



# Gators Newsletter

June 2, 2019

Wow! What a great turn-out of volunteers for the Blue/Green Meet! We were so impressed with how many parents jumped in to learn the ropes and were thrilled to hear how many enjoyed themselves. Everything really is more fun when you get involved!

## Meet Sign-ups

Please watch the meet sign-up books for deadlines and make sure you indicate a YES or NO for participating in the meets. Be aware that if you are not signed up for a meet and request to be added late or just show up at the meet, we may not be able to add you in. Late entries will only be added into available lanes. Additional heats will not be added for late entries. Also, late entries will likely not be placed on relays since these will have already been decided.

## Meet Seating

Our first home meet of the season is this week. Home meet and away meet seating operate a bit differently. Below are some key details you will need to know. Please feel free to check in with a board member or any returning swim family if you have any additional questions.

### Home Meets

All swimmers are required to sit inside the pool area in the specific areas labeled for their age group. At home meets, we have 4 deck moms working with the various age groups making sure they make it to their required events. Parents *NOT* working the meet are required to sit outside the pool fence. You may come inside during your swimmer's event to watch that particular race but will need to return to your seat to make room for other spectators. Parents not working the meet will want to bring chairs (tents are also allowed) but swimmers do not need to bring chairs to home meets unless they just prefer to bring their own.

### Away Meets

We will set up 4 blue tents for the swimmers and families. Many families opt to bring their own tents and this is completely fine. You will need to bring chairs for parents and swimmers at away meets. Swimmers will sit with their families at away meets but we encourage you to sit together with the team so you can hear your swimmer being called by the Clerk of Course. It will be your responsibility at the Away Meets to hear your swimmer being called and send them to the bull pen when called.

## COACH'S CORNER

You guys did a great job this past week at the Blue & Green meet. Congrats to the Green Team on the win! In case you haven't already heard, every time that we win a dual meet you will have the opportunity to push the coaches into the pool at the following day's practice. *(But we didn't tell you that and we won't remind you!)* During practice, we will continue working on stroke technique and move toward more endurance training. During meets try to remember the things we've worked on, do your best, and have a good time. Have a great week and swim fast!

- Your Gator Coaches

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6 – vs. Lawrenceburg @ Home  
(4:30 warm-ups, 5:30 start)

June 11 – vs. Florence @ Florence  
(5:00 warm-ups, 5:30 start)

June 13 – vs. Winchester @ Winch.  
(5:00 warm-ups, 5:30 start)

## Team Communication

Visit our website at [www.athensgators.org](http://www.athensgators.org). We have family folders at the pool for meet ribbons and medals. Please check these often! There is a bulletin board at the pool that should be updated on a regular basis. Keep your eyes out for snap shots of the swimmers. Also, you can always reach me via email [annieking2010@gmail.com](mailto:annieking2010@gmail.com) or text 256-975-2221 or Coach Jessica [jessica.aaron@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.aaron@gmail.com) if you have a question or concerns.



## Weather Policy

Practices will not officially be cancelled via email but will take place at the pool group by group. Meets will hopefully be cancelled in advance and an email and text will be sent out. We will swim unless there is lightening and then we are out of the pool for 30 minutes after the last strike. Please sign up for text alerts on the team website. This will be handy for more than just weather!

## Merchandise

Becky will have team merchandise for sale at home meets. The away meets she will only have latex swim caps (\$5) and goggles (\$8). Cash or check only ☺



## Lost and Found

We have a blue basket for lost and found if you are missing something from practice or a meet. It will be at the merchandise table during home meets or you can check it during practice.

## Upcoming Deadlines:

- Meet entries for Lawrenceburg meet – please mark YES or NO by your swimmer's name on the meet sign-up sheet by Wednesday of this week
- Ad and Sponsor money is **past due** – if you haven't had a chance to turn in money, please see Jeff Hoover at the pool or drop your check in his folder at practice.
- Remember, if you don't have a chance to sign-up for a meet at the pool, you can always email Coach Jessica at [jessica.aaron@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.aaron@gmail.com)

See you at the pool...

Annie

