

# Gator Gossip



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June 28, 2021

## Important Dates

- June 29 - Brier Creek  
Virtual/Home, 5 p.m. arrival
- July 6 - Northbrook
- July 13 - Greenway Club and  
Senior Recognition (Home)
- July 20 - North Hills
- July 27 - Awards Night (tentative)

## 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.*

## Message from Coach Brendan

Hello Gators!

What a week!! It started with us racing UClub and ended with them forfeiting the meet and us holding a tri-meet with 12Oaks and Bella Casa. We saw some great racing out of everyone. Our team has gotten used to this virtual racing, for we are now 4-0 heading into week 3 of meets. This week we are swimming Brier Creek virtually. We are looking forward to some great racing for all our swimmers! In this newsletter we are announcing the Swim-A-Thon is taking place again. It is on Wednesday, July 21 from 9:30-10:00am before our last Donuts and Ribbons of the season. New this year we are going to have our 6-and-unders participate in it by swimming across the dive tank just like they do in practice. Like we have done in the past this Swim-A-Thon is to raise money for our graduating seniors to send them off from the Swamp with a gift for all their years of being a Gator.

Keep up all the hard work Gators! See you at the pool.

Coach Brendan

### Go Gators!

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

## Important Meet Reminders

- **Virtual home meet - 5:45 p.m. start time**
- Arrive at 5:00 p.m., warm-ups start at 5:15 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!**

*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 Brier Creek swim meet.*

# Volunteering is Part of the Deal



**Please sign up prior to the meet.**

**Swim team parents are required to volunteer at the 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 visting 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*

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## Policy on Masking for Swim Meets



While not required, we do strongly recommend that those individuals not fully vaccinated still wear a mask when not eating or in the pool. **For now, we ask that attendance be for immediate family only.**

This is to cut down on the number of people on the pool deck. We will stay fluid after the first meet to see what things look like. We do continue to ask that **anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms please do not come to the club or swim meets.** If you have symptoms of COVID we recommend getting tested and following all CDC guidelines. Please keep in mind, as always, this is subject to change at any time as we progress through the season and monitor the recommendations from mandates, the CDC, and the NCDHHS.

The Governor has removed the mask restrictions and gathering limits for the state of North Carolina but has not defined what that may mean for pools. As a swim team, we will follow the same recommendations as the pool in general. Face mask requirements for swim meets will be voluntary at this time. As predicted, changes came shortly after our first board meeting.

# 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>



# 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, Thomas Wright, Juliet Christopherson, Bethany Inge, Grant Shaffer, and Caroline Prather at Greystone Swim and Raquet Club Wednesday, June 23, 2021.*

## **Grant Shaffer**

Our older Gutsy Gator this week goes to Grant Shaffer. Grant is always cheering on all of his teammates, not just those in his own age group. He always comes to practice with a smile on his face and is ready for whatever set is waiting for him. Grant's hard work and team spirit make him this week's older Gutsy Gator.

**Congratulations Grant!**

## **Juliet Christopherson**

Our younger Gutsy Gator is a 7/8 girl, Juliet Christopherson. Juliet always puts in hard work at all of her practices and at the meets. She has great sportsmanship, and she encourages her teammates to compete with kindness and consideration as well. Juliet's kindness and loud cheering are what made her this weeks Gutsy Gator.

**Congratulations Juliet!**

# Greystone Gators vs. Granite Falls Gators

First ever virtual triple meet!

**Final score: Greyston Gators: 892, 12 Oaks 618, Bella Casa 238**

## Records

Drew Sito broke team and pool records in 50 yd. freestyle for 11-12 boys. The records were set in 1989 by Trevor Peterson with a 25.95 (team) and 2014 by Rylan O'Connor of Lake Park with a 25.12 (pool). Drew broke both of these long-standing records with a blazing 25.07! Way to go, Drew!

## Double/Triple Winners

Jake Mannikko (6 & under boy): Free, breast  
Juliet Christopherson (7-8 girl): Free, back, fly  
Stokes Oxreider (9-10 boy): Free, breast, fly  
Nikki Nixon (11-12 girl): Free, back, fly  
Drew Sito (11-12 boy): Free, breast, fly  
Ava Berry (15-18 girl): Free, back, breast



## Sweeps

9-10 boys • 25 yd. free - Stokes Oxrieder • Henry Thompson • Landon Stone  
9-10 boys • 25 yd. fly - Stokes Oxrieder • Henry Thompson • Landon Stone  
11-12 girls • 50 yd. free - Nikki Nixon • Charlotte Rinker • Madison Blaes  
15-18 girls • 50 yd. free - Ava Berry • Caroline Prather • Bethany Inge  
15-18 girls • 50 yd. back - Ava Berry • Jordan Fisher • Lanie Edelson  
15-18 girls • 50 yd. breast - Ava Berry • Bethany Inge • Caroline Prather  
15-18 girls • 50 yd. fly - Bethany Inge • Caroline Prather • Audrey Shearon

# Greystone Gators Swim-a-thon

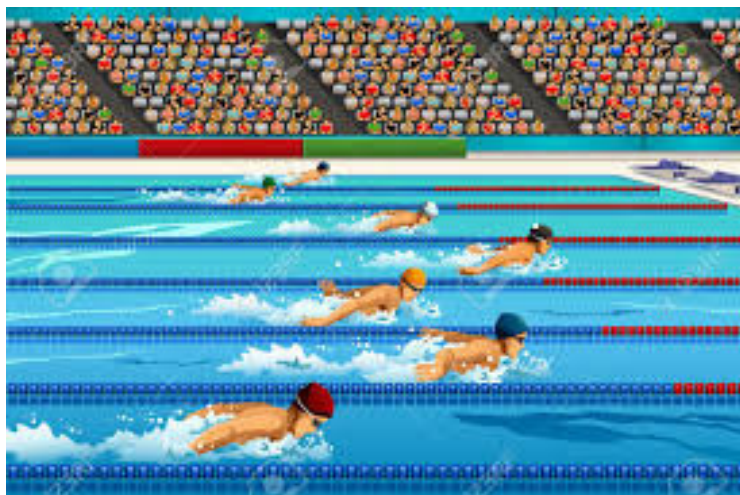
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## TSA Meet Information

- This week the Gators will be have our third virtual home meet of the year. The Brier Creek Barracudas will be swimming at their pool.
- **Parking** – Greystone swimmers can park at the swamp.
- **Seating** - Greystone swimmers and families will setup on the south side of the pool, near the kiddie pool, 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** – Bring your own food. There is no Gator Grill.
- **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!



# 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 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](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.

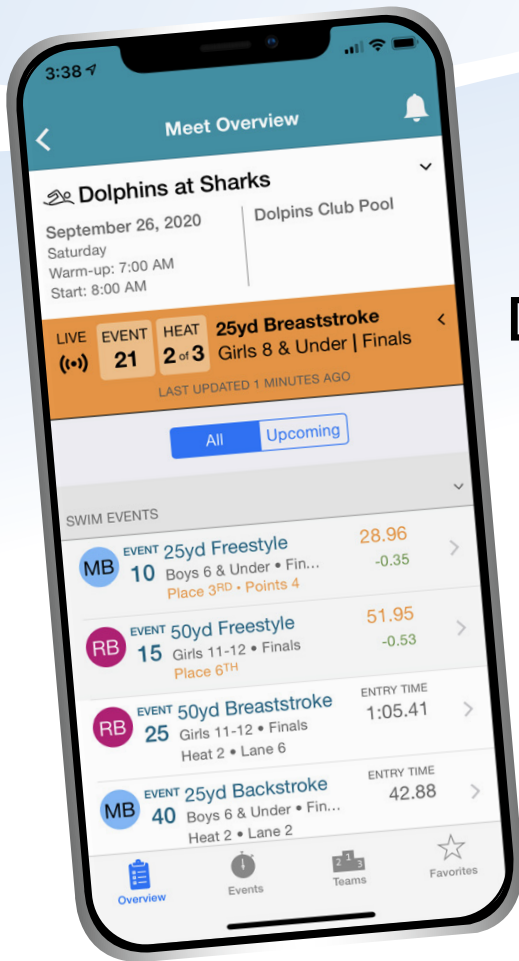
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# Get Swimtopia to follow swim meets

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

<https://www.swimtopia.com/products/swim-meet-app/>

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# 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				