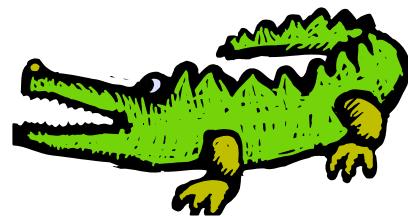


Gator Gossip



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Important Dates

May 17 – Pool Opens (4:00pm)
May 19 – Ice Cream with the Coaches (4:00-6:00pm)
May 20 – Afternoon practices start
June 1 – Time Trials
June 11 – Meredith Townes (Home)
June 12 – Morning practices start
June 18 – Granite Falls (Away)
June 25 – North Hills (Home)
June 27 – Family Fun Night/Swim-A-Thon
July 2 – Seven Oaks (Away)
July 3 – Team trip to Tucker Lake
July 9 – Northbrook Meet and Senior Recognition (Home)
July 16 – Greenway Club (Away)
July 20 – TSA Championship
July 23 – Awards Night

Swim Practice Schedule

6-and-unders 4:00-4:45
 7-10 year olds 4:45-5:45
 11-and-ups 5:45-6:45

June 12th

Morning practices begin &
Afternoon practices continue

Welcome Back Gators!

Welcome Back Gators! Wow! We are only 1 week out from the 2019 summer swim season. I am looking forward to another great season of racing, fun and camaraderie with our teammates and friends. For many, summer swim team is some of the best memories they have from their childhood. The friends I made at my summer pool growing up are still many of the friends I have today. What I learned all those years ago from my summer pool experiences continues to stick with me all these years later: swimming is fun, swimming is exciting, summer swimming builds friends for life! I hope that each summer we continue to make these great memories for the swimmers at Greystone! The coaching staff for the 2019 summer season is set up to be a great one. We have a great staff excited to coach your children. Coach Jacob Wylie and Coach Duncan Burns are back for this summer. We also welcome Thomas Wright to our staff for this summer. These three coaches and I are ready to see your swimmer have as much fun and success as we have had in our own summer swim careers. Let's get the summer started on the right foot and hope for lots of warm sunny days over the next few weeks to warm our pool up. The coaches and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Ice Cream social on Sunday the 19th from 4-6pm at the pool. **GO GATORS!** – Coach Brendan

Team Registration Online

Returning families should have received an email last week with information on logging into our web site. If you are a **returning family**, please do NOT create a **NEW account**. Your information has already been populated and an account has been set up for you. You should be able to login and update your password, account information and email address, as needed. In the SMS spot, please add your mobile number and choose your mobile provider. This will allow us to text you important updates during the swim season.

New families can visit the [website](http://www.gogreystonegators.com) and click on the registration button in the navigation on the right side of the page. It looks like this:



Accounts will be "approved" once payment for swim team registration is received. You may pay via check or PayPal. Cost is \$75 per swimmer.

Practices Begin on Monday, May 20th

All age groups begin practice on May 21st (see schedule at left). All children should wear swimsuits and bring sneakers and socks. The pool will be chilly and the weather may be stormy, so an extra towel may be helpful.

Morning practices begin on June 12th. For morning practice, ages 7-10 and 11 and up will be together 9:00—10:15am; 6 and under will be 10:15—11:00am.

Same Swimsuits This Year at a Great Price!

All-American Swim is our vendor of choice again this year and they will be at the Ice Cream Social on May 19th selling suits. See the [team web site](#) for pricing and locations/hours of stores. If you miss ordering a suit on the 19th, you may order via phone or at the stores. Contact [Michelle Anderson](#) with any questions.

about placing an order.



RISE Solid Poly H-Back



RISE Solid Poly MB Back



RISE Solid Jammer



RISE Solid Brief

Volunteering is Part of the Deal

Swim team parents are required to volunteer at the Time Trials and at 3 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 in the coming weeks.



TIME TRIALS is June 1st and it's a great opportunity to try out a new job assignment. For every family that declares for time trials, we will need one parent volunteer. Job assignments will be posted at the pool the morning of time trials. We may ask parents to try a job that they have not done in the past. We have a number of important roles at meets that need to be filled, and time trials is the perfect time to learn something new without the pressure of a full meet. After time trials, we encourage parents to put their newly learned skill to use and sign-up for the new job....at least once! This will keep our meets running smoothly year-to-year.

Ice Cream with the Coaches—May 19th, 4:00–6:00 pm

Join us at this event to meet the coaches, enjoy ice cream and register for the swim team. Registration will be permitted up until time trials on June 1st.

[Registration](#) is all online and you may pay via PayPal or check. You can also try on and order team suits as well as order merchandise. **May 19th will be the last day to order team suits and Gator merchandise!**



Swim Team 101

During the ice cream social there will a "swim team 101" session provided by 2 of our amazing swim team parents, Kristin Holt and Beth Lewis. For those parents who have not been part of summer swim before, we are excited to have you, but we want you to be informed! This will provide you all the information you need to make swim team enjoyable for you, as it can be a lot, your first year on the team. If you are signing your child up for the swim team for the first time, I highly recommend you attend this session. It will be very informative and helpful for you. If you are a current swim team member and know someone who is joining for the first time, please pass along this information.

Get Your Gator Gear Merchandise

We have lots of cool gear to help you show your Gator pride this summer. You can order online by going to the [Greystone Gators web site](#). There is a "merchandise" button on the home page.



'19 Merchandise
Ordering- Now
Open

You'll need to be logged into your account, and choose one swimmer under which to order your merchandise. If you have multiple swimmers, it doesn't make any difference which swimmer you choose. You can complete the entire order under one swimmer.

- All orders must be pre-ordered and paid by Sunday, May 19th. Please note that merchandise orders are separate from team suit orders—they are from different vendors
- Very limited extras may be available on some items
- Please see the merchandise list on the next page of this newsletter—you will want to have this handy when you go online to place your order (the online ordering web page doesn't have the images or detailed descriptions)
- You will not see swim caps on the merchandise list. Why? Because **for every registered swimmer, you will receive a Greystone silicone cap**
- Specific questions about merchandise ? Email greystonategorgear@gmail.com
- Questions or issues ordering online via our new web site? Please contact [Christian Sito](#).

Open Gator Board Positions

We have one open board position—we need another TSA Representative—and we'd love to have you join us!

If you'd like to learn more about what's involved, please contact [Christian Sito](#). Support and training is available to help you get up to speed on these positions.

Connect and Be Social

On Facebook, you can "Like" [Greystone Swim and Racquet Club](#) to get pool updates.

On twitter, you can follow our tweets at: [@GreystoneUpdate](#)



Declaring for Meets

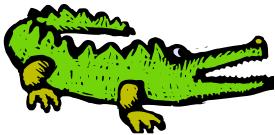
This year, for each meet you will need to declare "yes" or "no" whether your swimmer(s) can attend. To make this easy for you, you can go ahead and declare your swimmer(s) as a "yes" or "no" for ALL swim meets at the beginning of the season. It is important that you follow this process. Swimmers who 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).



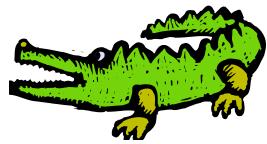
Gator Merchandise Preview

*See page 3 of newsletter for ordering information or order [online](#) now by May 19th.

Item and Description	Price	Image
T-SHIRTS Our winning design from the t-shirt contest last summer will be featured on this new shirt! Sponsor logos on the back. <i>NOTE: Runs about 1/2 - 1 size small</i> Youth sizes: S, M, L, XL Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$12	
DRI-FIT MEN'S GOLF POLO Smooth micropique polos that wick moisture and resist snags. 3.8oz, 100% polyester tricot. Double needle stitching, tag-free label, taped neck, flat knit collar. ***With embroidered Go Gators! Logo on left chest. (Color—Tropic Blue) Adult sizes only: S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$26	
DRI-FIT WOMEN'S GOLF POLO Smooth micropique polos that wick moisture and resist snags. 3.8 oz, 100% polyester tricot. Double needle stitching, tag-free label, taped neck, flat knit collar and curved back waist seam for a flattering fit. ***With embroidered Go Gators! logo on left chest. (Color—Tropic Blue) Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$26	As above photo, but ladies' fit.
LADIES DRI-FIT TANK TOP Moisture-wicking, 3.8 oz. 100% polyester interlock. Gently contoured silhouette. Self-fabric binding at neck and armholes. <i>Note will need a minimum order of 20 in order to fulfill this order. More info on logo design to be updated.</i>	\$20	
PERSONALIZED TOWEL Price includes embroidery and your name. First and last name is okay. If you order a towel, please send an email to greystonegatorgear@gmail.com with your personalization request.	\$24	
TRUCKER HATS Classic trucker cap style by Richardson. MidPro shape, Cotton-Poly fabric, Nylon Mesh, Precurved visor, Cotton sweatband, adjustable snapback. One Size Fits Most	\$18	
BOAT TOTE BAG 24 oz cotton canvas boat bag with 8.5" handles, full length zipper closure, and reinforced canvas bottom. Double stitched seams for durability and strength. 17"x19"x10", easily holds 6 beach towels. Embroidered gator logo reads Greystone Swim and Racquet Club. Each boat bag sold will provide a \$5 donation to the Greystone Swim-a-Thon. Trim color—navy or green.	\$30	 



Meet Our Coaches!

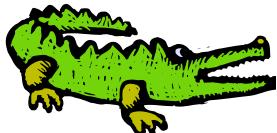


Head Coach Brendan Betts

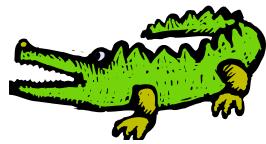
Brendan is excited to be back for his third season with Greystone. Prior to joining Greystone, Brendan was a year round swim coach in the Triangle for nine years. For the last three years he has been teaching swim lessons for Triangle Swim School. He also runs the Gators Fall and Winter Clinics and gives private swim instruction to both kids and adults.

He spent five years with New Wave Swim Team and four years as the Head Age Group Coach of the Y of the Triangle Area Swim Team (YOTA). In his time at Wave he developed and trained swimmers of all ability levels. While at the Wave he also coached swimmers to over 30 team records and 13 state records. During each of the four years Brendan coached at YOTA the team had an increase in qualifiers for the major age group championship meets. He also led YOTA to their highest ever finishes this decade at the NCS Short Course Age Group Championships (4th) and the NCS Long Course Age Group Championships (3rd) in 2008. Before coming to YOTA, Brendan worked with one of the most dominant USA Swimming programs in the southeast and the entire nation -Dynamo Swim Club in Atlanta, Georgia. During his time at Dynamo, Brendan worked primarily with their top 12 & under swimmers, as well as with their developmental senior swimmers and their Masters group. While in Atlanta, Brendan also spent time as a volunteer assistant with the Emory University men's and women's swimming teams, both of which are NCAA Division III national powers. Brendan has worked with some of the top coaches in the country, including Ed Spencer, former Head Coach at Dynamo, who is now serving as a Master Coach with USA Swimming. He has also worked with Pete Morgan at Curl-Burke who produced Olympic breaststroker Ed Moses.

Brendan holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from the College of Charleston. He is an ASCA level 4 certified coach. Brendan and his wife Erica have two boys, Hayden, age 8, and Ryder, age 6. They also have two Labrador Retrievers, Oliver and Gladys.



Meet Our Coaches!



Coach Jacob Wylie

My name is Jake Wylie and I have been swimming for Greystone since I was 4 years old. I went to Sanderson High School where I was Varsity swim captain. I also swam for YOTA, until I was 17 and attended multiple YMCA swimming championships. I'm currently a Nursing major at UNC Chapel Hill, where I play club water polo. I'm very excited to be back at the swamp and look forward to a great season!

GO GATORS!



Coach Thomas Wright

Hi, my name is Thomas Wright. I have been competing in summer league since I was 6 years old and have been part of the Gators since I was 13. I swam for both the YMCA of the Triangle Area and Millbrook teams. I am currently attending East Carolina University and am majoring in information technology. I am very excited for my first year of coaching Greystone and building on the team-oriented culture. Most of all, I want each kid to have a blast this summer and keep coming back for years to come.

GO GATORS!



Coach Duncan Burns

Hi, my name is Duncan Burns. I have been a swimmer for the Greystone Gators for several years and I am excited to return this summer as a Greystone Gator coach. I am a certified lifeguard and a Red Cross certified water safety instructor. I have several family members on the Greystone swim team- my sister, Eleanor, my brother, Lincoln and my cousins, Corbin, Dennis and Aaron. I also have a dog, Addie, and ten chickens at home. I am really looking forward to getting to know all of you while we learn and have fun this season.

GO GATORS!