



**BALCONES Woods**  
**BLUE WAVE**

# CATCH THE WAVE

2009-06

**OUR NEXT MEET IS THIS SATURDAY** against Great Hills at their pool! The pool is located at 5914 Lost Horizon Drive. 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 7:25 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.** The Great Hills parking lot is NOT allowed to be parked in as it is reserved for Country Club members. Please park along the street. 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...).

Great Hills has new dive blocks at the pool this year and a new high-tech Wireless Timing System with Scoreboard to show swimmers results and capture the timing data immediately. Timers will be taught how to use the new watches and how to only press the Stop Button. There will be a mandatory meeting before the meet on how to use the new system. Gators will also be selling concessions: Coffee, Breakfast Tacos, Belgium Waffles, Donuts, Snacks, some lunch items, Ice Cream/Popsicles, drinks of all sorts. Bluetique will be available for all your Blue Wave items. Coach Z asks that every swimmer **wear a Blue Wave cap** at meets.

**HEAT SHEETS** will be available online by Friday evening ([www.balconeswoods.org/bluewave](http://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.

Remember to come to **AFTER THE MEET CELEBRATION** at Mr. Gattis on Far West Blvd. Be sure to identify yourself as Blue Wave as you pay at the register so we can get the team rebate.

We have arranged to have make-up practices from 7-7:45am on Tues & Thurs starting June 9. Coach Lee will run these practices for ages 10+. If you have a swimmer in the 7-8 age group they may practice with coach approval. Please email Coach Lee ([leebohne@yahoo.com](mailto:leebohne@yahoo.com)) directly if your swimmer needs to have this practice time. If no one lets him know they need 7am practice on those days HE WILL NOT SHOW UP. Please arrange alternate practices with him ahead of time. We have rented the pool space on these days based on needs of swimmers, please let's use it wisely!

Don't forget to **use the Communication Notebook** when you need to get a message to the coaches! The notebook is in the blue crate by the starting end of the Amherst pool. If you can't write it in the notebook, emails may be sent to Coach Huddle at [hwmswim@yahoo.com](mailto:hwmswim@yahoo.com) Please DO NOT tell the coaches about missed practices or meets in passing at practice; They WILL forget! Absences affect entries; particularly relay entries so please let them know soon if your swimmer will miss a meet.

Our next social gathering will be on Wed, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Northwest Park. We have picnic areas A&B reserved for our use. Bring your blankets, your family's meal and a dessert to share pot-luck with other Blue Wave families. You are welcome to come early if you want to use one of the grills or just bring your own food. Bring your own chairs, blankets, outdoor games, and coolers (no glass or alcohol as per park restrictions). Entrance to swim costs \$1 per child and \$3 per adult.

Northwest Park has:

- Swimming Pool
- Basketball Court
- Fishing Pier and pond
- Tennis Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Indoor restrooms

Our two home meets have been moved as follows: June 13 @ Westover. June 20 against Fast Frogs @ Twin Creeks. We will run both of these meets as hosts. Thank you again to the wonderful teams in our league for being such good friends!!

TEAM PRACTICES will be from **7am-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 – 13-18

On Monday, **June 8 we move to Kennemer pool** next to Lanier High School at 1032 Payton Gin Road

7:45 - 8:45 - 9/10's

8:45-9:45 – 11/12's

9:00-9:30 – Preteam (MWF)

9:45-10:15 – 6 & Unders

10:15 - 11:00 - 7/8's

11:00 – NOON – 13-18

**TEAM PICTURES are TUESDAY, JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kennemer pool.** Please show up promptly at the pool at 8:00 am so we can get everyone lined up correctly. Wear your TEAM SWIMSUIT AND T-SHIRT. Plan to stay after the pictures for a very fun practice with relays made up of different age groups together! Picture order forms were in with t-shirts at the first pep rally. Your swimmer's registration fee (which you already paid) includes Package E, "The SportsMate" (one 8x10 photo with both the individual and team picture) plus an extra 3x5 individual picture. We are using Lifetouch photos this year. If you want any other items, please indicate them on the form and bring a check to picture day. Additional orders will not be processed without a check. **Make checks for additional pictures payable to "Lifetouch"**. Also, please bring the order form with you on the 9<sup>th</sup>, **whether or not you are ordering extra pictures**. Regular practice will begin as soon as the pictures are finished. **Make-ups for individual pictures are Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** **Ted & Cathy Reynolds** (4004 Cordova) have agreed to let us use their backyard pool for the make-up individual pictures. Most swimmers should have their picture made after the team picture on Tues., but if you absolutely can't make that time, this will be your chance to get individual pictures made. We need to limit this to 30 minutes. Our swim team families are so wonderful and keep amazing me with their generosity this year!

**RED CROSS SWIM-A-CROSS** is scheduled for Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Soon pledge forms will be placed in your folder in the Communication Crate. Once you have the form, start collecting pledges. I would like to challenge every swimmer to raise \$40 this year. This is the **single biggest fundraiser** that the team does with 49% of the proceeds going to support the coaches salaries and other expenses. The other 51% is donated to Red Cross from the team to support all their much needed community aid.

Remember to prepay by June 15<sup>th</sup> for **Schlitterbahn** trip on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$30.99 for ages 12 & over and \$25.99 for ages 3-11. All checks should be made out to BW Swim Team and placed in the communication folder for Burgess. Kathy Burgess will get all the funds to our treasurer (Loretta Smith) so that we can purchase the discounted group tickets in advance. The tickets will be distributed at practice the week before Champs. For additional information, please contact Kathy Burgess at [kkb@swbell.net](mailto:kkb@swbell.net) or 512-569-0585.

And the latest breaking news....**Olympic Gold Medalist Brendan Hansen will be coming to talk to our kids** about his experiences in swimming and how nutrition can affect your performance. He usually brings his Olympic medals to show the kids, lets them hold them and takes pictures. Should be a great way to send our kids off to the Champs meet! Location is still TBD. Stay tuned.....

**GO BLUE WAVE!**

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