

KANSAS CITY BLAZERS SWIM TEAM

The Kansas City Blazers are a year-round USA Swimming team. We challenge our athletes to be the best they can be, and teach them to set goals, develop self discipline and to grow as individuals in and out of the pool.

In Missouri, the Kansas City Blazers practice at Longview Recreation Center and at the Lee's Summit R-7 District Aquatic Center. Entry level swimmers will practice at the Lee's Summit District Aquatic Center. Practices for entry level swimmers are offered in the evenings Monday through Thursday. More experienced swimmers will have expanded practice offerings. Tryouts for the fall are September 7, with the regular practice schedule beginning September 14. Meets are offered optionally 1-2 times a month.

Interested in more information about the Blazers in Missouri?

- Contacts:
 - For general information, visit our web site:
www.kcblazers.com
(select the Practice Sites Info tab, then choose KCB East (Missouri), or click [HERE](#)).
 - For questions on practices, meets, and other swimming-related topics, contact our age group coach:
Ann Gibler
CoachAnn.kcblazers@gmail.com
816-607-1161
 - For questions on billing and registration, contact our business manager:
Rosemary Albery
kcblazersemail@yahoo.com
913-593-5547

- Information sessions:
 - **Aug. 23rd** (Mon.) 7pm : Woods Chapel United Methodist Church Foyer
4725 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO
 - **Aug. 24th** (Tues.) 7pm: Lee's Summit High School
400 SE Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO
 - **Aug. 26th** (Thurs.) 7pm: Summit Lakes Middle School
3500 SW Windemere Drive, Lee's Summit, MO

- Tryouts:
 - **September 7th** (Tues.) 7pm: Longview Recreation Center
These tryouts are for both Longview Recreation Center and the Lee's Summit R-7 District Aquatic Center. Tryouts will be followed by two orientation days for new swimmers on September 8th and 9th at the LS R-7 Aquatic Center, 5:30-7pm.
 - **Ongoing:** Tryouts are ongoing throughout the year. Just make an appointment with age group coach Ann Gibler. However, we encourage you to come to the official tryout night on September 7th if your schedule allows for the additional information available that night tailored to new families.
****For entry into our novice-level group, swimmers must demonstrate the ability to swim the length of the pool without stopping.****

USEFUL INFORMATION – 2010-2011 FEE SCHEDULE

Senior Monthly	\$135.00 per month <i>11 – month financial commitment</i>
Gold Monthly	\$110.00 per month <i>11 - month financial commitment</i>
High School-Gold	\$130.00 per month NO month to month financial commitment
Advanced Blue	\$100.00 per month (3 or more practices per week)
Blue	\$85.00 per month (3 practices per week)
Novice	\$75.00 per month (2 or more practices per week)

Senior and Gold Groups are an 11-month financial commitment and require a parent signed financial agreement. Monthly training fees will be billed regardless of swimmer absence due to the High School Swim Season or other activities. Swimmers will be responsible for 11 months of training fees, regardless of the month they begin swimming. Swimmers who decide to leave the team prior to the end of the 2010- 2011 Season will be responsible for payment of the training fees for the remainder of the season.

High School-Gold: is a monthly training group established to meet the needs of High School aged swimmers only. High school aged, Gold-level swimmers will be allowed to take time off for their High School seasons without monthly training fee obligation. Swimmers who do elect to take this option must declare it upon registration and are required to pay HS Gold fees for the entire season for the months of their participation. The following season, HS Gold group swimmers may elect to register with the Gold group (11 month financial commitment) if they do not plan to take off for the High School Season. High School Gold group swimmers' parents will have the same volunteer hour commitment and will be asked to help support our hosted swim meets during the High School season, even if their swimmers will not be participating in the Blazer meets. Swimmers' accounts must be current in order to return to Blazers after their High School season.

Multi-Swimmer Family Discount – There is a multi-swimmer discount for families with more than one swimmer. Members pay 100% of your highest group swimmer; the second and subsequent swimmer(s) will receive a 20% discount or reduction of their fee. **Change in policy as of September 2010**, the multi swimmer discount will no longer be offered to new swimmers joining the team for the 2010-2011 season. Returning families will be “grandfathered” under the old policy listed above until they no longer have multiple swimmers.

Payment of Fees: Monthly training and meet fees are billed on the 21st of each month and are due on the 20th of the following month. Checks are to be made payable to K. C. Blazers and mailed to:

Kansas City Blazers East
P.O. Box 2388
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

WEBSITE: ALL families must have an email address to have a log in for our website www.kcblazers.com for billing. We do NOT U.S. Mail monthly statements. You may view your statement any time on our site and view practice calendars, news events, and declare meet intentions.

Delinquency Policy: Fees are due to be paid and *received* by the 20th of the month. Accounts whose payments are not received by the 20th of the month will be charged a late fee of \$15.00 per month. Accounts with fees that are 60 days past due will be cause for removal of all swimmers in the family from swim meets until the account is made current. Fees 90 days past due may be cause for removal of all swimmers in the family from practice and meets until the account is current. Swimmers who leave the team with unpaid accounts will be reported to Missouri Valley Swimming and will not be released to attach to a new team until all fees are paid in full.

Annual Family Fees: The Annual Family Fee pays for relays, team events, computer upgrades, team telephone lines, team website access, mailings, copies, etc. All Families with participating swimmers will be required to pay the Annual Family Fee of \$150.00 upon registration each season. The family fee will be reduced to \$100.00 for families who join after December 31, and reduced to \$50.00 for families who join the team after March 31.

Families with swimmers only participating in Seasonal Clinics will not be required to pay the Family Fee. This fee is non-refundable.

Escrow Accounts: Each Blazer family is required to establish an escrow account to pay for entry fees for individual events in USA Swimming sanctioned meets and other miscellaneous expenses. An initial deposit of \$40 is required to establish the account. The escrow account will be used to pre-pay for swim meets your child(ren) is entered in. Once the event is complete your account will be charged for the cost of the meet entry. It is simply a deposit on your account and will be refunded if you leave the program.

Meets & Coaches Fee: A fee of \$5.00 is billed for each local meet a swimmer enters to provide for the expenses incurred in staffing coaches at swim meets. A fee of \$15.00 is billed for each out of town meet that is in the Missouri Valley area. A fee of \$25.00 is billed for each out to town meet that is outside of the Missouri Valley area. A fee of \$50.00 is billed for National level meets. This fee is added to the individual entry fees for each swimmer.

Annual Hospitality Fee: This fee of \$20 will help offset the cost of hospitality service at our 5 swim meet the East Side hosts. As a host, we provide 60-70 people (coaches and officials) with nourishing & enjoyable meals as they are not able to leave the facility during the meet.

USA Swimming Registration Fee: This fee will establish the swimmer's amateur status as a competitive swimmer, and provide insurance coverage during swim practice sessions and meets. The fee for a Full Year Athlete is \$52.00 for the 2010 – 2011 swim year and is established by and paid in full to USA Swimming. This non-refundable fee is due at registration, before practices begin.

Team Fundraiser: Our team participates in the annual Swim-A-Thon held in conjunction with USA Swimming. Families with one swimmer are required to raise a minimum of \$100.00 in pledges or donations. Families with two or more swimmers are required to raise a minimum of \$150.00 in pledges or donations. Families who do not fulfill the minimum pledge obligation will be billed. With the Swim-A-Thon taking place in the latter part of October, payment of Swim-A-Thon monies are due on or before November 15th. Swim-A-Thon donations are tax deductible. Details of how families can also earn non-refundable escrow credits for the current season are detailed in the "Swim-A-Thon Incentives Flier" distributed in October.

Additional Fundraising requirement of \$50 per family has been added to each family. This can be met in numerous ways.

- Additional Swim A thon fund raised
- Selling at least \$50 in cookie dough
- Trivia Night participation – purchase an entry ticket for \$20/person
- Providing a basket for auction-value depends on basket
- A combination of all of the above.

Volunteer Hour Commitment: Each family has a volunteer commitment based on your highest level swimmer. Supporting team sponsored swim meets and fundraisers is an integral part of KC Blazer participation. Families joining after March 31 will be required to fulfill ½ of the originally required volunteer hours. Volunteer hours that have not been completed by the end of the swim season will be billed at \$25 per hour.

Volunteer Hours Required

New Novice and New Blue (1st year) - 20 Hours

Returning Novice and Blue - 30 Hours

Advanced Blue - 30 Hours

Gold and High School Gold - 40 Hours

Senior - 40 Hours

GETTING STARTED!!!

1. Please join us for one of our New Swimmer Information Nights to be held the week of August 23. See first page for times and locations.
2. Please come to Placement Night on September 7th at 7 PM to be held at Longview Recreation Center, 3801 SW Longview Rd, Lee's Summit, MO.
3. Fill out the new swimmer form, in the bleachers, while the coach watches the swimmer perform one 25 yds of each stroke. (Free, Back, Breast and Fly)
4. Based on their technique the coach will recommend placement of the swimmer in the appropriate training group. Novice, Blue, Advanced Blue or Gold.
5. Move over to the registration table where you will be given information on registering online.
6. Come to NEW SWIMMER PRACTICE/ORIENTATION NIGHTS on Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th at the LS R-7 Aquatic Center from 5:30pm - 7pm.
7. Leave your name and number for the coach if you have specific questions or needs concerning your child.
8. Online Registration is due the week of September 14th.
9. Please plan on attending the MANDATORY PARENT MEETING Monday, September 13 at Lee's Summit High School.