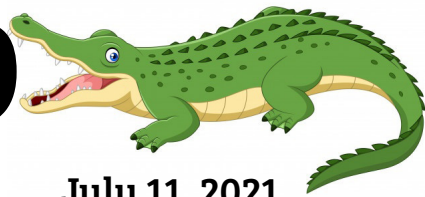


Gator Gossip



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July 11, 2021

Message from Coach Brendan

Gator Nation,

What a streak we have been on this season. We head into week five and we are 6-0!! The kids have been swimming great and after this past week's victory over Northbrook we saw that we still have the meet spirit that makes the SWAMP such a tough place to swim. As we head into the last home meet of the season on Tuesday night, please remember to bring that same spirit and excitement we had this past week vs. Northbrook to our meet against Greenway Club. A few reminders that all volunteer positions close on Monday at midnight. All meet entries close Sunday at midnight. We are a little over a week away from our annual swim-a-thon on Wednesday July 21 at 9:30 a.m. Please get out there and ask folks to sponsor you are child as they swim for our graduating seniors. Lastly, let's keep up the great sportsmanship that makes our gators so special.

Please remind your swimmers to congratulate the other swimmers, cheer for our swimmers and the other team's swimmers and finally show every competitor the same respect that you want to see when you are competing. See everyone at the Swamp, Go Gators!

Coach Brendan

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

Important Dates

- 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

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.*

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. At the last home meet, we will be giving out heat winner ribbons and participation ribbons.
- **Please sign up for your volunteer role prior to the event! Please help! We did not have enough voluneers at our last swim meet.**



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!

We Need your Help - Volunteer Today!



**Please sign up prior to the meet.
Swim team parents are required
to volunteer at four meets.**

Additional jobs have been added to each meet.

**The Greystone Gators did not have enough
volunteers at our last meet. We need your help!
Please sign up to volunteer!**

We have a number of important roles at meets that need to be filled. This will keep our meets running smoothly. 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 Greenway 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) Brendan Betts, Bethany Inge, Michaela Bridges, Caroline Prather, and Thomas Wright at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, July 7, 2021.



(L-R) Brendan Betts, Thomas Wright, Sam Witcher, Bethany Inge and Caroline Prather at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

Michaela Bridges

The older Gutsy Gator a 13-14 girl, Michaela Bridges. Michaela shows up to practice every day ready to work. At the meets she is always cheering, and she is always asking the younger swimmers their names so that she can cheer for them. Michaela's loud cheering, inclusivity, and encouraging attitude make her this week's Gutsy Gator!

Congratulations Michaela!

Sam Witcher

The younger Gutsy Gator this week is a 9-10 boy, Sam Witcher! Sam comes to practice with a great attitude and is always interested in learning how to improve. At the meet Sam was cheering so loud the whole time he was losing his voice. He also had to swim up to the 13-14 boys freestyle relay as a last second fill in where he did great. Sam is a great teammate and a hard worker which makes him this week's Gutsy Gator.

Congratulations Sam!

Greystone Gators vs. Northbrook Dolphins

Final score: Greyston Gators: 352, Northbrook: 161

Records

Drew Sito again broke the team and pool records he set for himself last week in the 11-12 boys 50 yd. freestyle with a 24.32 (-0.71). Great job, Drew!

Holden Ball broke the 13-14 boys 50 yd. butterfly pool and team records with a 25.69. The previous records were 25.92, held by Brandon Hodnett since 2010. Way to go, Holden!

Following last week's meet against Brier Creek, we mistakenly omitted another broken record. In addition to butterfly (previously reported), Stokes Oxrieder broke both pool and team records in the 9-10 boys backstroke. He went 15.74, which broke a longstanding record set in 1996 by Adam Schauer (15.82). Congratulations, Stokes!

Double/Triple Winners

Jake Mannikko (6 and under boy): free, breast
Claire Thompson (6 and under girl): free, back
Stokes Oxrieder (9-10 boy): 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
Eme Monackey (13-14 girl): free, back, fly



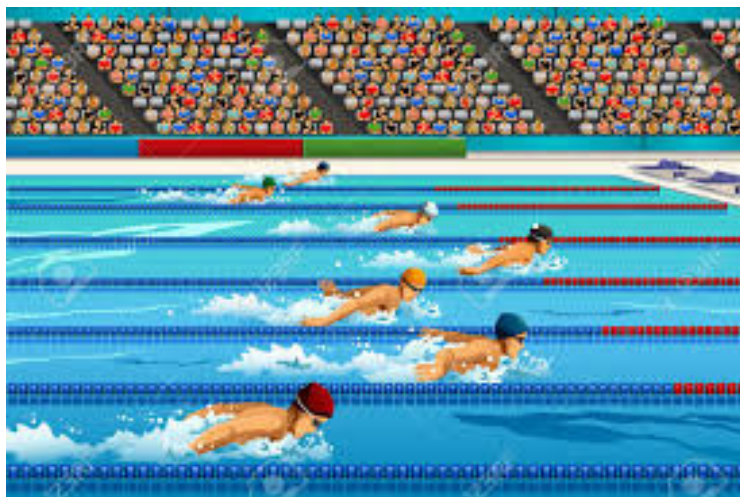
Sweeps

11-12 boys • 50 yd. breast - Charlie Britt • Sulley Bridges • Grant Shaffer
11-12 girls • 50 yd. free - Nikki Nixon • Madison Blaes • Isabella Leoncini
11-12 girls • 50 yd. breast - Madison Blaes • Isabella Leoncini • Virginia Christopherson
11-12 girls • 50 yd. fly - Nikki Nixon • Isabella Leoncini • Madison Blaes
13-14 boys • 50 yd. free - Holden Ball • Andrew Inge • Lincoln Burns
13-14 boys • 50 yd. fly - Holden Ball • Lincoln Burns • Landon Fisher
15-18 girls • 50 yd. free - Ava Berry • Bethany Inge • Caroline Prather
15-18 girls • 50 yd. back - Ava Berry • Jordan Fisher • Lanie Edelson



TSA Meet Information

- This week the Gators will be hosting our second in-person home meet of the year. The Greenway Club Racers 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!



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



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				