

STARS BLUE Parents,

This week we will swim against the Sharks from Balcones Country Club. This is our chance to show what great hosts we can be, as well as give our swimmers the opportunity to swim in a pool that is comfortable and familiar. We will have all of the free relays **so please do not leave early**. This email contains **VERY IMPORTANT** information so please **READ IT IN ITS ENTIRETY**, even if you're an old pro at home meets.

Meet Location:

BELLA MAR POOL

5:05 Parking volunteers arrive

5:05 Meet and Tent Set-Up

5:50 Tent Parent check-in

6:00 Swimmer check-in (please check your child in at their tent with the Tent Parent on duty)

6:00 Volunteer check-in (please check in with the Volunteer Coordinators after you've checked your child in at their tent)

6:20 to 6:50 Warm-ups As the host team, we have 1st warm-up

7:10 Ready Bench Volunteers report to Ready Bench

7:10 Timers and Judges Meetings: Timers (Lane 1 Starting Block), Exchange/Stroke Judges (Lane 1 – Far End)

7:15-7:25 Event 1 Report to Ready Bench; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Calls to the Ready Bench for Events 2-3

7:20 1st Shift Volunteers, Timers & Exchange/Stroke Judges Report to Positions

7:25 Event 1 at the Starting Blocks (National Anthem)

7:30 Meet Start Time (preliminary)

Event 45 - Break – 2nd Shift Report – Coach/Parent Relay (may be reduced/eliminated without notice).

Event 46 - 2nd Shift Volunteers Report to Positions

Event 78 - 2nd Shift Exchange Judges Report to Positions

Please do **NOT** be late for check-in! It is very important that we have all first-shift volunteers and Tent Parents in place for swimmer arrival. Tent parents, you can mark your kids after warm ups, just make sure you get a good swimmer count so we can adjust relays if needed. If your swimmer has not arrived by warm-ups they **WILL** be scratched from the meet, no exceptions. Please be on time! Text me if you are running late.

Important Info:

PARKING - As you know, we have very limited parking in and around the Bella Mar neighborhood so please drop off your swimmer and then park. It is **IMPERATIVE** that you follow the parking rules laid out below.

If you choose to park along the street on Bella Mar Trail, please adhere to the following rules:

DO NOT under any circumstances park in front of a residence anywhere in the Bella Mar neighborhood.

DO NOT park where there are signs or cones that say **NO PARKING**! I know this goes without saying, but every year we have people who move cones to make more parking spaces and the Sheriff's department has to hand out tickets. You cannot park within the traffic circle, in front of fire hydrants, mailbox kiosks, or curbs marked in red/yellow. Please don't be "that person" who thinks the rules apply to everyone but them!

The Bella Mar pool parking lot is reserved for the visiting team, so please do not attempt to park there. You may drop your swimmer(s) off along Calistoga Way (the street that runs along the back side of Bella Mar near the tennis courts). Do not drop off at the entrance of Bella Mar.

I have attached a parking map as well so that you are perfectly clear on where you can and cannot park. We also encourage you to carpool, walk, ride your bike or have your spouse/neighbor/friend/etc drop you off at the pool in order to minimize the number of cars in and around Bella Mar. Help us stay in good standing with the HOA and Bella Mar residents by following these rules!!

TENT AREA - Our tents will be set up immediately inside the pool gates. This area tends to get very crowded, so please be mindful of walking paths from the tents to the ready benches when setting up your chairs. If you are blocking a walkway, you will need to move to an area that does not obstruct the path. Our splash pool and baby pool will be **COMPLETELY OFF LIMITS** during the meet.

Once again, your swimmer **MUST REMAIN IN THEIR TENT AT ALL TIMES** unless you notify the Tent Parent. **PLEASE REMIND YOUR SWIMMER OF THIS!!!** If your swimmer is not in the tent when their event is called and lined up, they may be scratched from their event!

CONCESSIONS - Our concession stand will be in full swing on Saturday! We will have all kinds of goodies in the morning, including coffee, plus plenty of lunch items and snacks throughout the day. Our concession stand accepts both cash and cards.

Parents/Coaches Relay: Time/Weather permitting; there will be a parent/coaches relay race. There will only be one heat of 8 lanes. Each team may field up to 4 relay teams.

SPORTSMANSHIP - Please talk to your swimmer about showing good sportsmanship, both to the Tidal Wave swimmers and each other. The STARS pride themselves on being a positive, friendly team and we want to continue that tradition this summer! If you witness any behavior to the contrary, either from our swimmers or the opposing team, please report it to the Meet Director. Please also remember that the best way to teach good sportsmanship is to show it yourself. We are all examples for our kiddos!

Uniforms - Please try to wear your team caps in addition to your team suits as this is part of the uniform! The Apparel team will be on hand if needed.

PRE-MEET MEETINGS - Please listen for the announcement that Judges, Timers, Runners and Ready Bench will hold their pre-meet meetings. This will be sometime around 6:55. If you are signed up for one of these roles, you must attend the meeting at the start of the meet, even if you are on duty for second shift.

CLEAN-UP - Please remember to clean up after yourselves when you leave the pool. If you see trash lying around, please pick it up and throw it out. Our clean up team works very hard after each meet to ensure we leave the pool area just like we found it and you can help these efforts by cleaning up after yourself and your swimmer.

Our fearless Meet Director is **Albert Wong** ajwong1988@gmail.com 512-567-9393. Please notify him immediately if you will be late or unable to attend.

Heat sheets and meet entries will be posted to the website **but are subject to change due to absences.**

You may contact me with any questions or concerns. Please also reach out if you have a sick swimmer or are otherwise unable to make it on Saturday morning. Email or text Albert Wong 512-567-9393 or me.

See you at the pool!

GO BLUE!!!

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