

****IMPORTANT GKAIISA INFO****

SWIMMERS: you should be at the team tent at 7:45 each morning

LOCATION: UT's Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center (AJAC) at 2200 Andy Holt Avenue SW

DIRECTIONS: Take I-40 East. Take the Alcoa Highway Exit. Take the 1st Exit, which is Kingston Pike/Cumberland Avenue. Turn left onto Cumberland Avenue from the exit ramp. Turn right onto Volunteer Blvd. Turn left onto Andy Holt Avenue. AJAC will be on your right.

PARKING & DROPOFF: Parking is free and located at the Metron/Kingston Building next to Tyson Park (2309 Kingston Pike.) It is approximately one mile from the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center. Shuttle buses will be provided from 7:00 a.m. until the end of the meet between parking and the pool. The swimmer and their family will have unlimited use of the shuttle service throughout the weekend. There will be two designated unloading stops near the team tents. In order to minimize waiting for shuttle busses at the parking lot on Friday, it is strongly recommended that cars unload passengers, coolers, and any other needed gear at the drop off areas near the pool and then go park and board the shuttle bus. On Saturday and Sunday, this is also recommended as long as children who are dropped off are left with a responsible adult.

Drop-off and Unloading will take place in two areas:

1) SAC Tents: right lane of Andy Holt Avenue in front of the Student Aquatic Center will be used for unloading. NO PARKING or leaving the car will be permitted there.

******2) AJAC Tents: turn onto UT Drive and use the lane for loading/unloading.*** This is where TVST people should drop off!***

ABSOLUTELY NO UNLOADING in front of the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center. The street is not wide enough and officers will write tickets to

persons who block traffic by stopping there. UT Drive will be open all day for loading and unloading. The shuttle will also stop here.

DO NOT PARK IN THE PARKING GARAGE ACROSS FROM AJAC AND DO NOT PARK IN ANY UT PARKING LOTS.

There is limited meter parking available on Volunteer Blvd.

TENT LOCATION: Our team tent is in the same place as last year. If you are facing AJAC from the road, we are the second tent from the left. (Newport is on the far left, then us, then Whittington Creek, and then KRC.) I've attached a map of the tent locations.

TIMELINE: I've attached the timeline for all three days. Please be aware that these are just ESTIMATES of the start times for each event.

WORKERS: Thanks to everyone who signed up to fill all of our volunteer positions!!!

For our **1st shift workers** – you will need to attend the workers meeting at 8:20 at the workers table beside the Girls Clerk of Course Tent around back. This is where you'll receive your wristband and instructions. You will have to be in place on the pool deck at 8:50. Please note – you may not leave your position until your replacement has arrived!

For our **2nd shift workers** – you will need to attend the workers meeting at 10:50 at the workers table beside the Girls Clerk of Course Tent around back. This is where you'll receive your wristband and instructions. Please note – you may not leave your position until your replacement has arrived!

For our **3rd shift workers** – you will need to attend the workers meeting at 10:50 at the workers table beside the Girls Clerk of Course Tent around back. This is where you'll receive your wristband and instructions.

DRINKS/SNACKS: Please make sure you have drinks & healthy snacks for your swimmer and family. There is a concession stand inside, but it is pricey.

FM RADIOS NEEDED: All announcements outside of AJAC will be broadcast on an FM radio channel. If anyone has a portable FM Radio (with batteries) that you could bring to use in the team tent, please let me (Laura) or Tim Wright know. It is very helpful to have several that we can place around the tent.

BAD WEATHER: There is a chance of bad weather on Friday. The good thing is my understanding that AJAC is fully grounded and it is completely safe to swim even while storming. However, bad weather could make it difficult at drop off time Friday morning! Traffic could get backed up around AJAC, so plan accordingly. You'll probably want to bring an umbrella too! It would be great if the rain would come in Thursday and/or overnight and then stop early Friday morning!!! But East TN weather can be unpredictable!!!

HYDRATE: Swimmers should start to hydrate a couple of days before the meet!!! Have them drink lots of water and avoid sodas. Be sure to bring water and sports drinks for the meet.

COMPETITION POOLS: There are 2 pools used for competition. The BOYS POOL will be the pool closest to the scoreboard. The GIRLS POOL will be the pool closest to the diving well. For Finals on Sunday, only the Girls Pool will be used for competition.

CLERK OF COURSE: There are two separate Clerk of Course Tents: one for Boys and one for Girls. Both tents are located behind AJAC. Parents – you may walk with your swimmer to the Clerk of Course tents, but you are not allowed inside the tents. After your swimmer is in the Clerk of Course, you will want to make your way inside so that you can find a place to watch the race.

SPECTATORS: Please understand that the spectator stands will be very crowded, especially if it storms on Friday! You are not allowed to stand next to the rails in front of the stands. However, you are allowed to stand next to the rails beside the concession stand and restrooms. Please be courteous to others in the stands. We all want to watch our kids swim. There are over 1300 swimmers on Friday and 1100 on Saturday! They don't all swim at the same time so we don't all need to be camped out in the bleachers the entire time! Be considerate of others

and please don't spread out and try to save seats for your entire friends & family!
Just be kind and considerate!!! 😊

Parents – you are not allowed on the pool deck. Coach Shyenne and Tim Wright will be on the pool deck with our swimmers. My understanding is we may be allowed to have a couple of parents on Saturday help get the younger kids to the pool exit and out to their parents.

PRACTICE REMINDER: There is only practice on Thursday for the 10 & under group from 6:00-7:00.