

# Wells Branch Armada Swim Team

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*New Parent Orientation*

*Thursday, April 27, 2017*

# 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 it's 27<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                           |
| * Wesley Freeman      | Volunteer Coordinator / Member-at-Large |
| * Marcynda Verdicchio | Swim Shop / Member-at-Large             |
| * Steven Wilson       | Sponsorships / Member-at-Large          |

# Meet Expectations

Paul Wadehra – Meet Director

## Logistics

- \* Parking, Pits, Relays

## 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 three (or sometimes 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 20	Sat	Home: Red, White and Blue Practice Meet & Team Picture
May 27	Sat	Home: WBA vs. Balcones Country Club
June 3	Sat	Home: WBA vs. Forest North & Blockhouse Creek
June 10	Sat	Away: WBA vs. Blockhouse Creek
June 17	Sat	Home: WBA vs. Pflugerville
June 24	Sat	Away: WBA vs. Round Rock & Blockhouse Creek
July 1	Sat	Home: WBA vs. Rattan Creek
July 8	Sat	Away: Divisional Championship Meet @ Rattan Creek WBA vs. Block House Creek vs. Pflugerville vs. Rattan Creek
July 15	Sat	Away: Invitational Meet – at Texas A&M University Swim Center

# Volunteering

Who, What, When, Where, Why & How  
Wesley Freeman - 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

Wesley Freeman - 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

Brenda Pinkston - Secretary

## Fundraising / Spirit Nights

- \* Swim-A-Thon: Tuesday, June 13<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:
  - \* Kona Ice – Friday, May 5 @ 4:30pm
  - \* More to come.....

## Round Rock Express Swim Team Night

- \* Swim Team Night Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

# Important Information

Brenda Pinkston - Secretary

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>

## Training:

- \* Thurs, May 11<sup>th</sup>: Training for Starters, Timers and Stroke/Exchange judges

# Team Expectations

Gina Zayas - Head Coach

## The Many Ways Armada will "WIN" in 2017:

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

## Team Practices

### May 1 – June 1 (afternoons)

- Ages 7-8 – 4:30-5:15 pm
- Ages 6&U – 5:15-6:00 pm
- Ages 9-11 – 6:00-7:00 pm
- Ages 12&U – 7:00-8:30 pm

### June 2 - July 7 (mornings)

- Ages 12&U – 7:15-8:45 am
- Ages 6&U – 8:45-9:30 am
- Ages 7-8 – 9:30-10:15 am
- Ages 9-11 – 10:15-11:30 am

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

# Team Expectations (cont.)

Gina Zayas - Head Coach

## What To Expect:

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

## Member Commitment

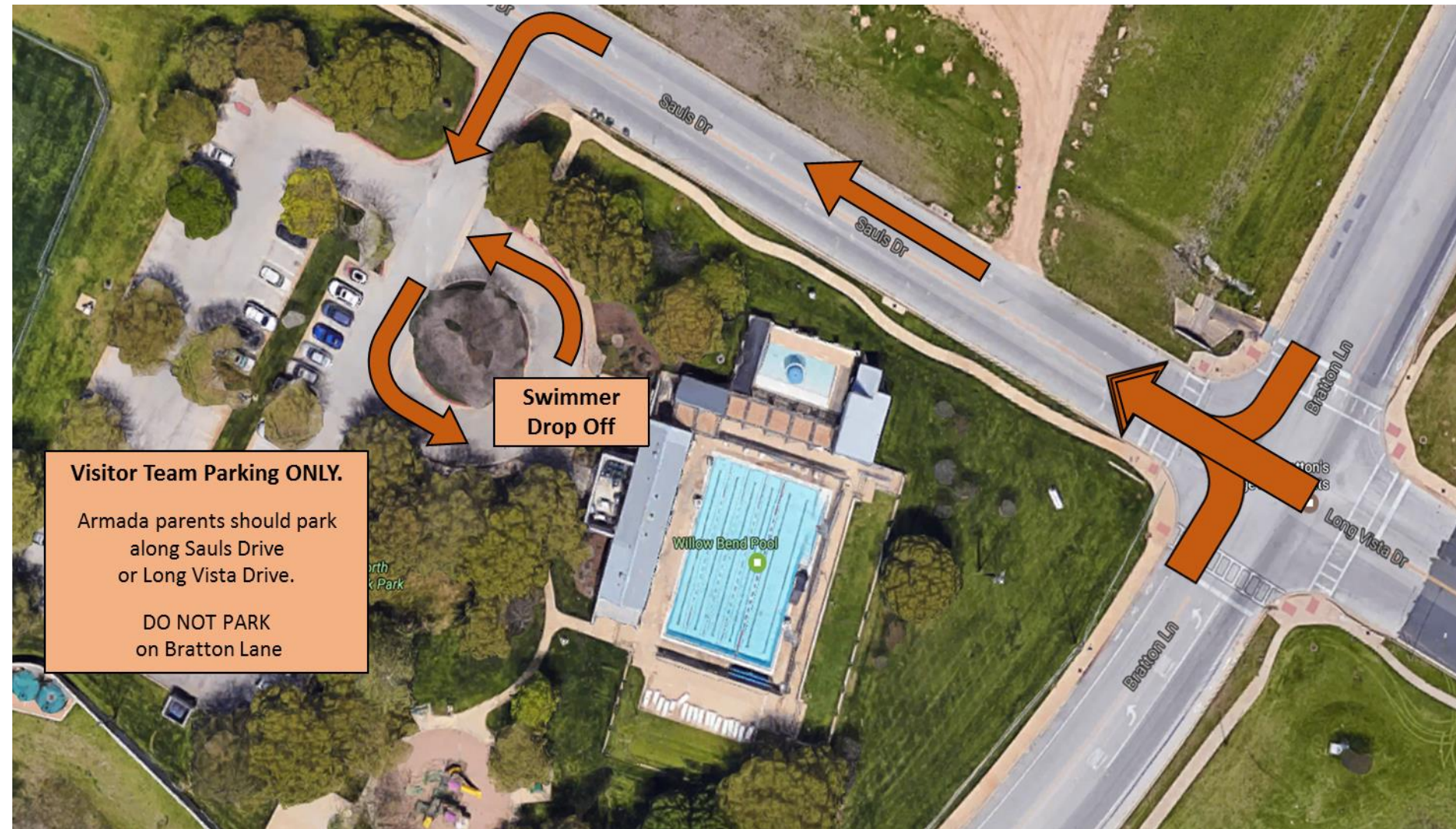
- \* Attend as many practices during the week and meets on the weekend as possible.
- \* At least 3 practices a week are expected, but if there is a conflict, just let me know.

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

# Armada Swim Meets: Set-Up for Armada Swimmers and Parents

## Armada Parents:

### Parking:

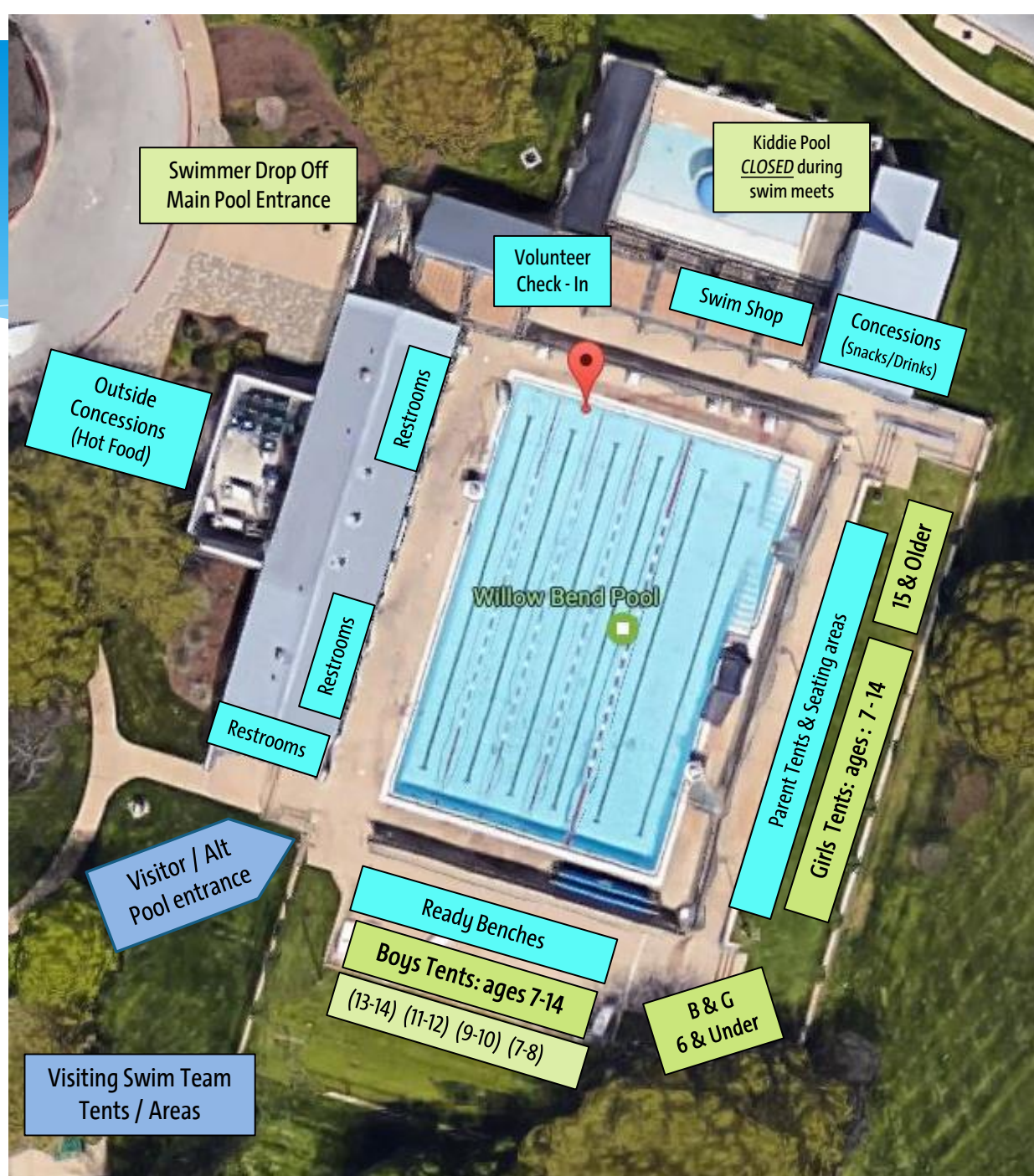
Armada parents should park along Sauls Drive, Long Vista Drive or in the Joe Lee Johnson School parking lot.

### Swimmers:

Armada swimmers need to immediately report to their assigned tents located inside the pool area along the fences.

### Parents:

Upon entry, please check in at the volunteer table and confirm your volunteer assignment for the day.





# Armada Swim Meets: Set-Up for Visiting Teams, Swimmers and Parents

## Visitor Team Parking

**Parking:** If the main pool parking lot is full, parents should park along Sauls Drive, Long Vista Drive or in the Joe Lee Johnson School Parking Lot

**DO NOT PARK**  
along Bratton Lane

**Concessions:** Our concessions are located outside of the pool area along the sidewalk.

**Restrooms:** Our restrooms are located both inside and outside of the pool area. Single stall restrooms are located outside along the side wall.

