

Valleybrook Gators Swim Team
Information for New Swimmers

Registration Week: May 26-May 30

Tryouts: May 28, June 2nd and 4th, by appointment

- In order to join the swim team a child must be able to swim two laps of the pool without touching the bottom. He/she must be able to swim 1 lap of freestyle and one lap of backstroke. Try outs will begin at 5:30 p.m. on May 28th, June 2nd and June 4th. Each family must make an appointment. The coaches will watch your child swim to determine whether he/she is ready to join the team.
- Practices begin on May 26th and run Monday – Friday until meets begin. We will also offer morning practices when schools let out for the summer.
- Practice times: Session 1 - 6-6:30 p.m. OR 9 – 9:30 a.m.
Session 2 - 6:30-7:15 p.m. OR 9 – 9:45 a.m.
Session 3 - 7:15-8:30 p.m. OR 9- 10 a.m.

Questions concerning a swimmer's practice time can be discussed with the coaches.

- Meets will be held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, either at Valleybrook or another Harford County facility.
- The Valleybrook Mini-Meet is the team's largest fundraiser! The meet will be held on **Saturday, June 6th at Magnolia Middle School**. We need **all** families to participate in order to fill all the necessary jobs. Since this meet is for swimmers ages 12 and under, we also count on our 13 and over swimmers to volunteer.
- All summer swim teams are volunteer organizations. **We need 35 volunteers to run each dual meet.** With an average of 50 families on the team, this means that an adult or responsible family member needs to work at least half of the meets. In fairness to the parents who have consistently worked every meet, we will be enforcing strict rules about parent participation. **If your family cannot volunteer at the dual meets, we ask that you not register your child to swim.**
- **** Besides the swim team registration fee, there are two meets that have additional fees per event. There is also a team requirement that they must purchase and wear a team cap to each meet(this is optional for boys)**

Please contact Doretta Davies with questions at 410-592-2692.