

PURPLE DIVISION 2023

Friday, July 7: Age Group 11 & Up – Swim Meet 4:00 pm

Saturday, July 8: Age Group 10 & Under - Swim Meet 9:30 am

WELCOME! Thornblade Country Club and Swim Team is honored to host Dove Tree, Forrester Woods, RMEA, and Spaulding Farm for this year's Purple Division Swim Meet. In order to ensure a successful meet, please communicate the following information to coaches, parents, officials and volunteers. If at any time you need help or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Divisional Meet Director, Patricia Gailey, at 843-469-8444 or pbgailey@yahoo.com. Thornblade SAIL representative, Katie Bridges (864-421-7055 or katiebridgesdmd@gmail.com) is also available. Thank you!

SWIMMER DROP-OFF

For warm-ups and during the meet, swimmers may be dropped off at the pool parking lot entrance. Please review the Divisional map and follow the swimmer drop-off signs. Parking Marshals will be available to help direct the traffic flow.

PARKING

All cars are to be parked along the sidewalk sides of **Thornblade Blvd.**

- Please make sure you pull as far over on the sidewalk as possible. Thornblade will not be responsible for any damage to vehicles.

Once parked, you may choose to walk to the pool or wait for a golf shuttle to pick you up. Golf carts can only take passengers that are SEATED. NO STANDING is allowed in the back (bag area). Golf cart shuttles will be available to take you back to your car anytime during or after the meet.

- Please NOTE: There will be parking available at Wal-mart, however, do not park in the yellow striped spaces. Golf shuttles will not be available for pick up or drop off if you choose to park at Wal-mart. It is roughly a 0.4 mile walk down Bent Oak Road from the Wal-mart lot.

NO PARKING (With Exceptions)

- There is no general parking in the pool parking lot. A few handicap spaces will be available. Please let the Meet Director, Patricia Gailey, or the SAIL representative, Katie Bridges, know if someone from your team will need a handicap spot.
- There will be NO PARKING signs on some of the neighborhood streets. Please respect the homeowners property.
- There is no general parking at the clubhouse lot. Limited parking passes will be issued to Officials, SAIL reps, and coaches for this area.
- Bent Oak Road is not available for parking. This road must be kept clear for EMS vehicles.

RAIN OUT CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the event of a rainout on Friday evening, 11 & up warm-ups will begin no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on Saturday with the same order of events as Friday evening. If it rains on

Saturday, Sail Reps, the Meet Director, and Referee will meet to determine a new schedule.

SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

In the event of severe weather, all spectators should return to their cars. We will be in touch with the National Weather Service to monitor potentially bad weather in the area. It is the lifeguard and Meet Referee's responsibility to stop the meet. The Meet Referee, lifeguard, Meet Director, and Sail Reps from each team will decide when the meet shall resume.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Pelham-Batesville Fire Department will be on call with trained EMS. Please notify someone at the Volunteer Check-In table if there is a medical emergency.

ELECTRONIC TIMING SYSTEM

This year we are using the Semi-Pro Timing System available through GCRD. This system does not use touch pads, but the hand-held start/stop electronic plungers automatically record swim times. Each lane will have two electric plungers and one back up stopwatch. The back up timer will also record their time on the lane sheet provided. This means no blue cards, records or runners required!

RESULTS

Results will be posted on a bulletin board in the grass area between the infant pool and cafe.

PRACTICE TIMES THE WEEK BEFORE DIVISIONALS

Monday, July 3rd: 5:00-6:00: Dove Tree

Wednesday, July 5th 5:00-6:00: Spaulding Farm

Wednesday, July 5th 6:00-7:00: Forrester Woods

Wednesday, July 5th: 7:00-8:00: RMEA

In case of poor weather for practice, Thursday practice times may be available. Please have SAIL reps from your respective team communicate with Katie Bridges or Patricia Gailey to coordinate.

The pool cafe will be open for credit card purchases during all practice times.

TENT AND FAN SETUP

Teams can set up their tents on Friday morning (preferably between 10:00-12:00 to help with congestion, but the parking lot will be open Friday morning). Each team is responsible for providing their own tent, generator, fans, and electrical cords. Friday night you will be able to lock up your generator and fan in the pool storage area. Please make sure you have someone assigned to deliver and set it up on Friday, put it in storage Friday night, set it up Saturday morning, and pick it up as soon as the meet is over.

HEAT SHEETS

Heat sheets will be available digitally this year.

HEAT SHEET CONTEST

Swimmers are invited to submit an original design for the Division Meet Heat Sheet cover. Coaches will bring designs (with swimmer name and age on it) to the Officials Meeting/Seeding Meeting, Wednesday July 5 at 7:30 pm, and a design will be chosen for the Friday and Saturday heat sheets. The two winners will receive \$25!

RULES: Use white copy paper and no computer designs. A change from previous years: you may use color! Include all 5 team names or none. Purple Division Teams: Thornblade Blades, Dove Tree Riptides, RMEA Riptides, Forrester Woods Waverunners, and Spaulding Farm Stallions.

CONCESSIONS

Thornblade will provide a full concessions menu including meals, snacks, and beverages. Please do not bring food for your team's tent. Concessions will be available throughout the meet and located near the pool entrance. Concessions will be credit card and member charge only. Service charge and taxes will be added to the price. *Coaches will be provided meal vouchers.*

RESTROOMS

There will be two portable restrooms at the top of the circle in the tent area. There are also bathrooms on the pool deck. Swimmers are not to enter the tennis area (courts or bathrooms).

TRASH

There will be several trash cans located around concessions and team tents. Please make sure all trash gets thrown away during and after the meet, both Friday and Saturday.

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, JULY 8

AGE GROUP 11 AND UP

SESSION BEGINS AT 4:00pm

SWIMMERS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE THORNBLADE POOL ON THORNBLADE BLVD BEGINNING AT 1:30pm.

WARM-UP TIMES

2:00-2:18- Thornblade

2:20-2:38- Spaulding Farm

2:40-2:58- RMEA

3:00-3:18- Dove Tree

3:20-3:38- Forrester Woods

NOTE: Coaches are responsible to complete the warm-up for their team and be out of the pool on time so that the next team can begin their warm-up.

PARADE OF TEAMS

The Parade of Teams will immediately follow warm-ups. Coaches please have your team lined up for the parade by 3:40 at the main entrance gate. Teams will enter the pool deck near the swimmer's tent area and circle the lap pool. Once the parade is over the coaches are responsible for making sure their team's relays get to Clerk of Course IMMEDIATELY!

Order for the parade: Spaulding Farm, RMEA, Dove Tree, Forrester Woods, Thornblade

OFFICIALS

Upon arriving at Thornblade, please check in at the Volunteer Station located under the awning by the bathroom hallway. The Volunteer Coordinators will hand you your name tag and inform you of where you will need to go. Please give yourself plenty of time to park, check in, and get to where you need to be on time.

OFFICIALS MEETING at 3:15pm:

The Meet Referee will meet with the STROKE & TURN, ASST. REFEREES, STARTERS, DECK REFEREES and HEAD TIMER at 3:15pm at the Officials Table located near the pool grill. Please be prompt so that the meet can begin on time.

TIMERS MEETING at 3:20pm:

The Head Timer, Starter and Asst. Referee will meet with the TIMERS at 3:20pm behind the starting blocks.

FIRST HALF VOLUNTEER CHECK IN at 3:15pm:

The following 1st half volunteers need to check in at the Volunteer Station by 3:15pm. The Volunteer Coordinators will inform you of where and what time you need to report to your position.

SECOND HALF VOLUNTEER CHECK IN at EVENT #33-34. The Volunteer Coordinators will inform you of where and what time you need to report to your position. Second shift Marshals please report at 4:45pm.

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, JULY 9

AGE GROUP: 10 AND UNDER

SESSION BEGINS AT 9:30am

SWIMMERS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE THORNBLADE POOL BEGINNING AT 7:15am

WARM-UPS

7:30-7:48- Forrester Woods

7:50-8:08- RMEA

8:10-8:28- Thornblade

8:30-8:48- Spaulding Farm

8:50-9:08- Dove Tree

NOTE: Coaches are responsible to complete the warm-up for their team and be out of the pool on time so that the next team can begin their warm-up.

PARADE OF TEAMS at 9:10

The Parade of Teams will immediately follow warm-ups. Coaches please have your team lined up for the parade by 9:10 at the main entrance gate. Teams will enter the pool deck near the swimmer's tent area and circle the lap pool. Once the parade is over the coaches are responsible for making sure their team's relays get to Clerk of Course IMMEDIATELY!

Order for the parade: Forrester Woods, RMEA, Spaulding Farm, Dove Tree, Thornblade

OFFICIALS MEETING at 8:45am:

The Meet Referee will meet with the STROKE & TURN, ASST. REFEREES, STARTERS, DECK REFEREES and HEAD TIMER at 8:45am at the Officials Table located near the pool grill. Please be prompt so that the meet can begin on time.

TIMERS MEETING at 8:50am:

The Head Timer, Starter and Asst. Referee will meet with the TIMERS at 8:50am behind the starting blocks.

FIRST HALF VOLUNTEER CHECK IN at 8:45am:

The following 1st half volunteers need to check in at the Volunteer Station by 8:45am. The Volunteer Coordinators will inform you of where and what time you need to report to your position.

SECOND HALF VOLUNTEER CHECK IN at EVENT #33-34.

The Volunteer Coordinators will inform you of where and what time you need to report to your position. Second shift Marshals please report at 10:15am.

COMPUTER ENTRIES DUE

When: Saturday, July 1st by 11:59 pm

Who: Michelle Grubb

Where: Meistergrubb@gmail.com

Please include the # of Athletes, the # of Entries and the # of Relays in your email.

OFFICIALS MEETING WITH HEAD REFEREE

When: Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30 pm

Where: Thornblade Clubhouse Ballroom

Who: Assistant Referees, Starters, Deck Referees, Chief Timers, Stroke & Turn

SEED MEETING

When: Wednesday, July 5 at 8:00 pm

Where: Thornblade Clubhouse Ballroom

Who: Sail Reps, Coaches, Head Clerk of Course and Asst. Head Clerk of Course should attend.

What: **Coaches** please bring your Coaches Entry Form in order to receive your Divisional Heat Sheets. You will be checking your original entry forms against the computer-generated heat sheets for errors.

COACHES MEETING

When: Wednesday, July 5 at 8:45 pm (right after seed meeting and reviewing heat sheets)

Where: Thornblade Clubhouse Ballroom

COACHES

A meal coupon for Friday and Saturday will be provided to the coaches along with coach parking passes. Ice water and light snacks will be available for coaches during the swim meet and will be located at the Volunteer Station.

OFFICIALS TABLE

SAIL Reps can place their team's stop watches at the Official's table located near the pool grill. Please have your referees bring additional DQ slips for the meet.