

Gower Pool

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Dear Gower Pool Members,

Hello and welcome to another exciting pool season at Gower! I am pleased to report the state of the pool and the Gower family is as strong as ever. We are all truly blessed to live in such a unique and loving community of friends. I hope as we reflect back on an emotional summer last year with the loss of the Antonakos family – a beloved Gower family – that it helps us pause and appreciate our closest relationships and the support this community provides to each other. May we be a united Gower family as we enter this summer and swim season.

Thanks to last year's President Scott Sanders and the rest of the 2013 Pool Board for an outstanding job. We appreciate you equipping the 2014 Board and making for a smooth transition. The 2014 Board is hard at work preparing for the upcoming summer. Welcome to the four new members Harrison Cline, Pat Gray, Laura Wannemacher, and LeAnne White and thanks to the ongoing efforts of the incumbent board Brandt Gilbert, Sandra Howard, Brad May, Joel Norwood, Phillip Olar, Kathy Rumchak, and Suzanne Sanders. Continued appreciation to Clare Jones – our bookkeeper of 20+ years – for her ongoing work and immeasurable support.

Join me in giving special thanks to Kim Geddie for her years of dedication as our SAIL rep for Gower. Thanks Kim for all you have done and continue to do for our pool and swim team. Kim has passed the torch to Joel Norwood who has jumped right in as the new SAIL rep for Gower. Another special thanks to Karen Perkins for her years of dedication as our computer expert. Susan Taylor has graciously stepped in to fill that important role going forward.

Thanks to last year's Swim Team moms Lynn Norwood and Lynn Brown for all their hard work and for a successful swim season in 2013. Welcome to Amy Murray and Julia Morgan who are already in full swing preparing for this year's swim season. We



Upcoming Events

May 5

Last Day to Register for Swim Team w/o Penalty

May 12

First Swim Team Practice

May 16

Guppy Tryouts

May 24

Pool Opens

May 26

Memorial Day @ Gower Pool

May 29

Gower Swim Team @ Sugar Creek

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look forward to a new slate of Gower coaches who will lead us through another summer rich in Gower tradition nurturing the competitive fire in all the Gower swimmers.

We are excited to introduce Sweetwater Pools as the new management company for the pool. The board has been impressed by their desire to hire and train the best lifeguards possible for our pool and their general responsiveness and eagerness to give us the best experience possible. We hope you will notice and appreciate the changes they will bring to Gower in order to insure the safety of all who enter our Gower facilities.

Safety is always the forefront concern of the board. We take seriously the responsibility you have given us to ensure the safety of our members. I want to encourage each of our members to read our pool rules posted on our website. ALL members are required to follow these rules. Our lifeguard staff has full authority to enforce these rules. If you believe a rule is not being properly enforced please notify me or any other member of the board.

Gower will be hosting Red Division for the first time in five seasons. I want to challenge our kids, parents, and volunteers to be the most hospitable and courteous hosts we can possibly be. The board is working hard on improving the appearance of the pool. Thanks to Mark Dullea for running point for this event. He is already working hard recruiting volunteers and making preparations to make this an excellent event.

To close, I am looking forward to another fun, hopefully safe, and memorable summer at the pool with each of you and your kids. This board is committed to making this the best experience possible for you and your families. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime I can help.

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Gower Swim Team: From the Coach

Dear Gower Families,

I hope that all of you have been having a great year so far and are looking forward to another Gower season.

Hello, my name is Clark Hickerson. I was a dedicated swimmer for Gower for 12 years and celebrated my final year as swimmer by bringing home the Metcalf Cup. I have been around Gower all my life because I have three older siblings who all swam. Now, with my days as a swimmer behind me, I have been given the opportunity to be the new Head Coach for the 2014 season. This position is truly a dream come true, and I could not be more excited for this summer.

The swim team moms, along with the coaches selection committee, have provided a great new coaching staff this year. With only one coach from last year returning, there are a lot of new faces on the coaching staff, all of which are more than capable of keeping traditions alive. I know that those of us who are new this year are eager to learn the trade from our returning coach, Anna Knight. We are all eager to work with all of the swimmers with experience in every stroke and even guidance from our two collegiate swimmers Luke Boliek and Sydney Fisher. Our main goal this year is to provide all of the swimmers with proper technique while remembering to have fun keeping the Gower Spirit alive.

As we prepare for this Gower season, there are two things that everyone should consider to make this year successful. First, get your child in the water regularly before the season starts. Pre-Sail clinics are a great way to get back into the groove of things. An early start will be very beneficial and will go a long way in July. Second, please plan your vacations around Red Division week.

With committed swimmers, training, and Gower spirit, I am confident we will have another fun year and still raise the Metcalf Cup at the summer's end.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me anytime at 864-420-7968 or email at chhickerson17@gmail.com.

Go Gower!

Clark Hickerson

Head Coach



Swim Team Coaches

- Clark Hickerson – Head Coach
- Anna Knight – Assistant Head Coach
- Luke Boliek
- Sydney Fisher
- Gray Geddie
- Mattie Hogan
- Barrett Maddox

Guppy Coaches

- Allston Achille – Head Coach
- Ellen Maloney – Head Coach
- Wilkins Norwood
- Thomas Sanders
- Tucker Shaw
- Delaney Wannemacher

2014 Swim Meet Schedule



Thursday, May 29

Thursday, June 5

Thursday, June 12

Thursday, June 19

Thursday, June 26

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

Gower @ Sugar Creek

GCC @ Gower

Orchard Farms @ Gower

Gower @ Stone Lake

Gower @ Woody Creek

RED DIVISION at Gower for 10 & under

RED DIVISION at Gower for 11 & up

Championships* at Westside Aquatic

Classics* at Westside Aquatic

*must qualify for these meets

2014 Swim Practice Schedule

May 12th-22nd, May 27th & 28th, May 30th, June 2nd-4th, & June 6th:

3:30 – 4:30 8 and under, 9 & 10's

4:30 – 5:30 11/12's, 13 and ups

(There is no practice on May 23 or May 26 for Memorial Day weekend)

Beginning Monday, June 9

Morning Practice:

9:00 – 10:00 8 & under AND 9/10 (both pools)

10:00 – 11:00 11/12

11:00 – 12:00 13 & up

12:30 – 1:00 Guppies

1:15 – 1:45 Guppies

2:00 – 3:00 Stroke Clinic

Afternoon Practice:

3:00 – 3:45 8 and under

3:45 – 4:30 9/10

4:30 – 5:15 11/12

5:15 – 6:00 13 & up

Friday Practice:

10:00 – 11:00 10 and under

11:00 – 12:00 11 & up

Important Swim Team Dates

May 5	Last day to register without \$10 penalty
May 12	1st day of practice
May 14	Guppy Practice begins
May 18	Team Picture at 5pm
May 29	Gower @ Sugar Creek
June 5	GCC @ Gower
June 10	8 & under Social at Monkey Joes
June 11	SAIL Night at the Drive
June 12	Orchard Farms @ Gower
June 17	9/10 Social at Skyzone
June 19	Gower @ Stone Lake
June 20	Lake Party for 13 & ups
June 24	11/12 Social at Skyzone
June 26	Gower @ Woody Creek
July 6	Luau
July 11	Red Division for 10 and Under at GOWER
July 12	Red Division for 11 and Up at GOWER
July 22	Gower Banquet

Gower Guppies!

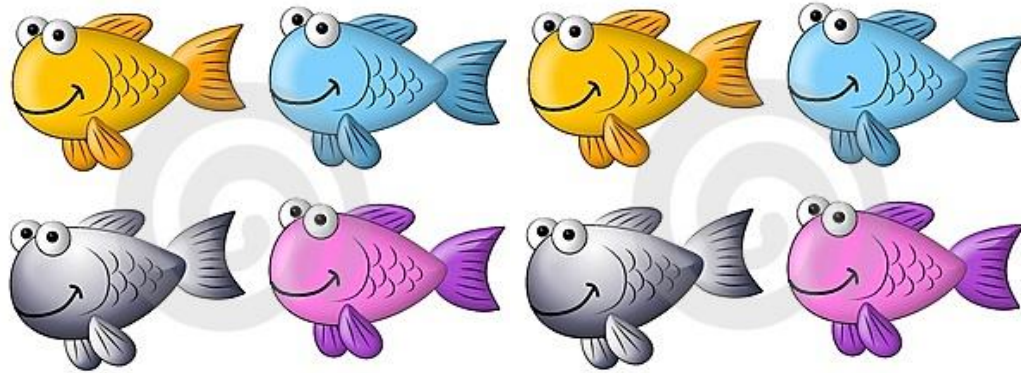
The Guppies program is for young swimmers who may not quite be ready for the regular swim team. The only requirement is that a child be able to swim the width of the pool in any stroke, without stopping, walking on the bottom, or being helped.

There will be a Guppies tryout event in order to test this requirement. Prior to the Guppies tryout event, each Guppy will have the opportunity to attend two practices. Registration fees, minus \$6 SAIL insurance fee, will be returned if there is unforeseen difficulty in achieving the Guppy swimmer's goal and/or happiness. However, this program is not to be considered as a substitute for swimming lessons. There is no age limit in Guppies.

Guppies are part of the Gower Swim Team and will participate in all socials, pep rallies and team photo. Guppies will participate in their own awards ceremony and receive their team gift at that time. Guppies may agree to move up to the regular swim team during the swim season, based on the judgment of the coaches and the permission of the parents. For safety's sake, each Guppy needs an assigned or delegated individual to be available during each practice.

Please email any questions you have to Guppy Moms, Suzy Hwang and Elizabeth Chambers, at guppyswim@gowerpool.com

Don't forget parent volunteers will be needed for snacks and help during meets!!



Guppy Calendar & Practice Schedule

May 16	Tryouts 6:30 – 7:15
May 18	Team Picture (Big Swim Team & Guppies) 4pm
May 19-21	Practice 6:30 - 7:15
May 27-28	Practice 6:30 – 7:15
May 30	Intersquad Meet 5:00
June 2-3	Practice 6:30–7:15
June 4	Guppy Social
June 9-11	Practice 12:30-1:00 (last names A-G), 1:15–1:45 (last names H-Z)
June 11	Guppy Fairy
June 12	Guppy Parade (Big Swim Team against Orchard Farms)
June 13	Stone Lake Meet @ 5:30
June 16-18	Practice 12:30-1:00 (last names A-G), 1:15-1:45 (last names H-Z)
June 23-25	Practice 12:30-1:00 (last names A-G), 1:15-1:45 (last names H-Z)

Memorial Day @ Gower Pool!



Please join your Gower Pool family for lunch on **Memorial Day!**

Monday, May 26, 2014

Lunch will be served from 11:30-1:00 pm

Firehouse Subs will be catering this FREE meal for Gower Members Only

Family Fun Activities will follow lunch.

Mark your calendars ad don's miss this fun!!

Please call or txt Lara Wannemacher at 864-630-5325 with questions