

# Wells Branch Armada

## Swim Team

<https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com>

## *New Parent Orientation*

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

# Agenda

- \* History of Wells Branch Armada
- \* Who we are
- \* Meet expectations
- \* Volunteering
- \* Important information
- \* Team expectations

# History of WBA

Peter Mielcarek – Board President

## History of WBA

- \* The WB Armada is a summer swim league celebrating its 29<sup>th</sup> year.
- \* We are a non-profit organization operated by a volunteer board of directors.
- \* Our mission is to help area youth become better swimmers and develop a love for swimming that they can use as exercise their entire lives.

# Who We Are

Peter Mielcarek – Board President

## WBA Board

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|-----------------------|---|
| * Peter Mielcarek     | President                               |
| * Soonee Wright       | Vice President                          |
| * Brenda Pinkston     | Secretary                               |
| * Mike Zayas          | Treasurer                               |
| * Janell Taffinder    | Circuit Representative                  |
| * Paul Wadehra        | Meet Director                           |
| * Rosimeiry Jamalabad | Volunteer Coordinator / Member-at-Large |
| * Marcynda Verdicchio | Swim Shop / Member-at-Large             |
| * Steven Wilson       | Sponsorships / Member-at-Large          |

*We are always looking for fabulous parents to join our board... if you are interested let us know, as we are losing **three** amazing folks at the end of the season!*

# Meet Expectations

Paul Wadehra – Meet Director

## Swim Meets

- \* Saturday mornings, starting on May 19
- \* How do we know which events to sign up for?

## Logistics

- \* Parking, Pits, Relays, Volunteering

## Bring (and label)

- \* Goggles, Swim Cap, Towels, Team Shirt, Sunscreen, Water/Healthy Snacks

## Weekly awards

- \* Fast Fishy, Time Improvement, Triple Drop, Event Winners

## What is the Divisional Championship meet?

- \* A four-team end-of-season meet

## What is the Invitational meet?

- \* A post-season meet for swimmers who meet individual qualifying time standards

## Meet cancellations

- \* Only for thunder, lightning, or heavy rain

***All important information will be in each week's Meet Info email***

# Meet Schedule (cont.)

Paul Wadehra – Meet Director

## Team Meets

May 19	Sat	Home: Red, White and Blue Practice Meet & Team Picture
May 26	Sat	Home: WBA vs Steiner Ranch Blue Stars
June 2	Sat	Away: WBA @ Brushy Creek Marlins
June 9	Sat	Home: WBA vs. Rattan Creek Hurricanes
June 16	Sat	Away: WBA @ Georgetown Aquadillos
June 23	Sat	Away: WBA @ Balcones Country Club Sharks
June 30	Sat	Home: WBA vs. Block House Creek & Forest North Stingrays
July 7	Sat	Away: Divisional 4 Championship Meet @ Pflugerville WBA vs. Block House Creek vs. Pflugerville vs. Rattan Creek
July 14	Sat	Away: NWSC Invitational Meet @ Texas A&M University Swim Center

# Volunteering

Who, What, When, Where, Why & How  
Rosimeiry Jamalabad - Volunteer Coordinator

## Why is it important?

- \* It takes 90-100 volunteers to run a swim meet.

## Who volunteers?

- \* For each meet in which your swimmer(s) participates, one adult per family works at least half the meet.

## What do we do?

- \* All meets: pit parent, timer, ready bench, runner, stroke judge, corner judge, ribbons, scorekeeping, data entry, equipment transportation
- \* Home meets only: all jobs noted above + concessions, swim shop, meet set-up, announcer, starter, parking attendant, meet tear-down

# Volunteering (cont.)

Who, What, When, Where, Why & How  
Rosimeiry Jamalabad - Volunteer Coordinator

## Where and when do we do it?

- \* On meet mornings, check in with the Volunteer Coordinator upon arrival
- \* Report to your assigned area 10 minutes before your appointed start time

## How does it work?

- \* Fill out the Online Meet Entry each week and choose your volunteer job for the meet.
- \* *If you only have 6-and-under swimmers, you should only choose first-half shifts*



# Fundraising / Spirit Nights

Soonee Wright – Vice President

## Fundraising / Spirit Nights

- \* Swim-A-Thon: Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
  - \* Fun event for the families
  - \* Minimum of \$50 fundraising commitment per family
- \* Swim Shop: Home meets only
- \* Concession: Home meets only
- \* Spirit Nights:
  - \* More to come.....

## Round Rock Express Swim Team Night

- \* Swim Team Night – Date is TBD

# Important Information

Soonee Wright – Vice President

## Family Folders

- \* Family Communication Folder
- \* Coach Communication – folders in the Board/Coach file box

## Weekly Newsletter / Facebook

- \* Important information about upcoming meet, results from previous meet and a variety of other tidbits and Armada news.

## Mobile Alerts

- \* Important information about upcoming meet, results from previous meet and a variety of other tidbits and Armada news. Text **ARMADA** to **84483**

## Pictures

- \* Team pictures: Red, White & Blue Meet, Sat, May 19<sup>th</sup>

*Additional information can be found at: [wellsbranch.swimtopia.com](http://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com)*

# Team Expectations

Gina Zayas - Head Coach

## The Many Ways Armada will "WIN" in 2018:

- \* Team and Individual Goal Setting
- \* Opportunities to Build Character
- \* Practicing Good Sportsmanship
- \* Learn Discipline
- \* Have Fun!

## Team Practices

### May 1 – June 6 (afternoons)

- 4:30-5:15 pm (ages 7-8)
- 5:15-6:00 pm (ages 6 & under)
- 6:00-7:00 pm (ages 9-11)
- 7:00-8:30 pm (ages 12 & up)

### June 7 - July 6 (mornings)

- 7:15-8:45 am (ages 12 & up)
- 8:45-9:30 am (ages 6 & under)
- 9:30-10:15 am (ages 7-8)
- 10:15-11:30 am (ages 9-11)

\*\*\* Changing practice times requires the head coach's approval. \*\*\*

# Team Expectations (cont.)

Gina Zayas - Head Coach

## What To Expect:

- \* Practices
- \* Meets
- \* Coaching

## Member Commitment

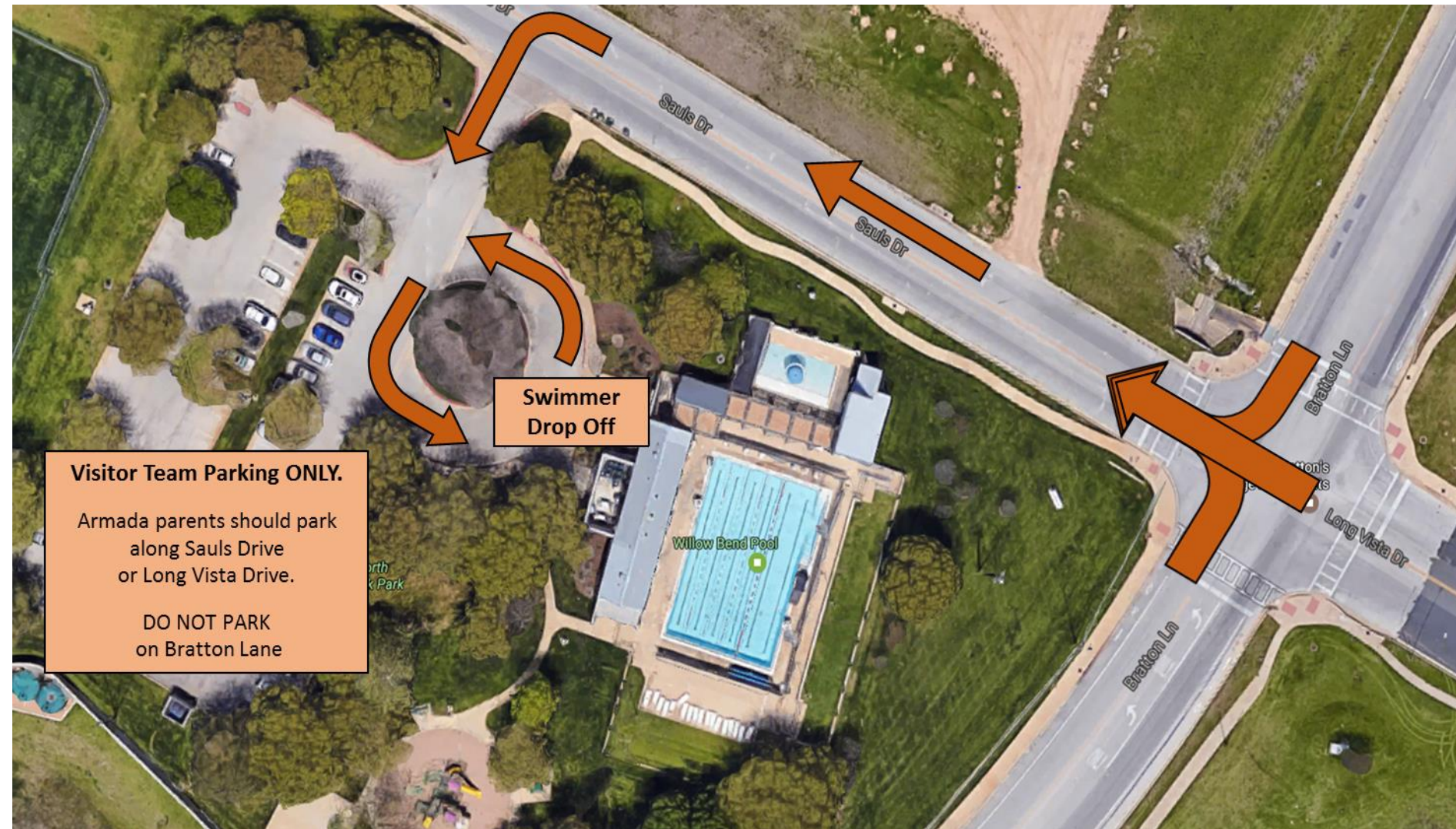
- \* Attend as many practices during the week and meets on the weekend as possible.
- \* At least 3 practices a week are expected, but if there is a conflict, just let me know.

Questions?

# Maps / Resources

# Wells Branch Armada - Willow Bend Pool

2801 Sauls Drive, Austin, TX 78728



**Swimmer  
Drop Off**

**Visitor Team Parking ONLY.**  
Armada parents should park  
along Sauls Drive  
or Long Vista Drive.  
**DO NOT PARK**  
on Bratton Lane