



BALCONES Woods
BLUE WAVE

CATCH THE WAVE

OUR FIRST MEET IS THIS SATURDAY against Great Hills/Jester/Lakewood! Swimmers should be at the pool and check-in with their age group parents by **6:40 a.m.** Our warm-up time is 6:55 a.m. The Meet begins at 8:00 a.m. Don't forget your goggles, swim caps, extra towels, sunscreen and activities to keep the swimmers entertained during the Meet (markers, coloring books, handheld games, etc...).

The concession stand will open for business with breakfast tacos, muffins and Krispy Kreme Donuts. Then they will serve hot dogs, nachos, candy, sodas and other goodies by mid-morning. The "Blue-tique" will have Swim caps (\$10), Goggles (\$10-14), Auto Decals (\$7), Hoodies (\$13-17), and Backpacks (\$22).

Please bring your change, especially quarters, and a lawn chair to sit in. Take it easy on Friday, eat a good carbo-loaded dinner and get a good night's sleep. Let's be wonderful courteous hosts to our guests from Great Hills – all 170+ of them!

HEAT SHEETS will be available online by Friday evening (www.balconeswoods.org/bluewave). Concessions will have 30 extra heat sheets on sale for \$2 each. Everyone is responsible for downloading their family's own heat sheet for the meet.

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the parking lot that morning. Let's give all available spaces to our many visitors. When parking or dropping off, don't forget about the little side street that winds up in a cul-de-sac near the pool.

ATTENDANCE for the older age groups is low. Coach Huddle noticed that less than ½ of our older swimmers were at practice daily. Older swimmers have many activities, but the coaches need them at practice as much as possible in order for them to be ready for meets. *Let's surprise the coaches with wonderful attendance this week!*

Please use the **COMMUNICATION NOTEBOOK** to leave a note for the coaches or let them know if you will miss a practice and/or meet. If you are missing the Great Hills Meet, please let the coaches know **IMMEDIATELY!** Coaches are busy when on deck so writing it down ensures they get the correct information.

Our ready bench shade tree is gone! It died between seasons. If anyone has an **EXTRA CANOPY TENT** that they will not use for their age group, please email me at manning_mc@sbcglobal.net. The ready bench chairs and the swimmers would really appreciate being out of the sun and not sitting on hot benches! We'll only need it for this and next Saturday.

AFTER THE MEET CELEBRATION will be at PoK-e-Jo's on Parmer Lane. We're trying something new this year! It is a Blue Wave tradition to meet after each Meet to socialize with your neighbors. The coaches will pass out all ribbons at this time. The restaurant is on the South side of Parmer Lane a little past the HEB at the corner of Parmer and MoPac. Come by and join the fun! PoK-e-Jo's is a long time supporter of our Blue Wave team and are continuing to support us by giving us 10% of the profits from our visit. Thank you PoK-e-Jo's! Please remember to wear a shirt and shoes and that parents are responsible for their own swimmers.

PEP RALLY / ICE CREAM SOCIAL is this Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. New swimmers will receive their star for their family's sign, and a new sign if needed. Swimmers will receive their t-shirts, photographer order form, surprise goodies, and can pick up antennae stars. **The pool will NOT be open for swimming.**

NO PRACTICE ON MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 26th.

END OF SEASON GATHERING will be at Volente Beach the Monday after Champs. Thanks for your votes! Volente was the clear favorite this year. More information coming soon.

TEAM PICTURES FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH. Please show up promptly at the pool by **8:00 am**. The Team Photo will be taken at 8:30 am. Please wear your **TEAM SWIMSUIT AND T-SHIRT**. We are using the same photographer as last year. Included in your registration fee (which is already paid) is "The Memory Mate", which includes 2-3x5 individuals and 1-5x7 team photo. If you want any other items, please indicate them on the form and bring a check. Additional orders will not be processed without a check. Also, please bring the order form with you on the 6th, whether or not you are ordering extra pictures. When the pictures are finished, practice will begin for the group whose time it is. Make-up for individual pictures is Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m.

RED CROSS SWIM-A-CROSS is Wednesday, June 11th. Each year, the Blue Wave sponsors a Swim-A-Cross that benefits the team and the Red Cross. The Swim-A-Cross is a fundraiser wherein you seek pledges and then challenge yourself to swim as many laps as possible during your practice time. Watch your folders for pledge forms. There will be prizes for swimmers who raise the most money.

Don't forget to put out your swim team sign!

GO BLUE WAVE!

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