

2019 Bel-Aire Barracuda Season Guide for Swim Team and Lil Cudas

Thank you for your interest in the Bel-Aire Swim Team. We are looking forward to another great swim season with our head coach Sam Estremera and assistant coach Sylvia Taylor-Edwards. This sheet provides most of the information that you will need, but if you have further questions please feel free to ask. Swimmers of all skill levels are welcome to join the team. The swim team is a low pressure way to improve your skills and have a good time with new and old friends. The Lil' Cuda's is available for swimmers who cannot swim a length yet but wish to join the team. They will get "learn to swim" style instruction and if they make it to a level where they can swim a lap, they may swim in a meet before the end of the season.

COST

Fees for the swim team and Lil Cudas are \$55 for 1 child, \$95 For 2 children, \$125 for 3 children and \$30 per child for any additional children over 3. Each swimmer is also required to obtain a season pass to the pool. The pool pass can be purchased at Monroeville Municipal Building or at the registration meeting at the pool.

EQUIPMENT

A swim suit vendor will be at the pool selling the team suit on June 4th from 5:30-8:00pm; the cost is usually around \$40 for a girl's suit and \$35 for boy's jammers. *You are not required to purchase these suits; you are welcome to buy any suit you prefer, our team colors are red and black. Swimmers will also need goggles and a swim cap is recommended.

****NEW FOR 2019** VOLUNTEERING**

As in all team sports, a large number of volunteers and donations are required. It takes many volunteers to make a meet successful for the swimmers. Without volunteers to run the meet, home or away; we could face a forfeit. This team requires a commitment from every family. We are asking that every family volunteer to work three swim meets, home or away. **Please note: This number could change based on registration and if your swimmer attends the extra meets or not.**

If you prefer a certain job, the sign-up sheet will be available at the pool on the red board until June 10. After that, remaining jobs will be randomly assigned. If you cannot volunteer when scheduled, please switch with someone to see that the position is covered.

Time trials are on June 6 & 13 and will be conducted as "mock meets" to answer any questions regarding the volunteers' responsibilities. There is also an officials meeting at Gateway Heights pool on June 8th for anyone wanting to learn the more advanced jobs such as judge, official, or stroke& turn.

DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING

A beverage donation will be required of every family participating in both the swim team and Lil Cudas. Beverage donations are due to the pool by June 24. The type of beverage will be assigned according to the swimmers last name, please see the board soon for more details.

There is a concession stand at all home meets. Concessions are one of our major fundraisers to pay coaches and purchase the team gift at the end of the year. Concession volunteers are encouraged to break from the stand to watch their swimmers events. We appreciate all food donations on meet day.

There will be a drawing with three prizes awarded at the end of season banquet to thank everyone for their time and donations. Families will receive an entry for every food item donated to the concession stand.

Our hoagie sale is set for June. Orders are due with **cash only** by June 10th. The hoagies will be delivered to practice June 19th. We ask every family to sell a minimum of 5-6 hoagies or cards; or consider making a monetary donation. This is usually the only fundraiser we do, but we are always open to suggestions on other fundraisers.

PRACTICES/SPECIAL EVENTS

Practice from May 29th to June 7th will be in the evening. Age 10 and under will practice from 6-7PM and age 11 and up will practice from 7-8PM. Practice will move to the mornings on June 10th with age 10 and under from 8-9AM and age 11 and up from 9-10AM. Swimmers may be moved between the earlier or later practice at the coach's discretion to balance practices and to best serve the individual swimmer's needs.

Lil Cuda practice starts on June 10th from 8:15 am – 9 am. Lil Cudas are moved to regular lane practice when the coaches think they are ready.

Swim practice is not mandatory but it is recommended that swimmers attend as many practices as they can. Practices on June 6 and June 13 will also be time trials. These determine what events the swimmers will be in so it is recommended that all swimmers attend these practices.

The mornings of home swim meets are Spirit Days. There will sometimes be snacks or an activity that morning to get us ready for the meet. Our annual pancake breakfast is scheduled for July 9th this year. These events require a committee to help plan. Anyone volunteering on a committee will also receive an entry for the drawing at the banquet.

June 13th will be Team Picture Day in addition to time trials. Individual pictures will start at 5:30. Please try to be there no later than 6:00 for the team photo. Even if you don't plan to buy pictures, we want you in the team photo. This includes Lil Cudas!

MEETS

Meets are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Swimmers are expected to arrive at home meets at 5PM for 5:15PM warm-ups. They should arrive at away meets at 5:45PM for 6PM warm-ups. Meets cannot be cancelled before 7:00 PM, so you must come to ALL meets regardless of the weather. If meets are cancelled due to weather, they will be rescheduled. Lil Cudas will not swim at meets until they can swim a full lap, but they are welcome to attend meets to get familiar with how they work and to cheer on their team. Team members should all sit together.

Meet line-ups are time consuming to prepare and last minute adjustments are difficult. Please realize that every child is a member of the team, one missing member can affect several other swimmers. Sign-OFF sheets will be on the bulletin board. Please be sure to sign-OFF the meet as soon as you know you will not be there. If a swimmer did NOT sign-OFF of a meet and then is unable to attend a meet, they need to inform the coaches immediately.

The following are additional meets that take place on Saturdays.

- Odd Age Meet at Haymaker is a meet for odd aged swimmers (ages 9, 11, 13, 15, 17) Please see the sign up board if interested.
- Monroeville Invitational at Garden City. The coaches will post the team members that will swim in this meet.
- Mini Meet at Park is a meet just for 8 and under. Please see the sign up board if interested.
- Champs will be at Forest Hills. The coaches will post the team members that will swim in this meet.
- Battle of the Borders at Meadowink. The coaches will post the team members that will swim in this meet

If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Please be sure that the provided contact information; such as email and phone numbers, are correct to stay up to date with any changing information.

Barracudas also use the "REMIND" app for communication and that code is @sestreme

GO BARRACUDAS!!