



Gator Tales

MAY 18, 2016

HOME MEET



BEAR BRANCH

Circle in by: 7:00 a.m.

Warm Ups: 7:10 a.m.

Meet Begins: 8:30 a.m.

We're off to a great start this season, Gators! This week we host the Bear Branch Bears at our first home meet of the season. The Bears have been tough competitors in the past. Swimmers, practice hard this week. Let's be excellent hosts and show our Gator spirit.

Don't forget to RSVP if you will attend/decline this meet!

Get ready to CHOMP, CHOMP, CHOMP!!!

Mentors Needed Now Open to Middle Schoolers

We need more mentors for our 6 and under swimmers. Swimmers in middle school and high school are encouraged to sign up to be a mentor to one of our youngest Gators. Throughout the season the mentors will encourage their mentees, show them Gator spirit and bring them small gifts at home meets. The younger swimmers love having a big kid cheer them on. Please see Coach Abby at practice this week if you would like to help.



LIKE US!

Trailwood Gator Swimteam

Pictures & Pizza Party Pep Rally Friday 5 p.m.



"SAY CHEESE"

Team photos will be Friday at 5 p.m. Swimmers should wear their team swim suits. Individual photos will be taken first, followed by the team photo. Click here to download the photo order form. Please bring the completed form and payment to the pool on picture day.

Immediately following photos at 6 p.m., we'll have a pizza party pep rally. Pizza will be sold for \$0.50/slice and drinks will be sold for \$0.50/each. **Please RSVP on the team website by noon on Thursday**, so we order the right amount of pizza. Click here to go directly to the RSVP page. Don't forget to bring your posters for our poster contest. Our Gators of the Week for each age group will be announced, and raffle tickets for Coach of the Week will be on sale. Come out to celebrate our first home meet!



GATORS OF THE WEEK

- 6&u Girl: Izzy Fabrizio
Boy: Ryan Stone
- 7&8 Girl: Rya Johnson
Boy: Liam Budde
- 9&10 Girl: Payton Montgomery
Boy: Ryder Grabner
- 11&up Girl: Grace Byrd
Boy: Chris Rosser

Way To Go Gators!



Click here to check out the meet results!

Visit our team website at www.TrailwoodGators.org

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Get Your Gator On!

Swimmers each get a team t-shirt and swim cap. If you haven't received these, please see a board member.

We will be selling some awesome team-spirit merchandise at the meet.

Short-sleeve t-shirts: \$10

Tank tops: \$15

Yard signs: \$10

Car stickers (also can be stuck to other things such as water bottles): \$5

Tattoos: \$0.25

Swim Caps - Silicone: \$14, latex: \$7



Show Your Patriotism and Support the Team!

It's not too late to sign up for our flag fundraiser and have flags in your yard for Memorial Day!

Trailwood Gators will provide, set up, store, and maintain the flags for you and your neighbors' enjoyment. You select a location in Trailwood Village, Kingwood Place, Kingwood Lakes, Barrington or Deer Cove, and we will do the rest!

We'll fly a flag in front of your house for Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

\$25 for one U.S. Flag

\$40 for both U.S. & Texas Flags

The order form is available on the website. Contact Elton Fritz at elton@eltonfritz.com for info.

Coach's Corner

What an impressive and successful meet against the Stingrays! We saw some tough racing going on from first timers to seasoned swimmers!

I would also like to emphasize the importance of RSVP, so we can plan our meet entries! Parents and swimmers, we appreciate you arriving on time at the meet and circling in. This is important for the management of swimmers' events, especially the relays. If you don't circle in, you will be removed from events.

Relays are fun for the swimmers, so we try to add as many relays as possible. RSVP plays a huge role in the set up of relays as they are dependent upon all swimmers showing up for the event.

If you are confirmed on a relay, please do not leave early. That means we have to scratch relays, which distracts us from the meet and, most importantly, lets other swimmers down. If you know you will have to arrive late or leave early, note this in the comment section when RSVPing.

This week we will focus on starts and turns as well as stroke technique. Keep up the hard work!

CHOMP! CHOMP!

- Gator Coaches

Invitational Meets

Swimmers can qualify to participate in three invitational meets: Summer Champs, Allstars and Ponderosa. Information, including qualifying times, will be posted on our team website (Swim Meets>Invitational Meets) as it becomes available. Watch for more information regarding signing up.



Swimmers need to RSVP on the team website by the Tuesday prior to each meet. Only swimmers who RSVP "Yes" by Tuesday will be considered for the relays. The RSVP area on the website can be found under Events on the homepage or on the Calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 20 - Team Pictures & Pizza Party

May 21 - Dual Meet vs. Bear Branch - HOME

May 28 - Dual Meet vs. Mills Branch - AWAY

June 4 - Dual Meet vs. Village Otters - HOME

June 18 - Divisionals

Please respect our Trailwood Village neighbors and observe the parking rules during home meets. See the website for details on the parking rules.

