

2017-2018 Blount County High School Team Schedule
Swim Meets and Fundraising Events
Two Teams; One Family!

Date and Time	Schools	Location
Monday, November 6; 5:30 PM	McMinn Central HS and Alcoa HS	Athens YMCA
Monday, November 20; 5:45 PM	Gatlinburg Pittman HS and Alcoa HS	Gatlinburg Community Ctr
Thursday, November 30; 5:30 PM	Cocke County HS and Alcoa HS	Newport Community Ctr
Friday, December 8; 4:00 PM	Fundraiser at WBHS Game vs HHS	William Blount HS
Saturday, December 9; 8:00 AM	Pigeon Forge Invitational	Pigeon Forge Community Ctr
Saturday, December 16; TBA	Ray Bussard Invitational	UT Aquatic Center
Saturday, January 13; 8:00 AM	Pigeon Forge Invitational	Pigeon Forge Community Ctr
Tuesday, January 16; 5:30 PM	Cocke County HS/ SENIOR night!	Newport Community Center
Friday, January 19; 4:00 PM	Fundraiser at HHS Game vs WBHS	Heritage HS
Saturday, January 20	KISL Championship Meet	UT Aquatic Center

For qualifying swimmers only:

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 9 & 10	TISCA State Championship	UT Aquatic Center
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Details for each meet will be shared as soon as available but generally a week in advance. Please mark these dates on your calendars now. There will be a sign up for each meet. if you do not sign up, you will not swim. Parents are needed as volunteers in many ways at meets so please plan to attend. There will also be a sign up for parents to volunteer at each meet. It can be good fun to help out at our meets!

Generally, weekday meets start at 5:30 or 5:45 warm ups at the pool location. We will have a bus for those that need transportation to the meets on weekdays. The bus typically leaves at 4:15 PM. Sign up for the bus is first come, first serve. Swimmers will have to find their own transportation for meets on weekends.

Swimmers can ride to and/or from any meet with parents or other team members but this is arranged on your own not through the school or team.

Fundraisers are for all swimmers no matter the location. All swimmers are expected to contribute food and to help at the event. Parents are also welcome and it becomes a good time to talk and be together for both teams. We set up before the first game and will clean up at the Varsity Game half time.

Coach Wanda

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865-216-4047 simple texts, please

Meet Reminders:

- **Parents are essential at meets as volunteers.** We need timers, scorekeepers, finish judges and stroke and turn judges. Pick a role you are comfortable doing but **please volunteer!**
- **Swimmers: Do not wear any jewelry** to a swim meet.
- Do not bring any valuables that can be lost or stolen.
- **Be on time and sign in and out with the coach.** Do not just leave a message with someone!
- Bring towels, drink, healthy snacks, sweat suit or deck clothing to wear at meet, swim cap, goggles, team suit and small amount of spending money for a snack on the way home.
- **At the end of your race, wait in the water until ALL swimmers finish the race. Congratulate the swimmers in the lanes next to you no matter who wins or what happens.**
- **During a relay, do not leave the starting block area until the relay is over.** Cheer for your relay teammates!
- **Remain on the pool deck until the meet ends. Do not leave just because you swam your last event.** Cheer for your team and stay with them until the meet is over!
- **Be polite to all swimmers, parents, coaches and officials.**
- **Cooperate with all officials running the meet. Do not argue.** If needed, get your coach to help.
- **If you cannot attend a meet, it is very important to make the coach aware in advance.** This affects all swimmers and can prevent other swimmers from competing in relays. Think like a team and consider the impact of your decisions and actions on others especially your teammates!

Fundraisers for this year:

- Fundraisers are absolutely necessary in order to keep our teams going this year and next! We are expected to raise every dollar of swim team expenses including the pool rental, league fees, meet fees, bus rentals and so on. ***Every swimmer and all parents are asked to contribute to the chili/soup fundraiser with food items and assistance as needed. All swimmers are expected to be present for the fundraiser events no matter where they are located! Parents are asked to attend and help if at all possible. These events are fun and easy if we all chip in.***
- There will be other fundraising opportunities that will come up so do your best to participate and contribute! If you do not contribute we may have to ask you for a donation to that fundraiser.

Parent Reps:

- Our parent reps work hard to keep us organized so please let them know what you can do to help at meets, fundraisers and other team activities!

Our parent reps:

- **Heritage:** Shannon Campbell, cell: 865-705-6844 scampbell@smch.org
- **William Blount:** Jackie Strickland, cell: 865-556-8224 jkmnm@comcast.net

Practices:

- Be sure to drink water or a sport drink before, during and after any practice or meet. No glass containers, please. Be sure to stretch before and, especially, after practices.
- We will practice on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 7:30 – 9 PM at the Green Meadow pool unless we have a swim meet or as advised by the coach. We do practice during school breaks. There are times when unexpected weather will cause us to cancel practice or a meet. We will communicate via e-mail, printed announcements and text messages whenever possible. Feel free to contact the coach or parent rep at any time. We also have a Facebook page to share information and photos.

Letter Awards:

- You should be present at all practices and meets. A written excuse (from your parent/guardian if you are under 18) is requested for any practices, meets or fundraisers to be missed. This can be a paper copy or an e-mail to the coach. Do not simply tell the coach at practice or a meet. Do not leave a voice mail or text. Put it in writing. The only valid excuses are other school events, illness or unavoidable health related appointments.
- To qualify for a Letter Award, a swimmer must attend 80% of practices and meets, show improvement in skills and technique plus earn points for the team at a swim meet. It is also important to demonstrate respect for the coach, parents and teammates while actively participating in all team events.