

Bel-Aire Barracuda Swim Team Information – 2018 Season

Thank you for your interest in the Bel-Aire swim team. We are looking forward to a great swim season with our coach Sam Estremera. This sheet provides 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 can not 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, we will try to put them into a meet before the end of the year.

Fees for the swim team 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.

Practice from May 30th to June 8th 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 13th with age 10 and under from 8-9AM and age 11 and up from 9-10AM. Swimmers may be moved to the 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 11th from 8:15 am – 9 am. Lil Cudas are moved to regular lane practice when the coaches think they are ready.

Team Picture Day is June 7th at 5:00pm and is also a team fun practice. Please try to be there no later than 6:00 for the team photo so that pictures can be taken. Even if you don't plan to buy pictures, we want you in the team photo. This includes Lil Cudas!

Swim practice is not mandatory, but it is recommended that swimmers attend as many practices as they can. Time Trials are held during the first 2 weeks of practice. These times help determine what events you will be swimming, so it is important that you try to make it to these practices.

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 don't swim at meets until they can swim a full lap, but are welcome to attend meets to get familiar with how they work and to cheer on their team. Team members should all sit together.

League 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, and one missing member can affect several other swimmers. We have sign-OUT sheets on the bulletin board. If a swimmer did NOT sign-OUT of a meet and then is unable to attend a meet, they need to inform the coaches, in writing, as soon as possible. Anyone who does not inform a coach that they will miss a meet will be charged a \$5.00 fee per child.

There are a few special meets which not everyone attends:

- Odd Age Meet at Haymaker is a meet for odd aged swimmers (ages 9, 11, 13, 15, 17)
- 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 unders.
- Champs will be at White Oak. The coaches will post the team members that will swim in this meet.

There is a concession stand at all home meets. Concessions are one of our major fundraisers to help pay coaches and help to purchase the team gift at the end of the year. Each home meet concession stand needs 3-4 volunteers. Concession volunteers are encouraged to break from the concession stand to watch their swimmers events. Concession information is posted on the information board at the pool. We appreciate all food donations on meet day.

The mornings of home swim meets are Spirit Days. There will sometimes be snacks or a craft or activity that morning to get us ready for the meet.

There is a team banquet at the end of the year that EVERY team member is encouraged to attend.

As in all team sports, a large number of volunteers is required. There is a variety of volunteer jobs available. It takes MANY volunteers to make a meet successful for the swimmers. This team requires a commitment from every family. None of the volunteer positions are difficult. Ask any of us what you can do to help!

Thank you!

GO BARRACUDAS!!