



Gator Tales

MAY 4, 2016

Volunteer Requirements



TIME TRIALS

Circle in by: 7:30 a.m.

Warm Ups: 7:45–8:15 a.m.

Meet Begins: 8:30 a.m.

Time Trials is this Saturday—you will be swimming to get your seed times used in our first dual meet.

Swimmers will swim all strokes for their age group. 6 & Unders will swim backstroke and freestyle only. NO RELAYS!

- Circle in— All Swimmers must circle their name on the posted entry list as soon as you arrive at the meet.
- Warm ups will be with your age group, youngest to oldest. Warm up time goes quickly, so be ready!
- Check the posted list to get your event numbers and listen for when your event is called to the ready bench.
- Team set up is in the grassy area inside the fence.
- Volunteers check in at the volunteer table.
- Let a coach know if you must leave before you have completed all your events.
- Help each other out! We have a lot of shiny new Gators—time for our team spirit to SHINE!

Friday Practice

This Friday age-group practices will end a little early. Swimmers will celebrate and enjoy ice cream sandwiches at the end of each practice. Pep Rallies will officially start next Friday!

It takes volunteering from all our Gator families for our meets to run smoothly and efficiently. Therefore, a change was made to our volunteer requirements this year. If your child is swimming in a meet, you are required to volunteer at least one session at that meet. If you do not, the additional fee as stated when registering will apply.

Volunteer sign up for Time Trials is now open, so please make sure to sign up for one session. If spots are still available on Thursday, the one-session restriction will be removed, so you can work an additional session.

Volunteer sign up for all dual meets will open on **Monday, May 9**. You will be able to sign up for one session per meet. If there are still positions to be filled the week before a meet, we will send notice asking families to work an additional session.

Because there are not as many positions available at **Away Meets**, please sign up for only one of these two meets to give all families an opportunity to work at least one away meet. If additional help is needed, an announcement will be made the week of the meet.

Please note that if you volunteer to work concessions or with food, you are required to wear a hat and your hair must be up.

Remember, parents run the meets so we need you!



All gators must declare (RSVP) for each meet. This helps our coaches & team put together line ups and relays. On the website click the calendar and then select the RSVP button for the upcoming meet. It's easy! You can also input stroke preference—emphasis preference—in the comments box. Our coaches will put swimmers where needed as they see fit. The deadline to declare is the Tuesday before each meet.

Parents' Meet Checklist

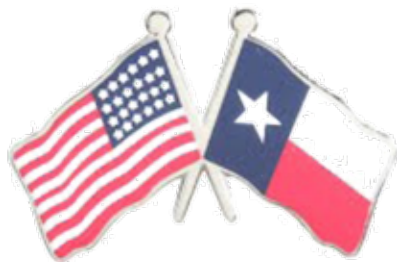
- Lawn chairs
- Lightweight clothing
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Money for concessions
- Healthy Snacks
- Entertainment (games for down time)
- WATER!!

Most importantly, don't forget to bring a good attitude. Praise your swimmer and enjoy your time with your neighbors, friends and family.



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Trailwood Gators **FLAG** fundraiser



Show Your Patriotism and Support the Team!

The popular Flag Fundraiser is back for a second year!

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 the following 2016 holidays:

Memorial Day
Flag Day
Fourth of July
Labor Day
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 with any questions.

Parking Rules for Home Meets

Please respect our Trailwood Village neighbors and observe the following parking rules during our home meets. Click here to view the parking map.

- NO PARKING all along the "inner loop" where the NO PARKING signs (pictured) will be located.
- NO PARKING within 15 feet of fire hydrant.
- NO PARKING within 30 feet of Stop Sign or intersection.
- NO PARKING blocking driveways or mailboxes.
- NO PARKING on grass, medians, and/or parkland.
- NO PARKING in the turn-around area of a cul-de-sac.
- When parking on residential streets, all vehicles need to stay on one side ("outer loop") of the street for emergency vehicle access.
- DROP-OFF area is available before the meet in the east pool parking lot (view the map).



Still Need Your Team Swim Suit?

Team suits can be purchased at Swim Shops of the Southwest in Atascocita! Ask for the Speedo Solar Strobe in green. Swim Shops is open 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Speedo Solar Strobe

Gators wear green!



IMPORTANT DATES

5/7 – Time Trials

5/13 – First Pep Rally

5/14 – 1st Dual Meet
vs. Summerwood -
AWAY

5/20 – Team Pictures
@ 5 p.m.

May 21 – Dual Meet
vs. Bear Branch -
HOME

May 28 – Dual Meet
vs. Mills Branch -
AWAY

Visit our team website at www.TrailwoodGators.org