

Dear Chase Creek Blue Crab Swim Team Members and Future Members:

As many of you know, the Chase Creek Swim Club has a swim team (The Chase Creek Blue Crabs) which all members' children have the opportunity to join. We're happy to announce that the Greater Annapolis Swim League (GASL; <http://swimgasl.org/>), the swim league in which we participate, voted last week to move forward with having a 2021 swim team season going under the assumption that COVID restrictions will allow for it. Since the 2020 summer swim team season was cancelled due to COVID, we're especially excited to get our Blue Crabs back in the water this summer!

The team has been coached by the FANTASTIC Jill Springer for the past several years, and we're excited to announce that Jill will be returning as our head coach this upcoming summer. Jill is an amazing woman and coach and is greatly looking forward to coaching the Blue Crabs again this summer. Swim Team is a wonderful way for children to exercise and participate in fun competitions (meets) with both personal and team goals! In addition to the children's swim team, Jill coaches the Masters Swim Team for any adults who want to improve your swimming form! More details to come on that.

Due to the quickly changing circumstances of COVID, there are still several unknowns as to how the swim team practices and meets will take place. A COVID Safety Committee has been formed within GASL, and the committee is currently working on a large scale COVID safety protocol to cover practices and meets within our league. As of now, there's a significant chance that the swim meets this summer will take virtually as opposed to dual in-person meets. This is not 100% definite and another GASL vote as the summer gets closer will determine the format of the meets based on current COVID restrictions and safety concerns.

A virtual meet entails each team swimming in their own pool against fellow teammates within their age group. The only difference is that the swimmers from opposing teams won't be swimming against each other in the same pool. The swimmers' event times will be "paired" against the competing teams' times for each age group and gender. The results will appear as they do for a typical meet. As of now, all teams should plan to participate in FOUR meets over the course of FIVE Saturdays. Each team will have one "bye" week. As of now, the first meet is scheduled to take place on June 19th. A meet is scheduled to take place on July 3rd (a vote passed to hold a meet on the Fourth of July weekend) unless that Saturday is our team's "bye" week. The next GASL meeting will take place on 3/18/21, and during this meeting another vote will take place at that time to finalize certain plans.

We are very excited about the upcoming swim season, and we will continue to keep everyone posted as we get more updates from our team's GASL rep, Suzanna Navarro-Monzo.

Warm regards,  
The Chase Creek Pool Board