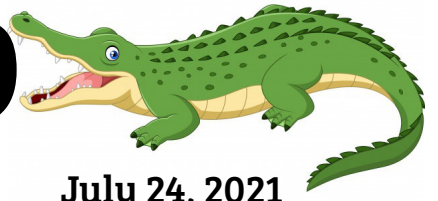


Gator Gossip



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July 24, 2021

Message from Coach Brendan

8-0

Gator Nation,

8-0. What a great number. We have not been able to find out how long it has been since a Greystone swim team has gone 8-0. But if anyone knows or has contact with someone who would know please let us know. I am so proud of everyone on the team. It takes a team effort to finish a season undefeated. I would also like to thank my assistant coaches for all their help and effort through out the season. We have seen tremendous growth in all our swimmers.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our parents for getting their swimmer to practice and meets. With out parents our swimmers would not be able to get the kids anywhere. If your child is interested in year-round swimming, we are lucky to have three teams with in close proximity to the Greystone pool. The teams that are nearest to us are Marlins of Raleigh, New Wave Swim Team and YMCA of the Triangle Area (YOTA). All three teams off different groups and leaves.

A few house keeping items. Our End-of-Season celebration is on Tuesday July 27, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Second, if you ordered a T-shirt, they will be able to be picked up around the first week of August. We will send out an email once they arrive. Third, please clean out any ribbons that may not have been picked up so we can start next season with out any from past seasons. Lastly, all the coaches will still be around to teach swim lessons to anyone who wants to continue to work on skills.

Go Gators!

Coach Brendan

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





Swim-A-Thon Thank You!



A HUGE THANK YOU to all 48 swimmers who participated in the 6th Annual Swim-A-Thon! We also want to thank everyone who counted lengths and cheered on our swimmers! You all did an amazing job! In total, we swam 2,393 lengths...that's approximately 34 miles in just 30 minutes!!! In 2019, we had 40 swimmers swim 1,577 lengths which is almost 23 miles. Way to go Gators, we had more participants than last time and you swam 11 more miles!!! Our next step is collecting pledges! If you've already turned in your pledge money, thank you! If not, please turn in all pledge money to Coach Brendan no later than Tuesday, July 27. Cash, check, PayPal, and Venmo are accepted.

- Please make checks payable to Greystone Swim Team.
- If you're using PayPal or Venmo, please note your swimmer's name and indicate the payment is for Swim-A-Thon.
- You can donate using **Venmo with @Greystone-Gators**
- You can donate using **PayPal with payment@gogreystonegators.com**

If your child did not participate in the swim-a-thon and you would still like to contribute, flat donations are welcome! A huge thank you to Oak City Communications!!! Oak City Communications has generously offered to donate \$2 for every swimmer who participated in the Swim-A-Thon.

Reminder... The Grand Prize for the Top Boy and the Top Girl who raise the most donations is FREE Swim Team Registration for 2022!!!! The winner has to have swam in the Swim-A-Thon to be eligible. The Top Age Group who raise the most donations will receive an ice cream treat! We would like to announce the winners at awards night so please get those pledges in!

Thank you for making the 2022 Senior Swim-A-Thon a success! We look forward to honoring this year's seniors at the awards banquet!

If you have any questions about how many lengths your swimmer swam or need additional information about Swim-A-Thon, please feel free to get in touch with Beth Lewis at 919-270-4628 or email: bethanyoros@yahoo.com.

End-of-Season Ceremony

Remember to [RSVP](#) for delicious Gator Grill food at our End of Season Ceremony if you plan to eat!

Tuesday July 27, 2021, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Gator Grill food: 5:30 p.m.
 Ceremony: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Float party: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A note from the swim team board -
 During the planning stages of our season, our swim board was unsure of how many swimmers might register. We were also concerned about how we would support our swim season financially. We sought to eliminate expenses where we could. By vote, we determined that participation trophies were not necessary as eliminating them offered significant cost savings. Children will not receive participation trophies at the end-of-season ceremony.

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>

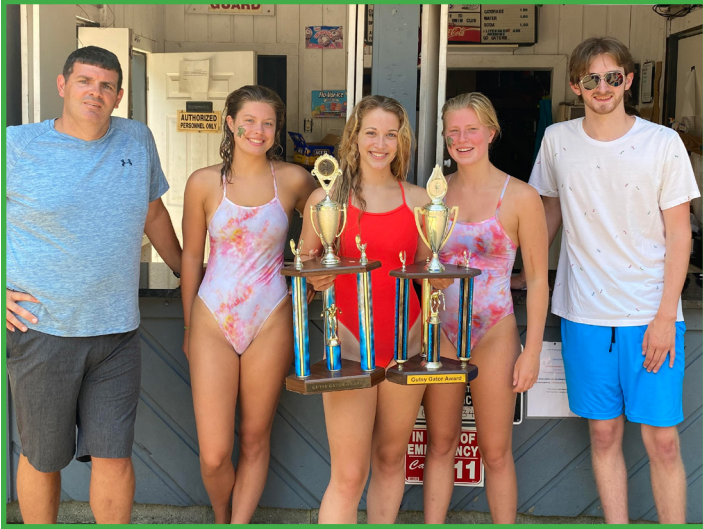
Coach Caroline: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D48AEAF2DA5F58-swim>

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



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) Brendan Betts, Caroline Prather, Lily Uppena, Bethany Inge and Thomas Wright at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, July 21, 2021.



Harper Shea at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club.

Lily Uppena

Our older gutsy gator this week goes to 15-18 girl, Lily Uppena. Lily comes to practice almost everyday willing to work hard even if her friends aren't around to keep her company. She is always cheering at meets and is a wonderful example to our younger gators. Lily's hard work and positive attitude make her this weeks older gutsy gator!

Congratulations Lily!

Harper Shea

Our younger Gusty Gator this week was Harper Shea. Harper goes to the 7-and-under practice every day, and most of the time goes straight into the 8-10s practice for her second practice of the day! Harper loves getting to know the coaches, and she always has a smile on her face. Harper's great work ethic makes her this weeks Gutsy Gator!

Congratulations Harper!

Greystone Gators vs. North Hills Wahoos

Final score: Greystone Gators: 260, North Hills: 254

Records

Stokes Oxrieder broke the 9-10 boys 25 yd. freestyle team record with a 12.92. The prior record was from 1996, held by Adam Schauer (12.97).

Stokes also broke his own 9-10 boys 25 yd. butterfly team record with a 13.49 (-0.11). His previous record was from the Brier Creek meet on June 29. Way to go, Stokes!

Drew Sito broke his own 11-12 boys 50 yd. freestyle team record from the Northbrook meet on July 6 with a 24.30 (-0.02).

Drew also broke his own 11-12 boys 50 yd. butterfly team record with a 27.30 (-0.46). His previous record was from the Brier Creek meet on June 29. Great job, Drew!

Nikki Nixon broke the 11-12 girls 50 yd. backstroke team record with a 29.04. The prior record was held by Amanda Ray, from 7/14/2015 (29.56). Congratulations, Nikki!

Holden Ball broke the 13-14 boys 50 yd. backstroke team record last week vs. Greenway Club with a 27.58, beating Coach Thomas Wright's 27.75 set in 2014. This week, Holden again broke that record vs. North Hills with a 26.85 (-0.73).

Holden also broke the 13-14 boys 50 yd. butterfly team record that he set last week with a 25.51 (-0.16). Amazing swims, Holden!

The 9-10 boys 100 yd. free relay broke a longstanding team record from 1990 with a 59.36. The previous record was 1:00.06. Congrats to Landon Stone, Ellis Carroll, Henry Thompson, and Stokes Oxrieder!

The 11-12 girls went 1:50.81 and broke the free relay team record by -1.22. The record was held since 2014 by Greystone legends Amanda Ray, Anna Kate Uppena, Kenna Haney, and Samantha Muma. Fabulous work, Charlotte Rinker, Isabella Leoncini, Madison Blaes, and Nikki Nixon!

Double/Triple Winners

Jake Mannikko (6 and under boy): free, breast
Claire Thompson (6 and under girl): free, breast
Juliet Christopherson (7-8 girl): free, back, fly
Drew Sito (11-12 boy): free, back, fly
Nikki Nixon (11-12 girl): free, back, fly
Holden Ball (13-14 boy): free, back, fly

Sweeps

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

13-14 girls 50 yd. fly: Lenore Hedemark • Rachel Shearon • Lorelai Edwards





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				