



Parents,

Welcome to the 2026 Woodlands Wave Swim Team. We are very excited for this upcoming season and hope you and your families are as well. While we are still finalizing our coaching staff we wanted to let you know that registration this year will be done **online only** again. 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.

#### Important Dates

- **March 7th** – Returning Swimmers/Families
- **March 14th** – New Swimmer Registration
- **April 15th** – All swimmers who register after April 15<sup>th</sup> will have to pay the new swimmer registration fees regardless of your status. (This will only be available if spots are still open)
- **April 27th** - Team Suit Try-ons 4-6p at Tennis Pavilion
- **April 27th** - 6p New Swim Parent Meeting at the Tennis Pavilion
- **June 25th** - End of Season Party & Awards 6-8 at Woodlands Main Pool

Our current Swim Team Board will be as follows:

- Megan Ray & Val McFall, Co-Coordinator
- Lori Windham, Merchandise & Concessions
- Jessica Corrigan, Volunteers
- Jeff Portis, Treasurer

#### **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:**

All swimmers parents/guardians MUST volunteer at 5 sessions (there are 2 sessions per meet so a total of 10 sessions through the season). Parent volunteers are VITAL to run swim meets. Without volunteers, meets can't be run efficiently.

We will have more details on the positions as we get closer to the season but these have been positions in the past.:

- Concession Stand
- Timers: *Sit at a lane and record times*
- Place Judges: *Record the order that swimmers finish*
- Runners: *Taking the time sheets to the computer station after each event.*
- 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:**

An adult is required to accompany any child 10 and under. Parents are not required to be at practices for children 11 and up. Please note: It will be at the coaches discretion to ask any child to leave who is not following directions and creating an unsafe environment for people.

**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:**

Swim Team suits will be on sale this year. We will have a Fitting Session, **April 27th, at the tennis pavilions**

We highly encourage your child to wear the Woodlands Wave team suit but if you do not take advantage of that your child **MUST** wear an all black or all navy speedo-type suit.

- 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:**

- 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 28	TBD	
Thursday June 4		TBD
Thursday June 1	1	TBD
Thursday June 18	TBD	
<u>*Tuesday June 23</u>	TBD	

- All meets start at between 530-6p
- \*Please make note that our last meet is on a Tuesday Night

**Practice Schedule** (Tentative):

May 11th - 21st

*(Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays)*

6 and Under: 4p - 4:45p

7/8: 4:45p - 5:30p

9/10: 5:30p – 6:15

11 and up: 6:15p – 7p

May 25h thur June 23rd

*(Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays)*

6 & under - 8-8:45a

8 & under - 845-9:30a

10 & under - 9:30-10:15a

11 and up - 10:15-11a

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

**Fees:**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Returning Swimmer	March 7	\$141	\$166
New Swimmer	March 14	\$166	\$191
Late Registration*	April 15	\$216	\$216

\*Late Registration will only be available IF spots are still remaining.

**UPDATE in 2026 - ALL non-residents have to pay an additional \$35 to our HOA.**

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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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