

Gower Pool

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Welcome to another great summer at Gower! Time to break out the sunscreen, towels, and bathing suits, so that you can be ready for a fun filled summer at the pool. The weather is heating up and the swim team has already been in the water, hard at work practicing. The Board of Directors, members, and our pool management company have worked diligently to get the pool ready for this summer. We all look forward to building on the great traditions and friendships of Gower, as well as establishing new Gower relationships that will last a lifetime.

We want to welcome Mary Margaret Bannister and Alison Hayes as our Swim Team Moms this year. They are both longtime supporters of Gower and are excited about the season. Our coaching staff is thrilled to be working with our kids this summer and leading Gower to another Red Division victory!

Thanks also need to go out to last year's Swim Team Parents Chris and Karine Lawrence. They, along with our coaches, were hard-working, wonderful role models who helped lead the Gower Swim Team to another Red Division victory! Thanks also go out to last years' Gower Pool Board President, LeAnne White, who did a fabulous job, and the members who completed their terms on the Pool Board last fall: Harrison Cline, Pat Gray, and Lara Wannemacher. Their efforts were vital and the results of their work will remain a part of Gower. I also want to introduce this year's new members of the Board of Directors: Mary DuPre Caldwell, Karine Lawrence, Lee Scroggins, and Chris Abdella. They join the current Board Members: Matt Vogt, Marci Howle, Cheves Steck, Elizabeth Chambers, Kevin Suddeth, Bruce Bannister, and Bryson Jones.

Also, please remember that our lifeguards help Gower to continue to be a safe place for our families to enjoy the summer. Sweetwater Pools is back again to manage our pool and lifeguards. The lifeguards will diligently enforce our rules and we appreciate your support of the lifeguards and their efforts. Please make sure you review the rules with your children so there



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Gower Pool Board

President – William Brown

Vice President – Matt Vogt

Secretary – Elizabeth
Chambers

Treasurer – Lee Scroggins

Social – Marci Howle,
Mary DuPre Caldwell

Swim Team – Bryson Jones

Maintenance – Kevin
Suddeth, Chris Abdella,
Karine Lawrence

Long Range Planning –
Bruce Bannister

Communications – Cheves
Steck

is no misunderstanding in case a lifeguard needs to talk to them. I encourage all of you to introduce yourself and welcome the lifeguards to the Gower family.

I am happy to report that the financial state of Gower Pool remains strong. Nevertheless, the lower pool continues to leak and the Board is working on plans for replacement or renovation of the lower pool. We hope to be bringing to the membership a final plan for this later in the summer, if all goes well. We know that this will be a great summer filled with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! I look forward to seeing you at the pool.

At Gower, we are loud, proud, and loyal. Gower is loud. We have always shown great spirit and enthusiasm. At meets, our kids out cheer every other team, and even all other teams combined. We are not shy about supporting each other. This spirit is contagious and part of what makes Gower a special place. At Gower, we are proud. Proud of what we have accomplished in the pool. Proud of the dedication and heart that our swimmers show. However, even more so, proud of how we have fun. Many on the outside suggest that we have fun because we win. But, they have it backwards. We win because we are having fun. The fun makes the kids want to succeed for the team and their teammates. At Gower, we are loyal. We have a wonderful sense of family at Gower. People go out of their way to help each other and support each other. Our attitudes, expressions of respect, love of the Gower family and the examples we set for our younger swimmers must continue to be our primary goal. We expect our older swimmers to be leaders and to always lift others up. Safety and proper attitude and manners are part of this family attitude and remain pivotal to the enjoyment of Gower. Embrace and embody the loud, proud, and loyal lifestyle of Gower.

Go Gower!
William Brown
President

Safety on the way to the pool...at the pool...and on the way home...We must always have the safety of our children as our first priority in our neighborhood. We have to remain vigilant about our surroundings. We encourage all members who walk to and from the pool to make sure they are walking with a friend or group. While at the pool please do not let non-members in without going through the main gate, for the safety of all our members. And of course never talk to strangers. Lastly, we must watch out for the other members of our Gower Family, so if you see anything that concerns you please alert a lifeguard or adult as soon as possible.

A Message from Sweetwater Pools

We are so excited about this 2017 Summer season! We have a great staff for you this summer. Several lifeguards will be returning, along with our manager, Macy Kimm. Macy is going to MUSC School of Pharmacy in the fall and we are so excited she is back with us this season. We will be refocusing this summer on both safety and professionalism. We have updated our StarGuard Lifeguarding Program based upon updated research and made changes to our scanning techniques and our lifesaving skills to ensure a safer environment for the patrons and guests of Gower Estates Pool. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time here at the pool this summer more enjoyable phone, text (864-360-5924), or email (lauraharwood@sweetwaterpools.net). We look forward to both a great pool season, as well as, a great swim season for Gower!

Laura Harwood, Staffing Director



Safety is always a primary concern of the Gower Pool Board. The rules that have been adopted for the pool help ensure safe use by all members. We want to encourage each of our members to read and review the pool rules posted on the Gower Pool website.

http://www.gowerpool.com/rules_regulations.php

ALL members are REQUIRED to follow these rules and our lifeguard staff has full authority to enforce them. If you believe that a rule is not being enforced properly, please notify a lifeguard or any member of the Gower Pool Board.

Guests

Guests must be accompanied by a pool member. There is a guest fee of \$3.00 per person, up to a maximum of \$5.00 per family per visit. Guest fees are payable to the attendant upon entering the pool and completing a Guest Registration form. An individual may be a guest a maximum of ten times per year.

Pool members are responsible for advising their guests of all pool rules and regulations. The member is responsible for your guests and their behavior, as well as guests of your children. Please also note that special holiday celebrations, such as Memorial Day, July Fourth, and Labor Day are for members only.

Thank you for your help in making Gower Pool enjoyable for all of our members.





Gower Swim Team



Hello Gower families!

SAIL swimming season is finally here and we are full steam ahead. I am thrilled to be the head coach this year for the biggest and best team around!

To introduce myself a little more, I have been eating, drinking, and breathing Gower since I was born. My two older sisters both swam and were coaches for Gower so it was only appropriate that I follow suit. This will be my second year coaching and my first year as Head Coach. Before this, I swam for the J.L Mann swim team for 6 years and swam for the EAC and YSSC year around teams for multiple years. I am currently a rising senior at Clemson University playing collegiate soccer. I have had many great memories in my life with these different teams, but the moments that impacted my life the most came from my time here at Gower.

Our Staff this years is incredibly talented, energetic, and exceedingly capable. Our promise to you is that we will work diligently to teach your children the best stroke training possible while growing friendships, growing character, and making life long memories with the Gower Family. The goal of our coaching staff is to not only teach your children how to swim, but also to push them outside their comfort zones so that they can find success in unforeseen places. I cannot wait to see what this summer brings and I truly believe your children will look back on this summer remembering it as one of the best summers yet!

Gray Geddie, Carey Turner, Heyward Brown, Delaney Wannemacher, Tucker Shaw, Madelyn Dullea, Wilkins Norwood, and I will be giving lessons to those who want/need them and will see you all at practice! If you have any questions feel free to contact me at jenierickson@att.net.

GO GOWER,

Jeni Erickson



Meet Your 2017
Gower Swim Team Coaches



Jeni Erickson
Head Coach



Grey Geddie
Asst. Head Coach



Heyward Brown



Cary Turner



Tucker Shaw



Madelyn Dullea



Wilkins Norwood



Delaney Wannemacher

2017 Swim Meet Schedule



Friday, June 2

Thursday, June 8

Thursday, June 15

Thursday, June 22

Tuesday, June 29

Friday, July 14

Saturday, July 15

Saturday, July 22

Sunday, July 23

Sugar Creek @ GOWER

GCC @ GOWER

GOWER @ Devenger

GOWER @ Stone Lake

Woody Creek @ GOWER

RED DIVISION at Stone Lake

RED DIVISION for 10 & under

RED DIVISION for 11 & up

Championships* at Westside Aquatic

Classics* at Westside Aquatic

*must qualify for these meets

Directions to all Away Meets are available on the Gower Pool website:

http://www.gowerpool.com/meet_driving_directions.php

2017 Swim Practice Schedule



Beginning Monday, June 5th

Mondays through Wednesdays -

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

2:00 - 3:00	Stroke Clinic
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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

Meet Day Practice (mostly Thursdays) –

June 2, June 8, June 15, June 22, and June 29

10:00 - 10:45	10 and Under
10:45 - 11:30	11 and Up

Friday Practice - Fun Friday

10:00 - 11:00	10 and Under
11:00 - 12:00	11 and Up



Important Swim Team Dates

- June 2 Sugar Creek @ Gower meet
- June 5 8 & under Social at Sky Zone
- June 8 GCC @ Gower meet
- June 12 11/12 Social at Frankie's Fun Park
- June 13 9/10 Social at Roller Time (f/k/a The Skate Place)
- June 15 Gower @ Devenger
- June 22 Gower @ Stone Lake
- June 23 Lake Party for 13 & ups
- June 29 Woody Creek @ Gower
- July 12 SAIL Night at Greenville Drive
- July 9 -15 RED DIVISION WEEK
- July 14 Red Division for 10 and Under at Stone Lake**
- July 15 Red Division for 11 and Up at Stone Lake**
- July 22 & 23 Championships & Classics

July 25 (Tuesday) Gower Banquet



**ALL IT TAKES...
IS ALL YOU'VE GOT
GOWER SWIMMING**

2017 Gower Swim Socials

Sign Up Sheets are at the Pool

Please bring CASH only

8 and under - Sky Zone

Monday June 5 from 6:00 - 7:30

2465 Laurens Road

\$16 cash per swimmer includes pizza and drink

Bring money that night to Sky Zone

and parents must sign waiver.

Parents please fill out the waiver online before you get there!

9/10 - Roller Time (formerly The Skate Place)

Tuesday, June 13 from 6:30 -8:00

2310 River Road Piedmont SC 29673

\$10 cash includes rentals and pizza and bottled water

11/12 - Frankie's Fun Park

Monday, June 12 from 6:30 - 8:00

45 Park Woodruff Drive

Bring your own money - suggested amount \$25

Dinner on your own

13 and Up - Lake Party

Friday, June 23 from 10:30am-3:30pm

Caravan leaves at 9:45am

Be at the pool no later than 9:30am.

Everyone is responsible for their own transportation

\$20 cash includes lunch, drinks, gas for boats

and a full day of fun!

PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

like cookies/chips/etc.!

Please click [here](#) for the Lake Party Waver

Questions, contact Jennifer King at 864-787-1463

GO GOWER!

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 several 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 are encouraged to participate in all socials and pep rallies. 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. We love parent volunteers at meets and to assist with socials and the awards banquet – see one of the Guppy Moms if you are available to help.

Please email any questions you have to Guppy Moms, Taylor Schneider and Elizabeth Jones at guppyswim@gowerpool.com

Ellie Howard, Co-Head Coach

Cooper Shaw, Co-Head Coach

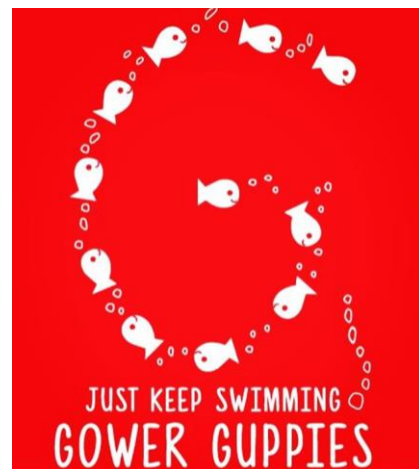
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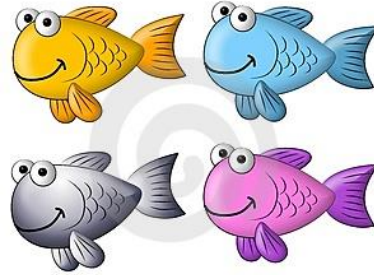
Kirkley Norwood

Sloan Norwood

Matthew Shouse



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



Guppy Calendar & Practice Schedule

- May 30 Tuesday, May 30th - 6:30-7:00.
Tryouts for willing participants will begin at 7:00.
*Swimmers who tryout on Tuesday night should not return to practice on Wednesday and Thursday.
- May 31 Wednesday, May 31st - 6:30-7:00
Tryouts for willing participants will begin at 7:00.
*Swimmers who tryout on Wednesday night should not return to practice on Thursday.
- June 1 Practice - 6:30-7:00
Tryouts for all remaining swimmers will begin at 7:00.
- June 5-7 Practice:
12:30 -1:00 last names A-G
1:15-1:45 last names H-Z
- June 9 Guppy Team Picture at 4:30pm and
Intrasquad Meet at 5:00pm
- June 12-13 Practice:
12:30 - 1:00 last names A-G
1:15 - 1:45 last names H-Z

June 14 Guppy Social: Pump It Up - 5:30

June 15 Practice:
12:30 - 1:00 last names A-G
1:15 - 1:45 last names H-Z

June 16 Intrasquad Meet: 5:00pm

June 19-21 Practice:
12:30 - 1:00 last names A-G
1:15 - 1:45 last names H-Z

June 24 Intrasquad Meet: 10:00am

June 26-28 Practice:
12:30 - 1:00 last names A-G
1:15 - 1:45 last names H-Z

June 28 Guppy Fairy

June 29 Guppy Parade 3:30 (Before Big Swim Team meet)

June 30 Stone Lake Meet: 5:00pm
Banquet following meet

