



Gators Newsletter

June 23, 2019

This Week...

We only have one meet!

Tuesday, June 25 - Lewisburg Parks, Rec and Fitness

1551 Mooresville Hwy
Lewisburg, TN 37901

***Lewisburg is an indoor pool and you will want to bring personal chairs for you and your swimmer.*

★ Team Pictures ★

Team picture night is **Monday, July 1 @ 5:45**. We will take a full team picture as well as practice group pictures. These pictures won't be for sale, but we will post them on the team website and on our Facebook page for you to download for free. Swimmers will want to wear their team suit if they have one. Please plan to make it!

Additionally, we hope you have been enjoying the pictures in the newsletters. Tara Langford has been our wonderful team photographer this season. You may have seen her snapping pictures at the meets. There are many more great shots we want to share with you; however, our website seems to be struggling to load them. We will be sharing them in our closed Facebook group this week so if you aren't already a member of the Athens Gators Swim Team group, go request to join! (and if you see Tara, tell her thanks for donating her time to capture and share these great memories! 😊)

Volunteers...

We are always thankful for parents who quickly volunteer and check in to make sure things are covered. You guys make things easy! We do still **need volunteers** for our District Championship meet. It is important to know that the District meet is a tri-meet and runs longer so many of these jobs will be for only half the meet. Please sign up to volunteer this week. It doesn't hurt to sign up even if there are no slots left, just so we know you are available if we need you! Thank you all so much!

Deadlines for this week...

June 28 – last day to sign up for Fayetteville meet

June 25 – deadline for medical releases and birth certificates (see Michelle Figueroa)

June 28 – deadline for District sign ups

June 28 – deadline for Sewanee sign ups

COACH'S CORNER

Great job on another busy week of swimming! Congrats again on the wins against Lawrenceburg and Sheffield. We had a tough loss at Shelbyville this week but not because those who swam didn't do their best. We have just one dual meet this week and look forward to the competition at Lewisburg. We hope that EVERYONE is getting signed up for the upcoming championship meets as well. We're going to keep working on technique and endurance training this week and next as we get ready to transition into the championship portion of our season. Keep up the good work at practices and meets and it will continue to pay off!

Swim fast and see you at the pool!

- Your Gator Coaches

UPCOMING MEETS

June 25 – vs. Marlins @ Lewisburg
(5:00 warm-ups, 5:30 start)

July 2 – vs. Fayetteville @ Home
(4:30 warm-ups, 5:30 start)

District Championship Meet – July 9

As a reminder, the district meet operates differently than dual meets. You will sign your swimmer up for the 3 individual events they will compete in. Relay teams are chosen based on the top times. Please see the Swimmer Sign Ups notebook and be sure your swimmer is signed up with the 3 events they want to swim. Also, verify you have turned in their birth certificate and signed the medical release form. **Without the birth certificate and medical release signature, your swimmer will not be eligible to swim the district meet.** Please take care of these items before Friday, June 28.

RACE League Championships at Sewanee – July 13

This is a favorite meet of many swimmers. **To be eligible to compete at Sewanee, swimmers need to have participated in 2 Tennessee meets.** If you are unsure if your swimmer has met this requirement, please contact Coach Jessica via email as soon as possible (jessica.aaron@gmail.com). You will want to bring your own chairs for this meet along with plenty of snacks. It is an indoor facility and parents and swimmers will sit together indoors. We will have an Athens Gators section, which makes it easier to get everyone gathered up for their events. Be sure to sign up by Friday, June 28.

ARPA State Championships – July 26-27

Competing in the district meet allows a swimmer the chance to “make it to State”. The State Championships will be held in Opelika on July 26-27. Swimmers must qualify to go to the Championships. Please see our website for more information regarding qualifying times for the various age groups and strokes. Not all swimmers will make it to State. If your swimmer doesn't make it this year, please help them to not be discouraged...the times are not easy to meet and there are lots of swimmers in the state of Alabama! 😊 We will be sending out more information regarding the State Championships in the next couple of weeks.

See you at the pool...

Annie

