

2024 Glen Abbey Gators Summer Swim Team



Philosophy

We are a community-oriented summer recreation team committed to providing a positive, fun, and high-quality experience for swimmers ages 4-18. Our team prides itself on introducing young children to the sport of swimming, fine tuning the skills of our more seasoned swimmers, and mentoring many of our teenagers to become coaches on our team.

Registration: Register at glenabbeygators.swimtopia.com.

- **Register by April 15 to receive a free team t-shirt!**
- Order personalized swim caps by **April 13** during registration
- Late fees begin April 16.

Fees: Fees cover seven weeks of daily coaching, five swim meets, ribbons, social events, banquet, swimmer t-shirt, end-of-season awards and more.

- **Ages 4 – 13:** \$155 per swimmer
- **Ages 14-18:** \$50 per swimmer
- **Sibling discounts:** \$10 discount for second child, \$25 for third child and each additional child after.
- **Non-Glen Abbey residents:** Please note there will be an additional fee of \$25 per family. This is an annual facility use fee required by the Glen Abbey HOA.
- **Glen Abbey residents:** You have already paid this fee via your annual HOA dues.
- **Refunds:** Glen Abbey registration fees and ASA fees are NON-REFUNDABLE, unless your swimmer experiences a medical condition that prevents him/her from swimming.

Swim Team Eligibility: All participants must know how to swim and must be able to swim some version of freestyle at a minimum. This is a league rule as well as a safety policy. Swim team is **NOT** swim lessons.

- The team is open to all Glen Abbey homeowners and swimmers from other neighborhoods that do not have a swim team.
- All children must be able to swim and have general knowledge of the basic swim strokes.
- Children 10 and under must be able to swim one length of the pool without holding onto the side of the pool or the lane ropes by the end of the first two weeks of practice.
- Children 11 and up must be able to swim two lengths of the pool by the end of the first two weeks of practice.
- The Atlanta Swim Association has a Code of Ethics on exhibiting good sportsmanship. All participants, from adult to child, failing to comply with this code will be subject to suspension or dismissal from the team and league without a refund of fees.
- Parent Volunteer Requirement (5 shifts); see policy below for additional information.

Team Swimsuits and Spiritwear

- For practice, swim attire for boys is swim shorts, jammers or briefs. Attire for girls is a one-piece suit.
- For meets, all swimmers must wear the approved team swimsuit or a solid black suit.
- **Order at theswimteamstore.net/glen-abbey-gators.** User name glenabbey; password gators.
- You may order either a black or green/pattern swimsuit.
- If you need help with sizing, **you have two options:** You can try on *and* order at the All American Swim at 885 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075. Or, you can pick up a fit kit from John Pittman in the neighborhood. To coordinate, text 678-458-5791. (Fit kit will be available after March 8).
- For swim meets, all swimmers must wear either a team swimsuit or a solid black suit.

- **When to Order:** As soon as possible! For online orders, **May 5** is the absolute last day you should order to ensure you'll have it for the first meet. If swimmers wait past May 5, we recommend visiting the Roswell store in person at 885 Woodstock Road, Suite 400, Roswell, GA 30075.

Parent Volunteer Requirement: Summer Swim team is a neighborhood activity run by parent volunteers. It takes approximately 90 volunteers to run a swim meet. As a result, each family is required to support the team by making a volunteer commitment. As a condition of participation, one parent per swimmer's family **MUST** be available to work the equivalent of 5 half meets. (This requirement can be fulfilled by working 2 whole and one half meets, 1 whole and 3 half meets, or 5 half meets.) Training is provided for all positions if needed. We cannot have a successful season without your support!

- **5 Shift Family Commitment** Families are required to sign up for 5 volunteer opportunities, or 5 points as listed in Swimtopia. If someone drops a job (no show) or doesn't do their share, it creates more work for someone else. We ask that you please make every effort to find a replacement for your job before reaching out to volunteer coordinators.
- Shifts are mainly made up of half-meet participation, some vary like Banquet, Splash Night, etc. Parents will receive an email in May to sign up for volunteer shifts.
- Sign up and commit to all 5 shifts ASAP to ensure you get your preferred job. You can make changes if a conflict arises, however the ability to withdraw from an assignment will close 24 hours before the event occurs so that we can be adequately prepared. After that time, you will need to contact glenabbeygators.volunteer@gmail.com.
- If you do not sign up and work 5 shifts, your child may not be able to swim in the meets.

Age Groups: Age groups are based on the age of each swimmer on May 31, 2024. For example, a swimmer who turns 7 on May 31 would race as a 7-year-old. But, if that swimmer turns 7 on June 1, he or she would race as a 6-year-old. This rule applies to all swim meets in our league. Here are the six age groups: 6 & Under; 7 & 8; 9 & 10; 11 & 12; 13 & 14; 15 & up.

Hatchlings: This is a pre-team swim group for children ages 4-6 who cannot yet swim 1/2 lap independently, but can keep themselves safe in the water. Your swimmer must be able to keep their head above water by treading water and floating for safety. Your swimmer also must be fully potty-trained.

- Hatchlings will have daily 30-minute practices.
- Hatchlings will not compete in swim meets. If your swimmer becomes meet-ready, you'll be contacted.
- You do not have to buy a team swimsuit. If they become meet-ready they can race in a black swimsuit.
- There are still volunteer requirements with this group.
- This group will have a max of 20 kids so register early!

Practice Times

Practices: Practices help swimmers improve their strokes and learn new strokes; it's not a time to teach basic swim lessons. We expect swimmers to attend daily practices, which are grouped by age in small groups. It is important to arrive early, in a swimsuit and ready to go. Just bring a towel and goggles!

Age Group	Afternoon Practices Monday – Friday May 13 – 22 *No Practice May 23	Morning Practices Monday – Friday Begins May 24 *No practice May 27
6 & Under Girls & Boys	4:30 – 5	8 - 8:30
Hatchlings (4-6 year olds)	5 - 5:30	8:30 - 9
7/8 Girls & Boys	5 - 5:45	8:30 - 9:15
9/10 Girls & Boys	5:45- 6:30	9:15 - 10
11 and up Girls & Boys	6:30- 7:30	10 - 11

Fun Friday Join us in the morning at the pool for donuts, swim meet ribbons and fun swim and games!

Fun Friday		Event\Games
Friday, May 31	9:30 - 11	Donuts, ribbons, and free swim
Friday, June 7	9:30 - 11	Donuts, ribbons, and free swim
Friday, June 14	9:30 - 11	Donuts, ribbons, and free swim
Friday, June 21	8:30 – 11	Swim-a-thon, Pie-a-Coach Charity event
Wednesday, June 26	9:30 - 11	Donuts, ribbons, free swim, and Paper Plate Awards

2024 Swim Meet Dates There will be five swim meets, some home and some away, as determined by the Atlanta Swim Association (ASA). All swim meets begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until approximately 9:30 p.m. 6 and Under swimmers only swim during the 1st half of a swim meet.

2024 Meet Schedule		ASA to provide locations by mid-April
Thursday	5/30/2024	AWAY at Inverness
Thursday	6/6/2024	HOME vs. Milton
Thursday	6/13/2024	AWAY at Alpharetta
Thursday	6/20/2024	HOME vs. Windward
TUESDAY	6/25/2024	HOME vs. Roswell

2024 ASA League Championships: ASA Championships will be held at Georgia Tech Aquatic Center June 26 - 28. We received our requested Thursday, June 27, at 4 p.m. timeslot (arrival at 2 p.m.).

Social Events:

Splash Night: Join us Thursday, May 16, for the annual kick-off party at the pool. Swimmer's immediate families are invited to attend. Pizza dinner will be provided. Please look for an RSVP the second week of practice so we can get an accurate headcount for food. **The team picture will be taken at 5:30 p.m.** The pool opens after the team picture has been taken! Rain date is May 20 or 22.

End-of-Season Banquet: This family event is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 26. This is when awards are given as we celebrate the conclusion to another fun season! Swimmers and immediate families are invited to enjoy a catered dinner.

General Meet Instructions

Meet Availability: Each Friday morning you will receive an email to declare your swimmer's availability for the following meet. Use the link to log into the system and declare availability no later than Monday morning or you risk your swimmer not being placed in events! Line-ups are developed Monday evening.

- You will receive an email with your swimmers' races on Thursday morning.
- Please write the events on your swimmer's arm before arriving to the meet.
- Please write your swimmer's name and age on their right shoulder.
- All swimmers should be checked in, have swim caps on, and be ready to warm-up by 4:30 for home meets and 5 p.m. for away meets
- Please do not send sick swimmers to swim practice or swim meets.

Inclement Weather

Swim practices will not be held if it is raining hard or if there is any threat of lightning. Land drills may be held if it is particularly cold. Parents must use their own judgment as to whether their child should participate in any given practice. Coaches or Team Parents will send an e-mail or text notification if practices are cancelled.

In the case of swim meets, team parents, head coaches and the starter determine if a meet will be delayed or canceled. Please show up to a swim meet on time. We are required to wait one hour before making a decision about the meet.

Have Questions? For more information about summer swim team email glenabbeygators.swim@gmail.com or visit glenabbeygators.swimtopia.com.