

# Gator Gossip



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July 19, 2021

## Important Dates

July 20 - North Hills  
(Away, In-Person)  
July 21 - Swim-a-thon - 9:30 a.m.  
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.*

## Message from Coach Brendan

Gator Nation,

We are at our last few days of the 2021 season. The past eight weeks have been a blast. We have seen such tremendous growth in all of the swimmers on the team. With that being said, Tuesday night is the last meet of the season against North Hills Club. This will be our toughest meet of the year. They beat us two years ago by six points. We are looking forward to another tight meet on their home turf. I am asking our swimmers to bring their spirt, fight, and Gator toughness to this meet. Let's finish up our meet season with a bang and pull off this win. As the team heads to the off season just a reminder that the coaches are still around to teach private lesson to any Gators are looking for a little boast to their swimming ability, any little gators that are ready to start learning to swim for next season or adult Gators that need help with their swimming ability.

A few last-minute housekeeping items: the last practice is Tuesday morning, we have the Swim-a-thon as well as Donuts and Ribbons on Wednesday morning starting at 9:30 a.m. and our awards night is Tuesday, July 27 at the Swamp from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This will be different from past years because it is not "dress you best", it is "dress to get wet". This is because we will do our team awards from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., then have a float party from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.. As always, I am so proud of how hard our Gators have worked this year and how strong we look for coming years. As we say at the pool, "Once a Gator, always a Gator. Go Gators!

Coach Brendan

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

## Important Meet Reminders

- **Away meet at North Hills Club: 4824 Yadkin Dr. Raleigh, NC 27609**  
- Arrive at 5:10 p.m., warm-ups start at 5:30 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!**

# 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.  
**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.*



## End-of-Season Ceremony

Please join us for our  
**End of Season Ceremony**  
and dress to get wet!

**Tuesday July 27, 2021, 6 p.m. - 8 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.

# 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) Thomas Wright, Brendan Betts, Samantha Thompson, Bethany Inge, and Caroline Prather at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, July 14, 2021.*



*(L-R) Thomas Wright, Caroline Prather, Colleen Holt, Bethany Inge and Brendan Betts at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, July 14, 2021.*

## Samantha Thompson

Our older gutsy gator this week goes to Samantha Thompson! Samantha is always willing to give a helping hand and is constantly striving to get better at practice. She is always engaged and trying to get to know everyone, teammates and coaches alike. She is always cheering on all age groups at meets and available to assist the younger gators if needed. Samantha's helping attitude and strong team spirit make her this weeks older gutsy gator!

**Congratulations Samantha!**

## Colleen Holt

Our younger gutsy gator this week is a 7-8 girl, Colleen Holt. Colleen always shows up to practice with lots of energy and enthusiasm. She always tries to get to know the coaches on a personal level and she cheers for everyone very loudly as the meets. Colleen's upbeat personality and consistent team spirit make her this weeks Gusty Gator.

**Congratulations Colleen!**

# Greystone Gators vs. Greenwood Club Racers

**Final score: Greystone Gators: 297, Greenwood Club: 217**

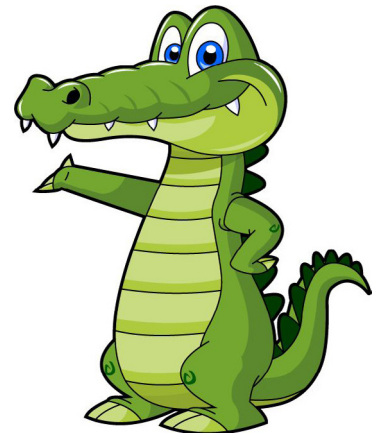
## Records

Holden Ball broke his own 13-14 boys 50 yd. butterfly team record with a 25.67 (-0.02 from last week). Great job, Holden!

The pool record was also broken during this same event by Greenway Club's Addison Cockman.

## 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, breast, fly  
Stokes Oxrieder (9-10 boy): free, back, fly  
Lark Owenby (9-10 girl): free, breast, fly  
Drew Sito (11-12 boy): free, back, fly  
Nikki Nixon (11-12 girl): Free, back, fly



## Sweeps

7-8 girls 25 yd. free - Juliet Christopherson • Ella Lewis • Hazel Stone  
7-8 girls 25 yd. backstroke - Evelyn Hill • Hazel Stone • Emma Christie  
7-8 girls 25 yd. fly - Juliet Christopherson • Ella Lewis • Emma Christie  
9-10 girls 25 yd. backstroke - Liza Ball • Natalie Shearon • AltaMay Overfield  
9-10 girls 25 yd. breast - Lark Owenby • Natalie Shearon • Ella Rynearson  
9-10 girls 25 yd. fly - Lark Owenby • Liza Ball • Ella Rynearson  
11-12 girls - 50 yd. fly - Nikki Nixon • Charlotte Rinker • Virginia Christopherson



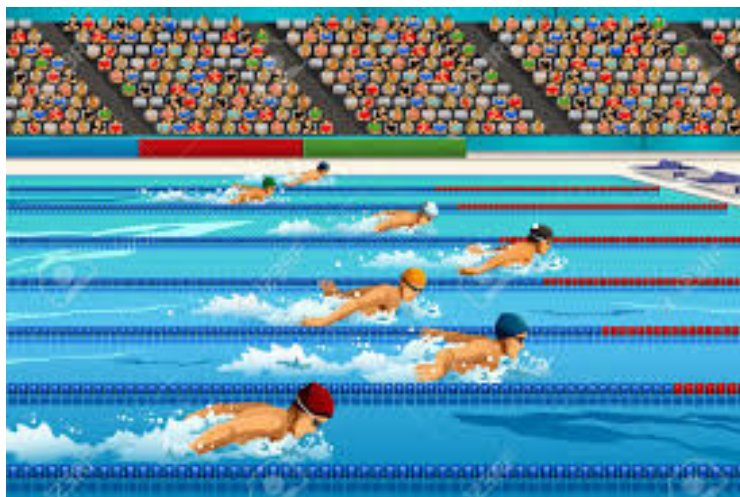
## TSA Meet Information

This week will be the last regular meet of the season. The Gators will be traveling to visit the North Hills Wahoos who are located at **4824 Yadkin Dr. Raleigh, NC 27609**.

This should be a very close meet with two evenly matched teams. We will need all of our Gators to make the short trip and be ready to race!

Here are some important details to keep in mind...

- **Arrival and Parking** - Prepare for some traffic, so leave early. We have not received any additional information about arrival and parking at this time. We will send information out as soon as we have it.
- **Declaring** - Please be sure to declare for the meet on time. Last-minute participation changes cause a great deal of stress and confusion for the clerk of course and coaches. If you declare to participate in the meet, the team is counting on you to participate in all of the events for which you are entered.
- **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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Mueller, Breanna O'Neill, 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](mailto: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

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