

Welcome to the Greenbrook Gators New and Returning Parents Q&A

WE WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00PM



Today's Agenda:

- ▶ Who we are
- ▶ What to expect during practices
- ▶ What to expect during a swim meet
- ▶ Swimmer equipment/essentials
- ▶ Volunteer Requirements
- ▶ Swimmer Incentives/Awards
- ▶ Swimtopia App/Account
- ▶ Special Events
- ▶ Questions and Answers



Who we are:

Greenbrook Swim Team: The Gators

Gators

We are a local, non-profit 501C3 swim team designed to cater to the needs of the community by providing swim training with an emphasis on technique and having fun. We are not a club, but many of our swimmers go on to compete at higher levels.



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Our team belongs to the South Coast Swim Conference which is currently made up of 6 teams:

1. Greenbrook Gators
2. Green Valley Dolphins
3. Pacific Sands Penguins
4. Lake Forest II Dolphins
5. Newport Hills Killer Whales
6. Harbor View Dolphins

Important People

President: Scott Jones

president@greenbrookgators.org

Head Coach: Kyle Naumman

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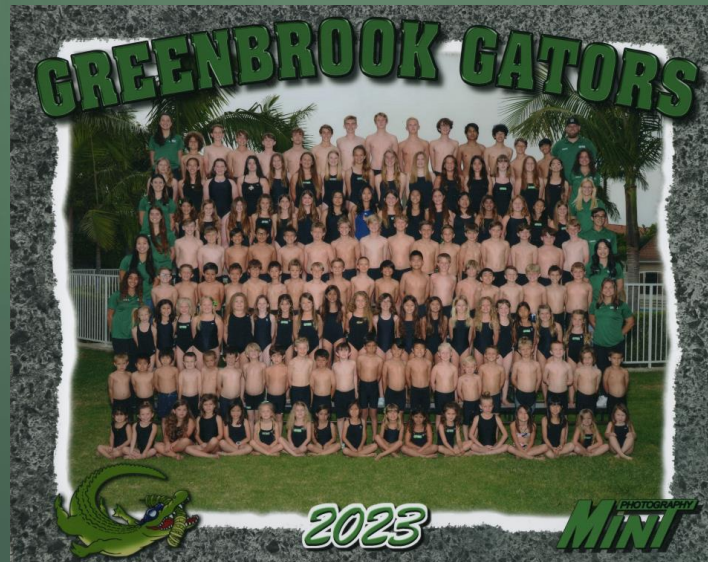
Meet Managers: Tudy Balta

Meetmanager@greenbrookgators.org

Additional Board members and Parents!

What to expect during practice?

- Practice last between 25-60 minutes, depending on age
- Swimmers will have structured lessons each day focusing on different strokes and techniques
- Some days will focus on dives and turns, races, relays and meet day training
- All swimmers get evaluated to see if they have made progress on our level system
- Swimmers should come with suit, goggles and a towel to every practice



What to expect during a swim meet?

- Swimmers need to check-in at tables to verify attendance and get their last name written on arm/hand (used for timing purposes)
- Warm-ups start at approximately 7:30am for the 6 & under groups and go until 8:30. Each group is about 10 minutes
- Each swimmer can swim up to 4 races: 3 individual + relay, or 2 individual + 2 relays. Swimmers will not always have 4 races each week. Based on ability and scheduling
- Meet officially starts at 9am and lasts until approximately 3pm
- Swimmers races will be posted the morning of the meet and also on the Swimtopia app typically the night before
- All races are “official” – Everyone can earn points!
- There are 82 events, and each event has heats. Ex: Event 13, heat 2 would be 6 & under girls, second race, 25 freestyle
- First half goes until event 36 which ends between 11-11:30, then 2nd half
- Younger swimmers (8 & under) will be lined up by volunteers and helped to their races on time. Older swimmers are required to get there on their own



What to expect during a swim meet?

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- What to bring: chairs, blankets, EZ Up/pop-up tent, sunscreen, snacks and drinks, and something to do in between races.
- Swim meets can be long, so prep as going to the beach for the day
- We have a snack bar serving breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks throughout the whole meet. All proceeds go towards the team and kids
- Mornings can be cold, so bring warm clothes for the mornings and bust out the tank tops for the afternoon
- We sell merchandise until noon at all home meets. We do accept CC and Venmo.
- We have an announcer playing music and calling out event numbers.
- Be ready to have fun and bring the camera to catch your swimmers first ever race!

Swimmer equipment/essentials:

- Practice – suit, goggles, towel
- Meets – All black suit, goggles, cap, towel
- Team Suit – In order to save you money, our suit is all black. Jammers/speedos for boys, 1 piece race suit for girls
- NO TRUNKS – these are actually harder to swim in and will slow your swimmer down
- Extra goggles – swimmers leave goggles on the deck all the time, buy extras and put their name on them.
- Team Shirt – Meets are a great day to wear their team t-shirt
- Additional options (not required) – any and all Gator gear, parkas (great for mornings and evening and last a long time)



Swimmer Incentives & Awards:

- Every Friday swimmers are given Lolli-pops as an end of week treat
- Once meets begin, we start honoring the swimmers of the week in each age group with our **Golden Gator Award**
- Time Improvement Ribbons
 - Swimmers can “cash in” 3 rainbow ribbons for a treat worth \$1 at any home swim meet.
- End of Season Awards
 - Perfect Attendance – Attend all swim meets for this award
 - Most Improved
 - Most Points Score
 - Bernardin Spirit Award – Given to one swimmer who demonstrates the true ideals of a “Gator”.

Volunteer Requirements:

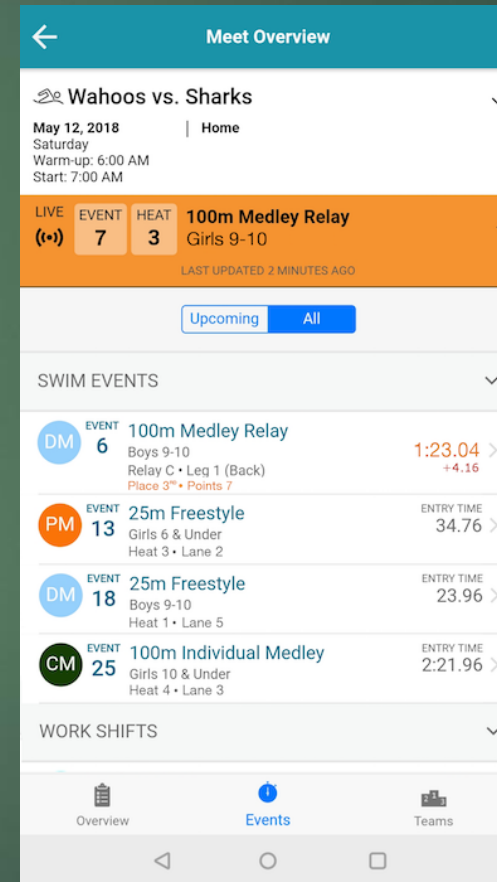
Each family is required to do 5 jobs

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- ▶ Meet Day Jobs
 - ▶ Full list can be found online
- ▶ We will train you for any job you are signed up to do
- ▶ Volunteers are required to check-in between 730-830, even 2nd half workers
- ▶ First half jobs – 8:45 to event 36
- ▶ Second half jobs – Event 37 to end(3ish)
- ▶ Alternative Options
 - ▶ Hire a Teen Worker
 - ▶ We have a list on our website of approved teen workers you can hire directly to work your shift
 - ▶ \$50/shift paid directly by you to teen
 - ▶ Job Buy-Out
 - ▶ Typically done before season, but you can buy-out of all jobs for \$450.

Swimtopia Account and App

- Use of the Swimtopia App is a great tool for planning and day of meet information
- Live time events so you know when your swim is coming up
- Can be used to view volunteer jobs
- **Need to declare swimmers availability for meets**
- **Swimmers can declare availability for 1st half or 2nd half only**



Special Events:

- We offer a number of special events throughout the season to promote team building and social interaction outside of the pool
 - Gator Gatherin' – April 26TH -DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT!!!
 - Picture Day – May 16th
 - Movie Day – June 25 (ages 8 and under)
 - Tween Tournament – May 9 (ages 9-12)
 - Skate Night – June – All ages
 - Later Gator Gatherin' (Banquet) – July 21st



Misc.

- Family Files – Each family has a folder where important information will be distributed, ribbons and other materials
- Swimmers receive ribbons for all races.
 - 1-6 place get a colored ribbon, all other receive participation
- Board members will be wearing special shirts on meet days. Ask us questions! Please try not to bother the scoring table or announcer
- DQ's – Swimmers can be disqualified for doing the stroke incorrectly, or the wrong stroke. This is why proper training is very important during practice.
- Parent Relays – At each meet, if we have enough interest, parents are invited to join the parent relay at half time. Prove to your kids you can do it too!



Questions?

