

KEARNEY PURPLE WAVE SUMMER SWIM TEAM



TEAM HANDBOOK 2021

Dates to tentatively put on your calendar:

Thursday, May 27th: morning practice begins, 9:00 - 11:45, by age group, details TBD

Thursday, June 3: Away swim meet - Kearney @ Walnut Creek

Thursday, June 10: Picture Day - 8:00 AM @ William Jewell, **group picture at 8:30**

Thursday, June 10: Home swim meet - Woodneath Farms @ Kearney *(to be held at Old Pike)*

Thursday, June 17: Home swim meet - New Mark @ Kearney *(to be held at Old Pike)*

Thursday, June 24: Away swim meet - Kearney @ Coves

Thursday, July 1: Away swim meet - Kearney @ Hills of Walden

Thursday, July 8: No meet - BYE week

Tuesday, July 13: Home swim meet - Clayview @ Kearney *(to be held at Old Pike)*

Monday, July 19: Conference Prelims @ The Springs *(Qualifier meet)*

Tuesday, July 20: Conference Prelims @ The Springs *(Qualifier meet)*

Wednesday, July 21: Conference Finals @ The Springs *(Qualifier meet)*

KEARNEY SWIM TEAM GENERAL INFORMATION

The Kearney Swim Team (KST) is a summer league swim team that competes in the Northland Conference. KST joined the Northland Swim Conference in January 1998. We have our practices during the summer in the mornings, Monday thru Thursday at the Mabee Center pool on the William Jewell campus in Liberty. We are dedicated to the training and nurturing of young swimmers in the Kearney area. We accept swimmers age 6 through 18 yrs of age (as of June 1, 2021). A swimmer must be able to swim the length of the pool (25 meters) unassisted.

Check out our website: <https://kst.swimtopia.com/> for more information.

We compete against 10 other teams located in the northland.

Due to COVID19, there will be many changes that will occur requiring flexibility from our members. We will definitely have some sort of meets, but they may be virtual meets - meaning we swim with our own club, and the other team swims with their club. Then our times are put together to determine places for each event. Conference will look different as well. We are unable to guarantee when and where meets will be held. We are giving you a very tentative schedule, but changes will definitely be made throughout the season.

NORTHLAND CONFERENCE TEAMS

Brooktree Barracudas	New Mark Stingrays	Walnut Creek Creekers
Clayview Kahoona's	Old Pike Sharks	Coves Crocodiles
Riss Lake Riptides	Hills of Walden Hurricanes	Kearney Purple Wave
Thousand Oaks Otters	Woodneath Farms Whitecaps	

MISSOURI VALLEY SWIMMING

Missouri Valley Swimming is affiliated with USA Swimming and is the governing body for competitive swimming within the Missouri Valley LSC. They provide information and services to over 60 swim teams and clubs consisting of more than 5,000 athletes and 500 non-athlete members. Their website contains news items, online forms, contact information, time standards, records, meet schedules, and results of meets held within the Missouri Valley area. Check it out at www.missourivalleyswimming.com

PRACTICE

Practice will begin Thursday, May 27th.

Swim practice will be determined by age group and ability level. The practices will be from 9:00-11:45 at the Mabee Center, William Jewell, Liberty. The exact schedule will be determined once registration is completed. All swimmers new to the team will be evaluated the first few days of practice to determine which practice is right for them.

PRACTICE PROCEDURES

Only swim team members are allowed on the pool deck during practices. The Mabee Center pool is not big enough for parents and other observers. Due to COVID restrictions, swimmers will enter from the pool doors on the side of the building. Parents and siblings will not be allowed to enter the Mabee Center. There will be no locker room access. Porta Potties are available outside of the pool doors. There is a grassy area outside the Mabee Center where parents and siblings may play.

CANCELLED PRACTICES

With the Mabee Center being indoors, practices should not need to be cancelled due to weather. However, we have had cancellations in the past due to mechanical problems. If a practice needs to be canceled, an email will go out ASAP.

KST REGISTRATION

All swimmers will register via the website. Swimmers will be registered with USA Swimming/MO Valley. The KST registration/medical release form asks for emergency contact information and permission to seek medical aid for your child if necessary. Parents must also read and acknowledge that they will comply with the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy.. USA Swimming provides insurance for the team.

SWIM MEET JOBS

As a member of the swim team, there are responsibilities that parents must understand. At each swim meet there are between 70 and 90 parent volunteer jobs. These jobs range from timing the swimmers, keeping score, ribbons, and becoming an official such as a stroke and turn judge. Without these jobs filled there would be no meets. There are 6 meets, 12 halves, each family is required to work at least 3 halves. Parents will sign up for these jobs at registration. All volunteer workers must check in a half hour before a meet whether they are working the first half or the second half of the meet. If the parents of a swimmer do not comply with these requirements then the swimmer may not

be allowed to participate in future swim meets. This is a parent led swim team and requires the participation of all its members, parents and swimmers to be successful. Thank you for your understanding.

REFUNDS

Refunds may be requested on or before June 1st and are subject to a \$40.00 penalty. The USA Swimming fee cannot be refunded since the fee is sent to USA Swimming ASAP and it is not ours to return.

OLD PIKE

This season we will be hosting our home meets at the Old Pike Country Club, 5101 NW Old Pike Rd. Kansas City, MO 64118 (please see the calendar).

POOL LOCATIONS: (See website for written directions)

SWIM MEET PROCEDURES

All swim meets begin at 6pm and must be completed by 10pm. Swimmer arrival times and warm up times will be sent out for each meet. Parent volunteers should check in ½ hour prior to their start time to receive job instruction. Swimmer entries will be communicated with parents and/or swimmers following your swimmers practice time on meet days. Volunteers will write your swimmers events on their arms after practice. If for some reason your swimmer needs to withdraw from the meet, please let Coach Long and Staci Bonderer know.

Swimmers and their parents must listen carefully for the announcement of their events during the meets. When your swimmer's event is called your swimmer should report immediately to the Clerk of the Course. If your child does not report to the Clerk of the Course when their event is called the event will be held without that swimmer - the meet has a time limit, so it must keep moving.

The order of events at a swim meet are as follows: (Boys then Girls, Youngest to Oldest for each event)

- Medley Relay
- Freestyle
- Butterfly
- Backstroke

Individual Medley
Breaststroke
Freestyle Relay

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship meet will be held this year at The Springs Aquatic Center at Tiffany Hills Park. It is scheduled for July 19th through 21st . To compete in an individual event a swimmer must have competed in at least 3 of our dual meets and have a qualifying time.

TEAM PICTURES

Dice Photography will be coming Thursday, June 24th at 8:00 am to take pictures of the team. Individual pictures will be taken first, followed by a group picture at 8:30. There will be different packages to choose from. Please have your swimmer wear a team suit or the team t-shirt.

MERCHANDISE ORDERS

Swimsuits, swim caps and fan wear can be placed using the Shop tab on the website. Please pay attention to deadlines for orders. The orders will be available for pick up at the pool the first week of practice.

END OF SEASON FUN DAY + AWARDS / CONFERENCE FUN DAY + AWARDS

We will have a Fun Swim Day on July 14th to celebrate our regular season. The swimmers will play games, receive their ribbons, and Lane Leader Awards will be awarded. We will also have a Fun Swim Day on July 22nd to celebrate our conference swimmers. The swimmers will play games, and receive their ribbons and their conference qualifier certificate.

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Staci Bonderer	kstpurplewave@gmail.com
Vice-Presidents	Tricia Mendel	
Treasurer	Bren Clawson	
Spiritwear	Kristi Mayo	
Volunteer Coordinator	Shelly Dunn	
Computer	Tricia Mendel / Staci Bonderer	

Stroke & Turn Leader
Coach
Assistant Coach

Tim Bonderer
Nate Long
Carter White

THANKS FOR JOINING US!
IT WILL BE A GREAT SEASON!!

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