



BALCONES WOODS
BLUE WAVE

CATCH THE WAVE

2009-04

OUR FIRST MEET IS THIS SATURDAY against Twin Creeks at their pool! The pool is located at 3210 Twin Creeks Club Drive Cedar Park, TX 78613. Basic directions are to take 183 north to Anderson Mill Rd, go past RR 620 and then left at Twin Creeks Drive. Allow 30 minutes to drive out there. Swimmers aged 12 & Under should be at the pool and check-in with their age group parents by **7:10am**. **Our warm-up time is 7:20 a.m.** Swimmers age 13 & over need to be at the pool by 7:25 and will start their warm up after the younger kids finish. **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...). Our meet hosts ask that we park along the street and follow the posted signs. They will have concessions for sale and we will be setting up our age group tents on the right side of the children's pool by the slide.

HEAT SHEETS will be available online by Friday evening (www.balconeswoods.org/bluewave). No extra heat sheets will be sold at the meet. If you want a heat sheet, even if you are a volunteer working at the meet, you need to download your own heat sheet for the meet.

PEP RALLY / CUP CAKE SOCIAL is this Thursday from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. at the playground area of the Amherst practice pool. Thanks to our social committee for being creative and coming up with a new idea for the first pep rally. Our lack of freezer and the warm weather just don't make a good combination for ice cream! 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. Please bring your checkbooks and be prepared to pick up your pre-orders and shop at Bluetique for caps, goggles, hats, hoodies and other great Blue Wave items.

Please come to your regular practice either before or after the pep rally. For our 13 & older swimmers this will be your last practice before our first meet so please try to be there.

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 Twin Creeks meet, please let the coaches know **IMMEDIATELY!** If you can't leave a note in the communications notebook, please email Coach Huddle at hwmswim@yahoo.com. She does final entries for the meets on Wednesdays. When she doesn't know swimmers are going to miss the meet it causes lots of extra work.

Please see our list of volunteers on the web site. If you have a question of a committee chair or board member our email addresses are now on the Blue Wave site under Volunteer List.

AFTER THE MEET CELEBRATION will be at Mr. Gattis on Far West Blvd once again. The kids love this tradition and they are now rebating 15% of sales back to the team. Be sure to identify yourself as Blue Wave as you pay at the register. It is a great way to socialize with your neighbors. The coaches will pass out all ribbons at this time. Come by and join the fun!

NO PRACTICE ON MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 25th.

We will keep our same practice schedule through the last day of school on June 3. **On June 8 we will move to the Kennemer pool** next to Lanier High School on Peyton Gin Road with the same practice times as previously published for the Balcones Woods pool. See team calendar on Blue Wave website.

TEAM PRACTICES will be from **7:15am-11am on June 4 & 5** at the Amherst pool. The schedule for those first two days of summer break will be:

7:15 - 8:00 - 9/10's

8:15-8:45 – Preteam (Friday only)

8:00 - 8:45 - 11/12's

8:45 - 9:15 - 6 & unders

9:15 - 10:00 - 7/8's

10:00-11:00 – 13&Over

Our meet against Westover on June 13 will be held at Westover. Our June 20 meet against Fast Frogs will be held at the Kennemer pool with a start time of 7:00am because we have to be cleared from that pool by noon. Our hard working social committee is working on ideas for different locations for our mid-season pep rally and end of season party. More details to come as we work out these additional issues.

Congratulations to Coach Rachel! She was honored at the Anderson athletic awards with both the Trojan Heart award and the Trojan Splash Scholarship. She will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall. The Trojan Heart award is voted on by all the varsity coaches and given to an athlete who has showed exceptional determination and dedication to their sport. The Trojan Splash scholarship is awarded by the AHS Swim Team Booster club. Way to go Rachel!!

Once again a BIG thank you to the Balcones Woods homeowners association for funding our pool rental costs and making this season of Blue Wave continue! And THANK YOU so much to everyone for your good wishes and support as we work through the challenges together. You are all wonderful!!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

No meet on May 30 – Enjoy sleeping in that Saturday

June 9 – Team Pictures 8:00am at Kennemer Pool

June 16 – Red Cross Swim-A-Cross fundraiser

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

GO BLUE WAVE!

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