

2010-2011 SWIM YEAR

Dear prospective BLAZER Families –

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAM!

Every year the Blazer Coaching Staff holds three informative meetings for future Blazers to learn more about who we are and what we do. We will be discussing our competitive program and philosophies. You will also receive information on practice times, locations, fees, and training equipment. These meetings are not mandatory, but strongly suggested as we believe they will answer a large majority of your questions. Below are the date and locations for each meeting, please plan to attend one. Swimmers are welcome but they may become bored as we will just be sharing information at this time. Thank you. **GO BLAZERS!**

Roeland Park Community Center Monday, August 23rd 7-8:30

4840 Rosewood, Roeland Park – From 51st Street go north on Rosewood to dead end, Community Center straight ahead, inside in classroom

Nottingham By the Green Clubhouse Wednesday, August 25th 7-8:30

127th Street between Quivira and Pflumm, turn south on Oakmont, clubhouse on right

Blue Valley West High School Thursday, August 26th 7-8:30

165th and Antioch - the pool is located in the far southwest corner of building.



What to do next?

1. Please come to Placement Night, Tuesday, September 7th, 6:00 Pm – 7:30 PM. (Limited space is available and will be handled on a first come- first serve basis.)
 - a. Roeland Park/Shawnee Mission North at Shawnee Mission North (Johnson Dr and Metcalf)
 - b. Olathe at California Trail Jr High (134th and Pflumm)
 - c. Blue Valley North High School (123rd and Glenwood)
 - d. Blue Valley West High School (165th and Antioch)
2. Fill out a New Swimmer Form, in the bleachers, while the coach watches the swimmer perform one 25 of each stroke (fly, back, breast, free). Remember they are looking for technique not speed.
3. Based on their technique, the Coach will recommend placement of the swimmer in an appropriate training group: Novice, Blue or Advance Blue, or Gold.
4. Head over to the Registration Table to receive your Registration information on how to register on our website. Be prepared to know what days you would like to swim: Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday OR 3 or more.
5. Come to NEW SWIMMER PRACTICE/ ORIENTATION: Wednesday Sept 8 and Thursday Sept 9, 6-7:30pm. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
6. Leave your name and number with the coach if you have specific questions or needs concerning your child.
7. REGISTRATION online is due by Thursday, September 9th with payment.
8. Please plan on attending the MANDATORY PARENT MEETING: (please confirm dates on schedule, times will be announced at a later date but will be held during practice times)
 - a. Blue Valley West – Monday, September 20th
 - b. Blue Valley North – Tuesday, September 21st
 - c. Roeland Park/Shawnee Mission North – Wednesday, September 22nd in the library at SMN High School
 - d. California Trail - Thursday, September 23rd

Team Uniforming available for purchase at the above meetings.

USEFUL INFORMATION: 2010 – 2011 FEE SCHEDULE

Elite Team	11-month commitment (11 x \$140)
Gold Team	11 month commitment (11 x \$115)
Senior	\$145.00 per month
Advanced Blue	\$105.00 per month
Blue 3	\$90.00 per month (3-5 practices per week)
Blue 2	\$80.00 per month (2 practices per week, M/W or T/Th)
Blue Novice	\$80.00 per month (2 practices per week M/W or T/Th)

Senior Group is a group established to meet the needs of high school aged swimmers only. They have fundraising and volunteer hour requirements. This program is not available at each site.

Payment of Fees: Monthly fees are billed around the 21st of each month and are due by the 20th of that month. You may pay by ACH or credit card on our website which will incur a fee or mail a check made payable to K. C. Blazers and **mailed** to:

**KC Blazers
P. O. Box 26193
Overland Park, KS 66225-6193**

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.

Proration of monthly training fees is forbidden. If a swimmer attends any practice during the month, the month's training fee is due. You must give 30 days written notice to the Business office when withdrawing from the team. All fees are non-refundable.

Delinquency Policy: Fees are expected to be paid by the 20th of the month billed. Fees past due will be charged a late fee of \$15.00. There is a \$20.00 late fee for all account 60 days past due. Fees past 90 days will be cause for removal of all swimmers in the family from practice and meets until the account is current.

Annual Family Fee: The Annual Family Fee is \$150.00 per family and will be billed to all Blazer families. This fee is payable at registration. These funds pay for relays, computer upgrades, mailings, copies, etc. 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 \$30.00 per family is required to establish the account. The Business Manager will maintain a record for each family. It is simply a deposit on your account and will be refunded if you leave the program.

Meet 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 of town meet that is outside of the Missouri Valley area. A fee of \$50 is billed for National level meets.

Hospitality Fee: There will be a \$25.00 hospitality fee for each family. This will be billed the first month after registration. This provides the hospitality committee the flexibility and funds to facilitate its operations for all events. This fee is non-refundable.

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 is \$52.00 for the swim year. This non-refundable fee is due at registration.

Fundraising: Each Elite, and Gold swimmer will have a \$150 fundraising responsibility for Swim-a-thon. Advanced Blue swimmers will have a \$100 responsibility to Swim-a-thon.

Volunteer Program- In addition to monthly dues, **each swim team family is required to provide service hours each swim year to support the team.** These hours will need to be fulfilled between September and August. Your family may complete their hours by working at meets, triathlons or completing other jobs that can be done either partially or entirely at home. Families with swimmers in multiple groups are responsible for fulfilling the obligation of the highest-ranking swimmer. **Upon enrollment families are required to declare their intention to satisfy their service requirement.** This will allow the team time to help families choose the best method for them to satisfy their commitment. There is a financial option to this plan in lieu of service hours. Since we are in need of volunteer hours, we would prefer families **not** take this option. We value each service hour at \$15.00/hour. If your family chooses to pay the fee, the year's obligation would be ***\$150.00 for novice/blue and senior swimmers are \$225.00 and \$300.00 for advanced blue and \$450.00 for gold and \$525 for elite.*** If this is your choice, a check for the full amount should be received within 30 days of enrollment in the KCB swim program. Any family who fails to satisfy their annual service hours' commitment will be billed \$12.00 per un-worked hour at the end of their swim season. **Please remember, it is the obligation of each family to keep the Volunteer Tabulator informed of all hours they have worked thru our web site at www.kcblazers.com.**

We hope that all families will choose to fulfill their service hours; this is a great way to get involved with our team.

Novice and Blue	10 hours per family
Advanced Blue	20 hours per family
Senior	15 hours per family
Gold	30 hours per family, mandatory participation at LC Division 1 meet