



BALCONES Woods
BLUE WAVE

CATCH THE WAVE

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Way to go Blue Wave! Congratulations on another outstanding meet against the Great Hills Gators. Final score of the meet was 347-245. However, if we scored only the 14 & Under swimmers there was only about an 8 point difference. Thank you to our teens for sticking with swim team! Our swimmers of the meet were: **Allie Sears, Lane Dady, Olivia Schmidt, Jake Imperial, Sydney Holter, Noah Schmidt, Taylor Propes, Ray Anthony, Kelsey Kiser, Matt Mahavier, Aaron Marshall, Zoe James** (who broke the Blue Wave team record with her 50 backstroke) and, **Harley Stout**. See the Blue Wave web site for our list of Outstanding Performances for the Great Hills meet.

This Saturday get ready for our first hosted meet with the Westover Wild Orcas. **We are meet hosts**, with the meet being at the Westover pool at 8706 Westover Club Dr.. 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. This will be a very competitive meet, so be sure to get your swimmers plenty of rest and carbs on Friday night and come ready to RACE! If your swimmer is **MISSING THE MEET** Coach Huddle needs to know BY WEDNESDAY if your swimmer WILL NOT be at this weekend's meet. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL FRIDAY TO LET HER KNOW**. You can email her at hwmswim@yahoo.com or write her a message in the Communication notebook at the pool. Coaches will be assigning "Little Brothers and Sisters" (ages 4-10) to our older swimmers. This should prove a neat team bonding experience.

Please remember to **SUPPORT OUR CONCESSIONS** at the meet. This will be our only chance to earn concessions money this swim season. We will have **hot coffee**, donuts, breakfast tacos for the morning. Then we will switch on the **grills** and have hotdogs, hamburgers and plenty of **cold drinks**. Don't bother to pack a cooler, just come prepared to support our Blue Wave concessions! Thank you very much, **Jack Butler**, for your VERY generous donations to concessions which will greatly help the team!

Team pictures were quite a success. The multi-age relays were a huge hit, especially the barking relay. Ask your swimmer about it! Remember if your swimmer was not able to be photographed on Tuesday, we will have **make-ups for individuals between 6pm-6:30pm on Thursday** at the home of Ted & Cathy Reynolds, 4004 Cordova.

Swimmers and parents, remember that **the League requires a minimum of two practices per week** in order to participate in meets. There are **MAKE-UP PRACTICES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7am. Please email Coach Lee (leebohne@yahoo.com) if your swimmer needs to be at the make-up practices.

RED CROSS SWIM-A-CROSS is next Tuesday, June 16th during regular practice times. Collection forms are in the swimmers' Communication Folders in the Communication Crate. 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. **All swimmers are expected to participate**, even if they don't collect any pledges. The three swimmers with the most donations collected will be awarded a **cash prize of \$250, \$100 & \$50**. This donation is made possible by the very generous donation of **Maria Holzmueller, realtor**. In addition, this year the team will be putting every swimmer who raises at least \$50 into a drawing for additional prizes such as **gift cards to iTunes, Blockbuster and Regal Cinema**. If you can donate a gift card to this cause, please let me know! T-shirts are given to all swimmers who raise at least \$30.00.

Parents, please sign up to be lap counters for RED CROSS SWIM-A-CROSS on Tuesday June 16th. Please follow the link sent to you via email to VolunteerSpot.com to sign up. We will need six parents per practice for ages 7-18 and eight parents for ages 6 & Under.

MID-SEASON FAMILY PICNIC and dessert pot-luck is Wednesday at 7pm. Don't miss out on a great night of fun where swimmers can hang out and parents can catch up. 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.

Remember to **prepay by June 15th** for **Schlitterbahn** trip on Monday, June 29th. Tickets will be \$30.99 for ages 12 & over and \$25.99 for ages 3-11. This is a savings of about \$12 off the normal price. 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 or 512-569-0585.

And last, but certainly not least....we want to give another **BIG THANK YOU** to our wonderful Blue Wave sponsors. Our premier sponsors this year are: **Allison Dady**, Realtor, **Access Door Systems**, **Cool Zone**, **Kirk Root Designs**, **Modern Woodmen**, **The Tile Guy**, **Dr. Farrah Agahi**, orthodontist and our Swim-A-Cross sponsor, **Holzmueller Group**, realtors. We would also like to thank our continuing sponsors for helping with the t-shirts again this year: BDGA Architects, Hill Country Carpet Cleaning, Archie Imperial, DDS, Hunt & Co, Pok-e-jos BBQ and Thomas Umstatt, CPA.

GO BLUE WAVE!

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