



Parents,

Welcome to the 2021 Woodlands Wave Swim Team. We are very excited for this upcoming season and hope you and your families are as well. There will be a few changes this season that we are very excited about. While we are still finalizing our coaching staff we wanted to let you know that registration this year will be done **online only**. We will be opening up registration on **March 27th** for returning swimmers/families and then will open up registration for new swimmers/families on **April 3rd**. This gives you 1 week to take advantage of the reduced fees. Once **April 3rd** hits, all swimmers will have to pay the new swimmer registration fees. We hope that this is an easier registration process as we know that weekends are very busy and hard to find times that work for everyone.

We have a few changes to the Swim Team Board as well. We want to thank Jeff Portis for all the work he has put into the swim team as the Coordinator for the past few years. Jeff has decided that it is time for him to pass the torch and step back a little. Thankfully he has agreed to stay on the board as the Treasurer so we will still have his vast knowledge close by.

Our current 2020 Swim Team Board will be as follows:

- Megan Ray, Coordinator
- Lori Windham, Merchandise & Concessions
- Jessica Corrigan, Volunteers
- Jeff Portis, Treasurer
- Daniel Bessada, AV/Tech

COVID Changes:

While this is not an ideal situation, below are some of the changes that you will notice this year:

- Reduced amount of swimmers allowed per age group
- No parents will be allowed on pool deck during practice
- All meets will be virtual
- Parents must volunteer when their children compete at the meets in order to be on the pool deck
- All swimmers must be able to swim ½ length of the pool in order to be on the team
- All swimmers will need to bring their own personal kickboard to practice
- All swimmers will be assigned a lane and they **MUST** only swim in that lane.
- During meets – Masks must be worn on the pool deck by all volunteers and coaches when social distancing can't be done.
- Concessions at meets (TBD)

Woodlands Wave Mission:

We promote a fun and safe environment for kids to swim in the Cherokee County swim league. We are dedicated to boys and girls in the Woodlands neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods by teaching kids the fundamentals of swimming. In addition to learning all the strokes, our coach's focus on key values include teamwork, integrity and sportsmanship. This is a recreational swim league. While our team competes hard during the swim meets, we hope the kids will learn to love this great sport, have fun while competing, and build lasting friendships.

Volunteer Requirement:

This season will obviously be different than in the past. With all our meets virtual, we will need to have parents volunteer during their child (s) scheduled times in order for you to be able to be on the pool deck. We will have more details on those positions as we get closer to the season but these have been positions in the past.:

- Concession Stand (TBD)
- Timers: *Sit at a lane and record times*
- Place Judges: *Record the order that swimmers finish*
- Flip Chart: *Work the flip chart of events*
- Ribbon Table: *These people sit at the score keeper table and prepare ribbons for the swimmers.*
- Bullpen: *Responsible for organizing swimmers in specific age group and making sure they arrive on time to the ready bench area for their race.*



Parents At Practice:

There will be no parents allowed on the pool deck during practice. You will have to be in the parking lot during practice. You may not leave the area unless your children are over the age of 12.

Coaches Discretion:

Every swimmer that signs up for swim team will be evaluated during the first weeks of practice. If the coaches feel that any swimmers behaviors or disabilities may cause any harm to other children or themselves in the pool, we will discuss refund options with you. Our number one concern is keeping our pool safe for all swimmers.

Team Suit & Swim Caps:

We will not be requiring team suits this season. Please make sure your swimmers are wearing the following:

Girls – One Piece Speedo-type swim suits

Boys – Jammer-type swim shorts

We will place an order for swim caps this season and you will be able to purchase them from board members.

Declaring for Meets:

There is a lot of work that goes into setting up the heat sheets prior to a meet. We understand that the summer is full of activities, including family vacations and camps. Our coaches work very hard to set up the heat sheets for the swim meet. It is a HUGE job to divide kids into the heats for a meet. Please notify the coach as soon as you know that your child is going to miss one of the swim meet so they can plan accordingly. At a minimum, we ask that you tell the coach a week before the scheduled swim meet.

Things you may want to bring to the meet:

With the meets being virtual this year, the kids will not be at the pool as long during meets. We will have sessions so that there are not as many swimmers on the pool deck. We will send out a meet schedule once it is finalized but here are something things they may want to bring:

- 2 towels, a blanket, snacks (concession stand details are TBD), a sharpie (to write your child’s events on them as a reminder of what they are swimming), a swimsuit (obvious?!), goggles, swim cap (if your child prefers one-not required) and a great attitude (these are the times your child will never forget).

Inclement Weather:

In the event of dangerous conditions due to the weather at the meets, the meet official and team coordinators will determine the length of the delay. Following a period of at least 15 minutes from the last clap of thunder, the meet will be restarted from the point at which it was suspended. If the delay lasts longer than 1 hour, the meet should be called and rescheduled if necessary. The meet is official after the 46th event (scoring heat only) has been completed. **If the meet gets rained out this year we will make up during practices.**

Unsportsmanlike Conduct & Alcohol:

It is the mission of the Cherokee Summer Swim Association to provide a safe and fun environment for the children of the participating teams to enjoy all of the aspects of recreational swimming. The competition ceases to be fun when adults and swimmers behave in an unacceptable manner. Any unsportsmanlike conduct, either by a swimmer, volunteer, or spectator, will be cause for expulsion from the vicinity of the meet. The coach has the authority to dismiss a child from practice or a meet for improper behavior. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the pool deck during a swim meet or practice.

Swim Meet Schedule:

Thursday May 27 th	TBD
Thursday June 3 rd	TBD
Thursday June 10 th	TBD
Thursday June 17 th	TBD
*Tuesday June 22 nd	TBD

- All meets start at 6p
- *Please make note that our last meet is on a Tuesday Night



Possible Practice Schedule:

May

6 & under	4-4:35p
8 & under	4:40-5:15p
10 & under	5:20-5:55p
11/12	6-6:35p
13-18	6:40-7:15p

May

6 & under	8-8:35a
8 & under	8:40-9:15a
10 & under	9:20-9:55a
11/12	10-10:35a
13-18	10:40-11:15a

This will be TBD based on registration numbers this year. But your child will practice Monday through Thursdays somewhere between 8-11a. As soon as I have a schedule I will let you all know. Above is a tentative schedule but please remember IT MAY CHANGE!

Please note that we may change age groups around this season based on coaches availability and number of swimmers who registered.

- No Friday Practices in May
- No Practice on Memorial Day

We are looking forward to a great season of the Woodlands Wave, and please feel free to reach out to Megan Ray if you have ANY questions. Also, make sure that you follow the Woodstock Woodlands Wave Facebook Page.

Sincerely,
The Woodlands Wave Swim Team Board

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