



BELLEWOOD

BARRACUDAS

Swim Team Information

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Bellewood Country Club Swim Team



Bellewood Country Club is home to the Barracudas, which is a summer swim team that is swimmer focused. The purpose of the team is to teach the sport of swimming to interested individuals, teach proper technique that will last a lifetime, teach water skills to keep children safe, and it's a great way to keep your child physically active and conditioned.

Also, it is a great place for your children to make new friends that they will be seeing throughout their time at Bellewood Country Club!

Meet the Coaches

Coach Michael

Michael was a competitive swimmer for 19 years. He swam for Upper Darby High School and University of Pittsburgh.

He earned All American status as a high school swimmer as well as a collegiate swimmer.

He has been coaching in the Tri - County League for 10 years. This is his 7th season as coach of Bellewood.

He coaches year round with TOPS swimming.

He is a USA Certified Swim Coach.

Coach Colin

Colin grew up swimming in the Tri-County League. He swam for OJR High School and Bloomsburg University.

In college, he was an NCAA Qualifier and an All American Honorable Mention.

Colin has over 10 years coaching experience gaining experience at Laurelwood Swim Club and is an Assistant Swim Coach for OJR High School. Colin also coaches for TOPS Swimming.

He is a USA Certified Swim Coach.

Meet the Coaches

Coach Emery

Emery was a competitive swimmer for 11 years. She grew up swimming for Bellewood and swam at OJR in high school where she was a district and state qualifier.

She currently attends the University of South Carolina and is business major studying Finance, Marketing, and Management.

This will be her 3rd year coaching for the Barracudas. She also lifeguards and teaches swim lessons at Bellewood.

Coach TBD

Swim Team Reps!

Maggie Hobbs

Hi! I'm Maggie, and I'm excited to serve as the team rep for the Bellewood Barracudas. I have a 9-year-old son, Brooks, and this will be his 4th year swimming with the Barracudas. Our family truly loves the Bellewood community and everything this swim team represents.

Summer swim creates a lifetime of memories — it brings kids and families together, gives us all a reason to enjoy summer nights at the pool, and helps build confidence both in and out of the water. As team rep, I'm excited to help enhance the program, grow the team, and support our swimmers as they continue to advance their skills and become incredible swimmers.

I'm really looking forward to what's to come this season at Bellewood and watching our kids grow, compete, and have fun along the way.

Go Barracudas! 

Katie Tiver

Excited to be the team rep with Maggie this summer season. We want to make sure our swimmers have an incredible experience in the pool while also keeping things as organized and stress free as possible for families.

Please reach out with any questions. Looking forward to a great season!

Coaching

- **Teach proper swim technique, sport rules, and water safety.**
- **Encourage swimmers to want to get better.**
- **Inspire swimmers to do something hard and challenge themselves.**
- **Promote sportsmanship and kindness towards others.**
- **Make friends and have fun!**



Swim Team Swimmer

Expectations

- **Your swimmer should be comfortable swimming the length of the pool without any assistance. This will look like swimming on their stomach with their head in the water and taking breathes when needed.**
- **Swimmers need to attend practices to be eligible to compete in meets.**
- **Every swimmer is expected to attend both home and away swim meets.**
- **If your swimmer is unable to attend swim meets, they should not sign up for the swim team.**
- **If your swimmer is unable to attend swim practices, they should not sign up for the swim team.**

Little Barracuda Swim

The Little Barracuda swim program is a bridge between swim lessons and swim team. **Sign ups at the Pool's Guard Office!**

- This is for swimmers who are not quite ready for the swim team.
- Swimmers can be apart of this program without joining the Team.
- Little Barracudas will practice for 45 minutes each morning Monday - Thursday during the swim season.
- Swimmers in this program can transition onto the team during the season if their skills improve and their coaches feel they are ready.
- Swimmers in this program may swim a lap of freestyle at our last home duel meet before the meet starts to show off their skills.

Swim Team Parent Expectations

Be an active member of the Team!

- **Learn about the sport and volunteer!**
- **Learn how to use ACTIVE - our online communication tool.**
- **Use positive motivation with your swimmer and let the coaches coach.**
- **Please refrain from talking with coaches while swimmers are in the water. Use email or wait till practices are over to address questions.**
- **Learn the different jobs**
 - **Starter, Official, Stroke and Turn, Timer, Snack Table, Ready Bench, Scorer, Meet Set Up and Meet Clean Up.**

Volunteer Expectations

Be an active member of the Team.

- **Expect to Volunteer during each swim meet.**
- **ACTIVE will be used to select your volunteering role.**
- **Check the Bellewood Members' Pool Tab for a description of the jobs.**
 - **This tab is on the Bellewood Website.**
- **We will offer Training.**
- **We can not start meets without all positions filled.**

Practice Schedule

Practices will be in the evenings until schools are out and the pools are open full time. We only have 3 lanes for these practices.

- 5:30 - 6:00 - All 8 and under swimmers
- 6:00 - 6:30 - All 9 and 10 year olds
- 6:30 - 7:00 - All 11 and 12 year olds
- 6:30 - 8:00 - All 13 and Over swimmers - 30 min dryland, 60 min swim.
- Monday - Thursday Evenings - No Friday Night Practices

Once schools close and the pools are open normal hours, practices will be held in the mornings. These time are subject to change based on registration.

- 8:30 - 10:00 Advanced Practice
- 10:00 - 11:00 Intermediate Practice and Beginner Practice
- Each Morning - Monday - Friday

Evening Practices will continue - Mon & Wed 6:30 - 8 pm.

Practice Expectations

- Show up to your practice session on time. That means ten minutes before to get ready to be in the pool at the session's start time.
- Be prepared - Suits, Goggles, Caps, Fins, **Water Bottles**
 - Older swimmers with equipment bags, should bring their bags to practice.
- ★ Practices are designed to give your swimmer what they need. If you are late the body is not getting the preparation it needs to be successful later on in the workout.
- ★ Practices teach the skills and build the body and mind to be prepared during meets and successful in their races.
- ★ It is very important for swimmer development to attend practices the day of meets and the mornings after meets.

Meet Schedule

2026 Tri-County Swim League Meet Schedule		
June 16th - Tuesday 	AWAY	HOME
	Laurelwood @	Bellewood
	North End @	Hillside
	Skippack @	Nine Oaks
June 23rd - Tuesday 	AWAY	HOME
	Nine Oaks @	Laurelwood
	Skippack @	Hillside
	Bellewood @	North End
June 25th - Thursday	Senior Invitational	
	@ Nine Oaks	
June 27th - Saturday <i>Rain Date</i>	Cookie Classic Invitational	
June 28th - Sunday 	@ North End	

June 30th - Tuesday 	AWAY	HOME
	Hillside @	Bellewood
	Laurelwood @	Skippack
	North End @	Nine Oaks
July 7th - Tuesday 	AWAY	HOME
	Skippack @	Bellewood
	Nine Oaks @	Hillside
	Laurelwood @	North End
July 14th - Tuesday 	AWAY	HOME
	Hillside @	Laurelwood
	North End @	Skippack
	Bellewood @	Nine Oaks

Swim Meets - Arrival @4:30, Warmups 5:00 or 5:30, Meets Start around 6:20 pm.

Swim Meet Expectations

It is a league requirement that all swimmers must compete in at least 2 dual meets to be eligible to swim in the championship meets. It is the coaches' expectation that swimmers swim in all the swim meets!

Championship Meets

Saturday Morning, 7/18 - Senior Champs @ Hillside - 13 and Older

Monday Evening, 7/20 - A Champs @ Nine Oaks - Time Standard 12 - Under

Tuesday Evening, 7/21 - B Champs @ North End - 12 - Under

It is my expectation that all swimmers participate in their championship meet.

How does a meet start on time?

- ★ All swimmers show up on time and we have complete attendance.
- ★ All Volunteers show up on time and report to their jobs.
- ★ Coaches from both teams get their line ups to the scorers table by 5:00.

**** If swimmers do not show up or shows up late without communicating with a coach - it takes coaches about 20 to 30 minutes to make changes to the line up per child. One missing swimmer effects the whole age group. Relays need to change, lane assignments need to change, heats need to be reseated, swimmers need to be removed from events and other swimmers will need to be added to new events.**

Team Registration and Active



- **Active - site for registration**
- **Active is a Website - Not an App.**
- **Team Cost - \$225 per swimmer**
- **Meet Attendance - Must Accept or Decline and SAVE!!!**
- **Swimmer Results and Best Times**
- **Active will be Used for Team Communication.**
 - **Text or Email**
 - **Practice Information**
 - **Cancellations due to weather or other problems**
 - **Meet Information**
 - **Locations and other important information.**

Bellewood Barracuda Team Store

- **Swim Outlet Store - Spirit Wear and Swim Equipment**
 - <https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/bellewoodbarracudas>
 - This is for all your spirit wear and swim needs!

Team Caps and Suits

- **Team Caps will be ordered at Registration**
- **Team Suits Toad Hollow Athletics**
 - [Bellewood Team Suit - Toad Hollow](#)
 - **Questions on Sizing – Contact Amy Donovan - amy1@toadhollowathletics.com**
 - **Toad Hollow - 610-640-0594**

Who do I contact with my Questions?

Swim Related Questions

Coach Michael - mgrube@bellewoodgolf.com

Coach Colin - aquatics@bellewoodgolf.com

Active / Registration Questions

bellewoodbarracudas@gmail.com

Volunteering Questions

Kelly Lindenmuth - djandkel@comcast.net

Marie McGuire - mariemcguire11@gmail.com



Marie

Kelly

Team Work, Commitment,

Being part of a team is a huge commitment! We have to have the mindset that this is a sport, this is a team, this is our club and we need to be committed to it. All swimmers and all parents are needed! We need to show up!

Showing up means we give the children the best experience!

**INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT
TO A GROUP EFFORT -
THAT IS WHAT MAKES
A TEAM WORK,
A COMPANY WORK,
A SOCIETY WORK,
A CIVILIZATION WORK.**

- VINCE LOMBARDI -

Important Dates Coming

Up!

**Swim Team Q&A - Sunday, April 26th
@ Bellewood Club House Library - 3:00 pm**

Team Registration - Opens May 1st
Link will be shared by Bellewood Communication Email.

First Swim Practice - Tuesday, May 26th

Swim Team Banquet and C Champs - Wed, August 12th