



# Gator News

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## On Tap This Week

**Team Pictures.** Friday 6/17 at 6:00, are team pictures. Please wear your gator swim suit and bring your gator t-shirt. We will also be collecting the Gatorade from each family at that time - a 6 or 12 pack of the 20 ounce size for each family. In exchange for the Gatorade, each returning swimmer will receive a gator swim cap and each new swimmer will receive a gator t-shirt. Also, if your last name begins with A-L: 1 package of hot dogs and 1 package of buns; if your last name begins with M-Z: 2 to 3 individual servings of bagged fruit - no apples please.

- June 17th— Team Pictures
- June 18th—Home vs. Sundance
- June 25th—Home vs. Highlands Ranch
- July 2nd—No meet
- July 9th—Home vs. Homestead Farm II
- July 16th—Away vs. Wildcat
- July 18th—Prelims-8 & Under @ Sundance
- July 19th—Prelims-11-12 & 13-14 @ Wildcat
- July 20th—Prelims-9-10 & 15-18 @ Homestead Farm II
- July 23th—Championships @ Highlands Ranch
- July 24th—Awards Banquet at 6-9PM
- July 30—All-Stars @ Castle Rock
- July 30—Parent/Volunteer Party

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## Gators Face Sundance in Home Opener

The Gators face the Sundance Sailfish this Saturday in our home opener. The theme for this week is Rodeo. See the Coaches' Corner for more details.

Congratulations to all the Gators who swam in the opening meet at Piney Creek. Check out the website for all the results - including the 15 Gators that qualified for All-Stars.

**Volunteers.** Thanks again to everyone who has volunteered to support the team. Your enthusiasm and commitment are what continue to make us a great team to swim for and be a part of. For all of you who still need to sign up to meet your volunteer commitment, please see one of the volunteer leads. (The volunteer leads and their books will be at the pool Friday night for team pictures.)

We have several new opportunities, especially for those who can't volunteer during the meets. We have 6 pancake breakfasts for the kids planned during practices (this would be a great chance for the older kids to help out as well), we need a few people to help with the banquet, Mountain High Board position, treasurer shadow, graphics for all events t-shirt, pep rally help, volunteer coordinators, and speeding ticket writers. We will also be setting up Friday for the home meet the next day. For the home meet, please get a name tag. We will have them at the gate when you walk in. It is very hard to track down volunteers and plus this will help us all to get to know each other!

See Art or Donna Howe on any of the new opportunities. Thanks again for all your support. We want to make it a wonderful experience for you and your kids.

**Communications with the Coaches.** We always like to make sure at the beginning of the year that everyone understands the policies of when to talk with the coaches. During practices and meets the coaches need to be concentrating on the swimmers. We have 140 swimmers and it wouldn't be fair to them or the coaches if their valuable learning time was taken up by us. If you want to talk to the coaches, please wait until all the practices

are completed (9:45 M-F) You can also call them to set up a meeting, or come to the board meetings on Thursday at 7:00pm.

Any of them would be happy to talk with you, but not during practices or the meet. You can also talk to Art Howe or one of the volunteer leads if you have any problems that need to be addressed immediately at the meet. Thanks for your understanding in this area. It will ensure that all the kids get the maximum out of their swimming experience.

## Coaches' Corner

Howdy Gators!

We would like to send our thanks and congratulations to all swimmers, families, friends and volunteers who participated in our first meet of the season against Piney Creek! We are so proud of every swimmer who participated in the meet, whether you swam one event, or five. It is apparent that the swimmers' hard work at practices has already begun to pay off, even this early in the season. Keep up the good work, and continue to pack your smile when you come to practices and meets!

We are continuing to work on the buddy system, to make sure that registered swimmers are paired up with a buddy, and to make sure that all buddies feel included when they show up at the meets! Any comments or suggestion about improving the buddy system are welcome!

Our second meet against Sundance is quickly approaching - and because it's our first home meet of the season, we want to be especially prepared! Parents, please be sure that you are signed up to fulfill your volunteer obligations for the season, as without you, we could not successfully host home meets! The theme for this meet is going to be Rodeo, so saddle up and gallup over to Southglenn for our 7am warm up on Saturday morning!

Adios,  
Coaches Andy, Leanne, Trish and Lauren