

Dear Barracudas and Families,

We are happy to welcome back our returning members and are looking forward to having new swimmers on our team. We are looking forward to a great 2016 season!

The following is a general information packet to answer questions about:

- Parent Involvement
- Contacts at Bellaire
- Cost/Registration
- Shutterfly group website
- Team Uniforms
- Swim Clinic
- Swim Team Try-outs
- Practice Schedule
- Parents Meeting
- Meet Schedule
- Prelims & Finals Schedules
- Pool Conduct
- What to take to a meet

PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

Your help is VITAL. **You will be asked to volunteer for at least 2 meets and 1 prelim and/or final meet. We need YOU to make these meets run smoothly. Your child will not be able to swim if you do not volunteer. If you have younger non-swimmers, consider getting a babysitter, so you are able to make your commitment.** We will have 5 dual meets and 3 prelims/finals meets. We are required to provide half the staff for each meet. In order to for these meets to run efficiently. We REALLY cannot stage meets consisting of nearly 500 swimmers without the help of parent volunteers for **both** shifts. **This includes clean-up.** No prior experience is required. **You must contribute** in order for meets to run smoothly. Sign-up sheets will be provided at registration and on the registration form as well.

Please review the "Volunteer Job Descriptions" on the Barracudas' Shutterfly webpage

REGISTRATION

Returning swimmers have first priority registration until **April 19th, 2016**. Please make sure you register early to guarantee your spot. You must register and pay at the Bellaire Recreation Center.

COST

\$175.00 Resident

\$190.00 Non-resident

\$10.00 Discount for each additional child in the family

SWIM CLINIC

Sign up at the Recreation Center now. NO drop-ins!

This clinic is **only** for those who want to improve their strokes and build endurance. It is NOT basic swim lessons.

Clinic will be held at **Evergreen Pool**

Cost: \$35 per participant

Dates: Tues April 19, Thurs April 21, Sun April 24, Tues April 26 & Thurs April 28

Times: Ages 5-8 5:30 - 6:25 pm

Ages 9 & up 6:30 - 7:25 pm

****Please note time difference on Sat, April 30**

Ages 5-8 8:30 - 9:25 am

Ages 9 & up 9:30 - 10:25 am

SWIM TEAM TRY-OUTS

Swim Team tryouts are for **NEW** swim team members only. Swimmers may try out any day or time listed below. If you make the team, you may then register and pay at the Bellaire Recreation Center.

Tryouts will be held at **Evergreen Pool**

Dates: Tues April 19, Thurs April 21, Sun April 24, Tues April 26 & Thurs April 28

Times: Ages 5-8 6:15 - 6:30 pm
 Ages 9 & up 7:15 - 7:30 pm

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Spring Practices

Dates: May 2nd – 27th

Location: ALL spring practices will be held at **Evergreen Pool**

Times: Ages 5-8 4:30 - 5:25 pm or 6:30 - 7:25 pm
 Ages 9 & up 5:30 - 6:25 pm or 7:30 - 8:25 pm

Summer Practices

Dates: May 31 - June 29 (No Monday Practices)

Locations: **Swimmer Last Name A - J**

Practice at Bellaire on **Tuesday and Thursday**

Practice at Evergreen on **Wednesday and Friday**

Swimmer Last Name K - Z

Practice at Bellaire on **Wednesday and Friday**

Practice at Evergreen on **Tuesday and Thursday**

Times: Ages 5-8 7:00 - 7:55 am
 Ages 9 & up 8:00 - 8:55 am

TAAF Regionals

Dates: June 30 - July 28

Location: All practices at Bellaire Town Square Family Aquatics Center

Times: 7:00 - 8:30 am

PARENTS' MEETING

Parents will meet the swim team coordinators and coaches, get information about acquiring team uniforms, and information about meets and volunteer positions. In addition, we will go over the items in this packet and answer any questions you may have. We ask that at least **one** parent attend this meeting.

When: Saturday April 9, 2016

Time: 11:00 am

Where: Bellaire Family Aquatic Center

SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Opponent	Time
June 4 (Saturday)	@ Willow Pool	Willow	8:00 - 11:00 am (10 & Under)
June 6 (Monday)	@ Willow Pool	Willow	5:00 pm (6 & under) 6:30 pm (7 & up)
June 11 (Saturday)	@ Briargrove	Relay Meet	8:00 -11:00 am
June 13 (Monday)	@ BFAC	West U	5:00 pm (6 & under) 6:30 pm (7 & up)
June 21 (Tuesday)	@ BFAC	SWU & BG	5:00 pm (6 & under) 6:30 pm (7 & up)
June 27 (Monday)	@ West Univ	Preliminaries	10 & Under
June 28 (Tuesday)	@ Willow	Preliminaries	11 & Up
June 29 (Wednesday)	@ Willow	Finals:	

OPTIONAL (Please see Coach Richard for details)

TAAF Regional (Additional fees required)

Saturday, July 16 @ Richmond, Texas (LCISD Pool)

TAAF State Meet (Additional fees required)

July 28 – 31 @ McAllen, Texas

WHAT TO BRING TO A SWIM MEET

- Lawn chairs
- Blanket / tarp to use on ground. Swimmers will be sitting on grass between races.
- Towels – at least 2
- Sunscreen, bug spray, t-shirts, cover-ups and/or shorts
- Goggles, team suit and swim cap
- Healthy snacks (can include fruit, sports drinks, granola or protein bars, etc.)
- We encourage families to bring along something small and quite for swimmers to play with while waiting between races.

POOL CONDUCT

FOR PRACTICES - To ensure all swimmers receive the appropriate skill practice and endurance training, **please adhere to the practice schedule locations AS LISTED**. Coaches will be covering different aspects of training, on different days, at certain locations so maintaining the assigned schedule will allow for all swimmers to obtain all levels of training.

FOR PARENTS – During practices, we ask that **parents remain in the areas indicated by the coordinator/coaching staff**. There will be signs posted at the point beyond which we will only allow swimmers. Please follow these guidelines to ensure for the most effective practices. If you have any concern on this matter you may discuss with Jennifer Bunch or Ryan Smith.

FOR THE KIDS – Swimmers may not enter the water until the coach signals. All facility rules must be followed.

- Diving board will not be used during meets
- Swimmers must stay off lane lines at all times
- No one may enter the water prior to the coaches signal
- BFAC Leisure Pool and Diving Well areas are off limits during meets.
- Only swimmers are permitted to enter the water at all times, during practices and meets. Pool is not open to public.

FOR ALL – Whether at our home pool or a visitor's pool, we expect good sportsmanship **FROM ALL** Bellaire Barracuda coaches, parents, spectators and swimmers.

