

STARS **BLUE** Parents,

This Saturday we will host the Brushy Creek Marlins at our first HOME meet at Bella Mar! This is our chance to show what great hosts we can be, as well as giving our swimmers the opportunity to swim in a pool that is comfortable and familiar. This email contains **VERY IMPORTANT** information so please **READ IT IN ITS ENTIRETY**, even if you're an old pro at home meets.

Meet Location: BELLA MAR POOL

Tent Parent check-in time: **5:15 am**

Swimmer check-in time: **5:30 am** (please check your child in at their tent with the Tent Parent on duty)

Volunteer check-in time: **5:30-5:45 am** (please check in with Volunteer Coordinators after you've checked your child)

Warm-ups: **5:50 - 6:20 am**

Meet Start Time: 7:00 am

Please do NOT be late for check-in! It is very important that we have all first-shift volunteers and Tent Parents in place for swimmer arrival. We had a number of families show up late last weekend and we cannot afford to have that happen again tomorrow. If your swimmer has not arrived by warm-ups they *WILL* be scratched from the meet, no exceptions. Please be on time!

Important Info:

PARKING - As you know, we have very limited parking in and around the Bella Mar neighborhood. As a result, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you follow the parking rules laid out below. In addition, we will be using the Responsible Rides shuttle which will take you from the parking lot at River Ridge Elementary directly to the pool. ****We strongly recommend that you go straight to River Ridge to park and take the shuttle to the pool.**** The shuttle will run between 5:15am and 1:30pm.

If you choose to park along the street on Bella Mar Trail, please adhere to the following rules:

- DO NOT under any circumstances park in front of a residence anywhere in the Bella Mar neighborhood.
- DO NOT park where there are cones or markers that say **NO PARKING!** I know this goes without saying, but every year we have people who move cones to make more parking spaces and the Sheriff's department has to hand out tickets. You cannot park within the traffic circle, in front of fire hydrants, mailbox kiosks, or curbs marked in red/yellow. Please don't be "that person" who thinks the rules apply to everyone but them!
- The Bella Mar pool parking lot is reserved for the visiting team, so *please do not attempt to park there*. You may drop your swimmer(s) off along Calistoga Way (the street that runs along the back side of Bella Mar near the tennis courts) or at the entrance to the parking lot, but you may not park in the lot itself.

I have attached a parking map as well as the shuttle route so that you are perfectly clear on where you can and cannot park. ***We strongly recommend you park at River Ridge and take the shuttles!*** We also encourage you to carpool, walk, ride your bike or have your spouse/neighbor/friend/etc. drop you off at the pool in order to minimize the number of cars in and around Bella Mar. Help us stay in good standing with the HOA and Bella Mar residents by following these rules! ***Did I mention that you should probably take the shuttle?***

TENT AREA - Our tents will be set up immediately inside the pool gates. This area tends to get very crowded, so please be mindful of walking paths from the tents to the ready benches when setting up your chairs. If you are blocking a walkway, you will need to move to an area that does not obstruct the path. Our splash pool and baby pool will be **COMPLETELY OFF LIMITS** during the meet.

Once again, your swimmer ***MUST REMAIN IN THEIR TENT AT ALL TIMES*** unless you notify the Tent Parent. If your swimmer is not in the tent when their event is called and lined up, they may be scratched from their event!

CONCESSIONS - Our concession stand will be in full swing on Saturday! We will have all kinds of goodies in the morning, including coffee, plus plenty of lunch items and snacks throughout the day. Our concession stand is cash-only, so be sure to hit the ATM on Friday.

CROWD CONTROL- Brushy Creek is a **HUGE** team...even larger than we are, which means that the pool deck, ready bench area, and concession stand will be very crowded. Take care to mind your belongings and stay out of areas that become easily congested. If you are not a volunteer or coach, you *should not* be in or around the ready bench area or at the end of the pool with the timers.

SPORTSMANSHIP - Please talk to your swimmer about showing good sportsmanship, both to the Brushy Creek swimmers and each other. The **STARS** pride themselves on being a positive, friendly team and we want to continue that tradition this summer! If you witness any behavior to the contrary, either from our swimmers or the opposing team, please report it to the Meet Director. Please also remember that the best way to teach good sportsmanship is to show it yourself. We are all examples for our kiddos!

PRE-MEET MEETINGS - Please listen for the announcement that Judges, Timers, Runners and Ready Bench will hold their pre-meet meetings. This will be sometime around 6:45-6:50. If you are signed up for one of these roles, you must attend the meeting at the start of the meet, even if you are on duty for second shift.

MEET MOBILE - We will be using the Meet Mobile app to post scores as the meet progresses. We will also post scores in the Bella Mar pavilion.

CLEAN-UP - Please remember to clean up after yourselves when you leave the pool. If you see trash lying around, please pick it up and throw it out. Our clean up team works very hard after each meet to ensure we leave the pool area just like we found it and you can help these efforts by cleaning up after yourself and your swimmer.

Our fearless Meet Director, Brad Stanton, is on duty again this weekend, along with Mitch Aubin...or as he's better known, The Shadow.

Heat sheets and meet entries have been posted to the website.

You may contact me with any questions or concerns. Please also reach out if you have a sick swimmer or are otherwise unable to make it on Saturday morning. Email or text me at 512-466-7343.

See you at the pool! **GO STARS!!**

~Amy Kerr, Stars **BLUE** Team Coordinator

Attachments

- [Stars Parking 1 .jpg](#)
- [Stars Shuttle 1 .jpg](#)