

Braemar Blaster's Winter Program Information

2014/2015

General program information:

The 2014/2015 Winter Swim program will begin on Sunday, 10/19 and run through Sunday, 5/17 consisting of approximately 23 Sundays. There are two practice times, 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The Blasters will have 4 lanes in the shallow water area and 5 lanes in the deep water area. The shallow water area will be primarily for the swimmers aged 4-8, including those who participated in the MicroBlaster Summer program. The deep water area will be primarily for the swimmers 9 and Older. However, lane placement is the prerogative of the coaching staff and swimmers may be moved amongst the areas and different lanes in order to utilize our lane space, provide the best instruction for our swimmers, as well as ensure a safe swimming environment for all involved. Swimmers in the deep water area **MUST** be able to swim one length of the pool, one stroke, unassisted.

Swimmers are asked to come to practice 15 minutes prior to their designated start time and check-in. Swimmers **MUST** shower prior to entering the pool. We ask that swimmers come to practice with goggles and fins. (Individuals may purchase these at Riptide Swim and Tri in Gainesville).

Families are welcome to watch practice in the upstairs area, the Café area and the bleachers. We ask that parents refrain from observing practice from the deck area, so that our coaches are able to work with our swimmers. Coaches may be available prior to the start of the 3:00 practice and after the 5:00 practice. However, please respect our coaches' time, as they have obligations outside of the Blasters. If you have an issue regarding your swimmer's progress, feel free to send them an email or ask if you can meet with them before or after the practice times. If you have an issue about the program details, please contact any Board member.

Registration information:

1. REGISTRATION FOR ALL BRAEMAR RESIDENTS AND RETURNING BLASTER FAMILIES WILL BEGIN 9/14 AT 10PM.

NOTES: (1) A returning member is defined as a swimmer/family that swam the summer 2014 season with the Braemar Blasters. (2) A Braemar resident is defined as swimmer/family that resides in Braemar either as a homeowner, renter or landlord (meaning they own a home in Braemar, but live outside the community)

2. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC on 9/21 at 10PM.
3. On or after 10/20, there will be charged a \$25.00 late fee per swimmer.
4. FEES: \$170 per Blaster swimmer. There are no multi-swimmer discounts.

5. Swimmers should be registered according to their age as of **06/01/2015**.
6. Registration will be by two age groups and two times. Each age group has a pre-set capped amount. Once the capped amount has been reached for a particular age group and time, families can continue to register swimmers on the wait list. Please see our information below regarding our Wait List policy.
7. Registering for our Winter Swim program will not qualify your swimmer as a returning swimmer for the upcoming summer season.
8. Swimmers must attend the time for which they registered. However, we understand that conflicts do arise and exceptions will be made on an as requested basis. Please contact your Coach and the team president via email to request permission to move times. This will allow us to plan accordingly. We reserve the right to deny this request if lane space is limited during your requested time.

Payment information:

1. Payment will be via check or money order only made out to the Braemar Blasters.
2. Hand delivered payments will not be accepted.
3. Payment is to be remitted to: **Braemar Blasters 10302 Bristow Center Drive PMB 13, Bristow, VA 20136.**
4. Your check must be postmarked no later than seven (7) days from the date of your on-line registration OR your registration will be null and void and you will have to re-register.
5. If you anticipate any payment issues, please contact the treasurer at treasurer@braemarblasters.com.
6. Swimmers will not be approved and considered registered until payment has been received. The team administrator will have 72 hours from the receipt of payment to contact registrants regarding their approval.
7. For new members, account activation may take as long as 48 hours, at which time you will be contacted via the team administrator with information as to how to activate your account.

Wait List Policy:

1. Swimmers will be taken from the wait list on a first come/first serve basis, as long as there is lane space in the appropriate water area.

2. Families will be contacted via email (the one provided during registration) by the Team Administrator and offered a particular time. The family will have 48 hours to respond to our offer.
3. If a family accepts the offer, payment must be postmarked within 7 days from the date of your acceptance via email or your registration will be considered null and void and the space will be offered to the next available swimmer on the wait list.
4. If a family does not accept the offer, we will go to the next swimmer on the list.
5. Spaces are offered to individual swimmers, not families. As such, we may be able to offer a space to one family member on the wait list, but not all family members.

Refund Policy:

1. Up until 10/31/2014, families will be refunded the full amount of their registration fee less a \$25.00 administration fee per swimmer.
2. From 11/1/2014 through 11/30/2014, families will be refunded one-half of their registration fee per swimmer.
3. No refunds will be given after 12/1/2014.
4. There will be no refunds given for missed/cancelled practices.

Inclement Weather/Practice Cancellations

Unfortunately, there will be times that we will be unable to swim due to inclement weather. If Central Park Aquatic Center closes, we will notify everyone as soon as we receive the information. Notifications will be sent out via email and Facebook. At other times, the Braemar Blasters may cancel practice (inclement weather, coaches not able to get to facility due to weather, etc.) even if the Central Park Aquatic Center is still open. Again, we will notify everyone as soon as this decision is made. Notifications will be sent out via email and Facebook.