

Hi Stars **RED** parents!

Get ready for Stars Wars! **Our next meet is at home on Wednesday, June 25 vs. Stars Blue.** We are the AWAY team at this meet. Therefore, our tents will be set up in the grassy area beyond the splash pool. Speaking of the splash pool, **NO ONE** will be allowed to swim in the splash pool during the meet!!

Don't forget to bring plenty of water, bug spray and perhaps a flashlight (it'll get dark before we're done). You may bring your own beverages, but **NO GLASS CONTAINERS**. Concessions will be open and ready to serve you with dinner, snacks and cold drinks.

Our Apparel team will be selling during the meet, **but only until the half** due to limited quantities. They will also have plenty of caps and goggles in case you need replacements. Stop by and grab a Stars Wars koozie! They will be set up by Concessions.

We still have to follow a very strict timeline for this meet, despite it being in the afternoon and against our sister team. Cooperation and attention from parents, swimmers and volunteers is essential to ensure we finish on time. Please read this e-mail carefully!

For injury, illness or any other situation that occurs which will prevent your child from attending the meet, please e-mail (brandy.k.harrison@gmail.com) or text (512-605-7279) me as soon as you know so we can adjust our meet entries.

MEET LOCATION

BELLA MAR POOL, STEINER RANCH

Set Up Crew check-in time: 3:00 pm

Tent Parent check-in time: 3:30 pm

Swimmer check-in time: 3:40 pm (check in your child at their tent with the Tent Parent on duty)

Volunteer check-in time - first AND second shifts: 3:40 pm (check in with the Volunteer Coordinators, Heather Ormond and Susanne Reh, after you've checked in your child at their tent)

Stars warm-ups begin: 3:50 pm (we will be warming up simultaneously with the Blue Team; we will get 4 lanes, and they will get 4 lanes)

First-shift READY BENCH report to position: 4:35 pm (we hope to have the first relay swimmers heading over at 4:45)

First-shift volunteers, timers and judges report to positions: 4:50 pm

Meet start time: 5:00 pm

Second-shift volunteers, timers and judges: Your shift will start immediately following the Parents vs. Coaches Relay (if time permits) after Event 31

PLEASE BE ON TIME!!!

SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship is expected, not requested. We are swimming against our friends, neighbors and classmates at this meet, and this might prompt the kids to egg each other on. Please talk to your kids about being respectful and encouraging. Win or lose, our swimmers need to always be good sports.

SHUTTLE & PARKING (We will be running the shuttle tomorrow!!)

The shuttle will start running at 3:00 pm. Kindly park at River Ridge Elementary and catch a nice air conditioned ride over to Bella Mar Pool. The shuttle will run to the end of the meet.

Parking is extremely limited within the Bella Mar neighborhood. Swimtopia has a map of approved parking within Bella Mar, and you can see there's not much available. Biking, walking and carpooling are all great ideas! The parking lot at Bella Mar will be reserved for board members and a few meet officials.

TIME-SAVERS

The Stars will utilize the following time-savers at this meet:

- **Eliminated Medley Relays.** We will only have Freestyle Relays, and they will occur for all age groups at the beginning of the meet. Therefore, there will be no relays at the end of the meet.
- **Combining heats.** We will combine heats whenever possible.

If we find that we are still running short on time, we may opt to use additional time-saving techniques as we have done in previous meets. The swimmers will be informed if this happens.

SHIFT CHANGE WILL BE AFTER EVENT 31

The shift change for this meet is after Event 31. We will have a Parents vs. Coaches relay during the shift change if time permits. **Second-shift volunteers, timers and judges must already be in their positions and ready during the relay.** Second shift will start immediately following the relay.

EVENTS 46 AND 47 WILL OCCUR AFTER EVENT 49

During a normal meet, Events 44 and 45 (girls and boys 6 & Under Butterfly) occur before the shift change, and Events 46 and 47 (girls and boys 6 & Under Breaststroke) occur after the shift change. This gives the 6&U swimmers a needed break if they happen to be swimming in both

events. Since the shift change at this meet is after Event 31, we will swim 6&U Breaststroke (Events 46 and 47) after Event 49 so the swimmers will not have to swim events back-to-back.

HEAT SHEETS

The combined heat sheet is attached to this e-mail. You can find all of the heat sheets on Swimtopia under the Quick Links section 'Meet Heat Sheets and Results'. **Please note:** Relays are subject to change and reorganization until scratches are determined right before the meet starts.

MEET MOBILE

We are planning on having our meet available on Meet Mobile. Remember, the results that appear on Meet Mobile are preliminary and are for reference only until the official results are posted a few hours after the end of the meet.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24

Due to the Red/Blue meet happening on Wednesday, we will have the following practice schedule **for this week only:**

- Tuesday and Friday: normal practice
- Wednesday: no practice
- Thursday: optional 'light' practice

AVAILABILITY OF FAMILY FOLDERS AFTER RED/BBLUE

The family folders will be available at practices during the week. However, since the Red/Blue meet is on Wednesday evening, family folders will not be available at practice on Thursday but will be back at practice on Friday morning with ribbons from the Red/Blue meet.

Please let me know if you have any questions! **GOOOOOOO STARS!!!**

Thanks,

Brandy Harrison – Stars **Red** Team Coordinator