-18 girls • 50 yd. back - Ava Berry • Jordan Fisher • Bethany Inge

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.

Instructions:

- Sign-in to your account on our web site
- Click on “Swim Meets & Events” tab. You can also access the list of meets at 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 or thunder on Tuesday nights this summer!



Ribbons & Doughnuts

Each **Wednesday at 10 a.m.**, 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. 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. **Go Gators!**

Greystone Swim Lessons with our Team Coaches

To schedule lessons, please see the contact information below.

Coach Brendan: gatorcoach16@gmail.com

Coach Thomas: <https://tinyurl.com/coachThomasLessons>

Coach Caroline: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D48AEAF2DA5F58-swim>

Coach Bethany: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C44ABAE2AAAF7-private>



Greystone Gators 6th Annual Scholarship Swim-A-Thon

Wednesday, July 21 @ 9:30am



Let's show our graduating seniors how much we love and appreciate their dedication to the Greystone Swim Team!

Join us before Ribbons and Donuts on Wednesday, July 21 at 9:30am to participate in the Swim-A-Thon. Let's work together to swim as many lengths of the pool as possible and raise money for this year's Greystone Gator graduating seniors! 2021 Greystone Gator Seniors: Corbin Burns, Lanie Edelson, Erin Muller, Brianna O'Neil, and Audrey Shearon.

Swimmers will swim for 30 minutes and complete as many lengths as possible. 6-and-under swimmers will swim a shortened length of the pool.

Before the Swim-A-Thon, collect pledges from your family, friends, and neighbors. They can make a pledge for each length of the pool you swim or they can make a flat donation. Please complete the pledge form and bring it with you to the Swim-A-Thon on Wednesday, July 21 at 9:30am.

Half of the money raised will be given to this year's group of graduating seniors. The remainder will go into our Senior Scholarship savings account to use for our youngest Gators when they graduate.

The scholarship is a great incentive to keep our Gators on the team!

As an extra incentive, the Grand Prize for the boy and girl swimmer who raise the most money for the Swim-A-Thon each receive FREE Swim Team Registration for 2022!!!! The Top Age Group who raises the most money receives an Ice Cream treat!

Please bring a labeled water bottle so you have plenty to drink while you swim!!!

As a program, we would like to encourage everyone to participate in the Senior Scholarship Swim-A-Thon.

We would also love sponsors willing to donate \$1 for each swimmer who participates! Is there anyone out there willing to do this? Please email gatorcoach16@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about the Senior Scholarship Swim-a-Thon, please contact Coach Brendan. Happy Fundraising!!!!





2021 SWIM-A-THON
 Greystone Gators Senior Scholarship Swim-A-Thon
 Wednesday, July 21 at 9:30am



All money raised will go to our Senior Scholarship Account. Half the money will go to the graduating seniors and the remainder will go to our Senior Scholarship savings

Swimmer's Name _____ Age Group _____

Parent or Adult Length Counter _____

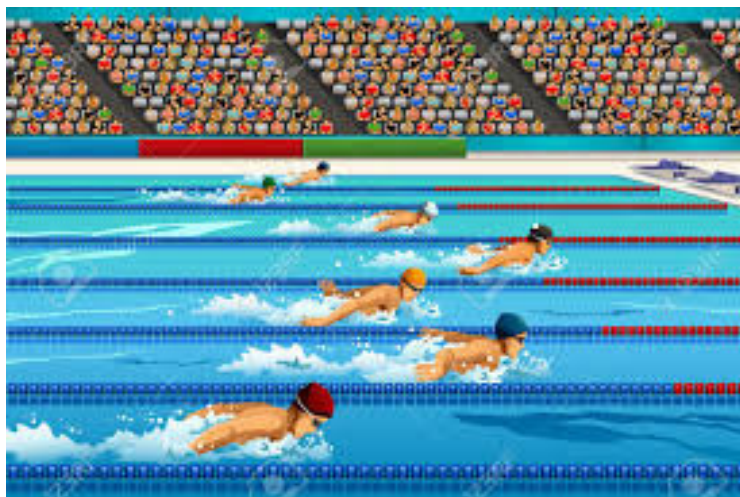
- The Top Boy swimmer & the Top Girl swimmer who raise the most money will each receive FREE swim team registration for 2022!
- The Top Age Group who raises the most money will receive an Ice Cream Treat!
- Turn in pledge money on or before Tuesday, July 27 to Coach Brendan.

SPONSOR NAME	PLEDGE Per length or Flat donation	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE Pledge x lengths completed OR Flat donation	DATE PAID



TSA Meet Information

- This week the Gators will be hosting our first in-person home meet of the year. The Northbrook Dolphins will be visiting the Swamp. It will be very important to pay close attention to the announcer and starter to keep the meet running smoothly.
- **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 in other side streets. Harbor Drive is often a good parking choice and the above grade walkway in the tunnel under Sawmill can be used to cross under the traffic.
- **Seating** - Greystone swimmers and families will setup on the south side of the pool, around the old baby pool area, on the deck and in front of the bar area. There is some shade but you'll want to bring additional chairs. It's going to be hot and probably a little buggy, so prepare accordingly.
- **Food** – The Gator Grill will be open with the regular treats including burgers, hot dogs and sweets.
- **Declaring** - 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. If you declare to participate in the meet, the team is counting on you to participate in all of the events you are entered in. Unless, of course, some unforeseen injury or illness occurs. This is especially true for our experienced swimmers who don't have those first meet jitters.
- **Final reminder** - Don't forget to leave your area clean when you leave. As always, make sure you pack your good manners and sportsmanship along with your goggles and towels!

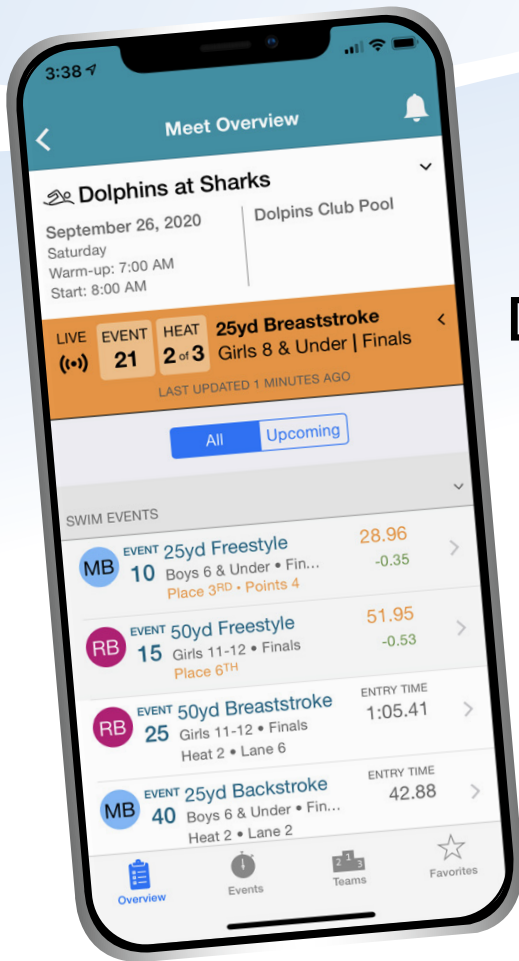


Get Swimtopia to follow swim meets

The Greystone Gators will use the Swimtopia app for parents to be able to see the meet results, kids heat and lanes.

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What's your Gator Best?

Greystone Swim Team 2021

Meet	Freestyle	Back	Breast	Fly
Time Trials June 12, 2021				
Meredith Townes June 15, 2021				
University Club June 22, 2021				
Brier Creek June 29, 2021				
Northbrook July 6, 2021				
Greenway Club July 13, 2019				
North Hills July 20, 2021				