



7/27/25- Final Update of the Summer

Hello, Bluefin Families...

The season has finally come to an end. We all deserve a vacation and some time to recover from a busy 2 months. This is the final newsletter for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back next summer!

Congrats to all Mid-Cap swimmers!

Your medals will be in your folder in the bin later today. Stop out at the pool and let the front desk know you are picking up your swim medals.

***Anyone who didn't receive meet, invitational, and championship ribbons, please stop by the pool and get them in the next few weeks. Let the front desk know you are picking up your swim ribbons. PLEASE NOTE: I have not yet received all-star ribbons.**

New swimmers

If you were a new swimmer this season and were not at the end-of-season picnic, please stop by the pool to pick up your new swimmer gift- a WWD towel. There is a large box in the garage that has a list of those who did not receive their towel. Please cross off your name when you take yours. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you coaches for growing our swimmers and building team spirit!

Thank you families for early mornings and for filling all the jobs every single time!

Thank you swimmers for putting in the time and doing your best!

Thank you WWD Club for partnering with us!

Thank you Bluefins Board for the countless behind-the-scenes hours!

Recruit

We are always looking for more swimmers to continue to grow our team! Please invite your friends and family to join our summer team. Any interested families should email me, wwdstboard@gmail.com, as I have started an email list to send info to in the spring.



Fridge/Freezer: Our fridge and freezer in the garage have seen better days. If anyone is looking to replace your personal fridge or freezer and would like to donate your old one (still in decent shape), please reach out.

WWD Swim Team Board Opening

Interested in joining our board? We have the following positions open for the 2026 season:

- Spirit Wear Coordinator

- Member at Large position(s)- someone who is on the board without a specific job, looking to shadow and take over the following year

In 2-3 years we will have 4-5 board members leaving (as their kids age out). So, we welcome everyone now to start learning the ropes. Please reach out if you are interested in joining us.

UNTIL NEXT SUMMER...

Tails up, Bluefins!

Lindsay



7/20/25

Hello, Bluefin Families...

We've made it to the end of the season! This is always an exciting (and somewhat exhausting) week of swimming - hard to believe the early mornings are almost done!

Congratulations to all those who swam at Divisionals (66 swimmers) and All Stars (35 swimmers) this weekend. We had some great swims this weekend, with LOTS of time dropped (many HUGE) on both days. And, we will be taking **23 swimmers** to Mid Caps on Saturday! That's AWESOME! Way to go, Bluefins!

Practice for this week will only be for those swimmers who qualified for Mid Caps.
BUT ALL FAMILIES should read TIL THE END FOR IMPORTANT INFO

This Week's Schedule:

Monday: **No Practice! Sleep in!**

Tuesday: Mid Caps practice **8:00-9:15** for all who qualified

Wednesday: Mid Caps practice **8:00-9:15** & **End of Season Picnic 6-8:30**

Thursday: Mid Caps practice **8:00-9:15**

Friday: Short practice for Mid Caps swimmers - **8:00 - 8:45**

Saturday: Mid Caps Championships (See info below).

Bleacher Return: We are in need of some strong men (or women) to help return the bleachers to the fairground on Monday, July 21 at 6:30 PM (meet at the pool). Please sign up using this [event link](#). Thanks in advance!

Wednesday, July 23- **END OF SEASON CELEBRATION**

6:00-8:30 WWD Swim Club

We will provide fried chicken & ask you to bring something to share. Bring lawn chairs and sit "down below" on the basketball court. **We have plenty of drinks leftover from this season. No need to bring your own!**



Saturday, July 26: [Mid-Caps at Central York](#)

For those who qualified at All-Stars only

Central York High School

601 Mundis Mill Road

York, PA 17406

Arrive by TBD

Warm-up 8:00 or 8:25

	Session 1	Session 2	One-Way Sprints
MPSL Teams	8:00 AM to 8:20 AM	8:25 AM to 8:45 AM	8:45 AM to 8:55 AM

Meet starts at 9:15 AM

Scratch Meeting: 7:45 AM

Officials Meeting: 8:15 AM Through double doors by starting blocks

Timers Meeting: 8:45 AM Through double doors by starting blocks

Spectator Admission is \$5 (12 and over)

Tee-Shirts: All swimmers who qualify for Mid Caps will be given a tee-shirt.

Team Seating: Inside the **gym** — clearly labeled, team-designated areas

- Chairs must have a towel/mat underneath to protect the floor
- **No tents or outside seating permitted**

Spectator Seating

The spectator seating area at Central York High School is limited to 500 spectators. In order for all families to have a positive experience, we are asking families to setup their chairs and blankets in the gym or cafeteria. NO chairs or blankets to reserve seats will be allowed in the gallery seating area. In the event the spectator area becomes overcrowded, we reserve the right to restrict access to this area. Other CYHS spectator restrictions: No food or drink (except water) outside of the cafeteria (this includes the gallery and gym). No blocking of designated walkways and stairs.



Concessions, Fun & Extras

- Concessions available (Cash Only)
- **Ice Cream Truck** outside the natatorium
- **Duck-o-Grams** for sale and delivery throughout the meet
- **Raffle Table** with local goodies and gift cards

Here is a link to the meet packet if you want to check it out.

[Link to detailed Mid-Cap Meet Information](#)

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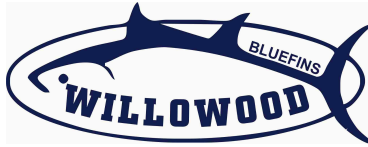
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7/13/25

Hello, Bluefin Families...

We made it through a marathon week! And came out CHAMPIONS! Congrats to our swimmers & coaches. We will once again need all hands on deck for Divisionals on Saturday.

Volunteers of the week:

Drumroll please...

Ben Will- His 4th grade Boy Scout Camp skills served him well and he successfully set up the large pole tents for the invitational- a job no one ever wants!

Matt Westfall- Matt was a second half parking volunteer for the Invitational and he braved the rain for an hour before throwing in the towel. THANK YOU, Matt, for going above and beyond!

Reisa Jensen- Even though she was not a food stand volunteer when the rain came, Reisa came over to the food stand (drenched) and offered to help clean up, staying til the end when she could have gone home. THANK YOU, Reisa, for showing us what a team means!

The Dougherty FAMILY- Not only did Seth, Heather, and Billy sign up for multiple jobs at the Invitational, but when we cancelled, they stayed through the rain until the very end helping us tear down.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers. We saw you and appreciate all of you!

Ben, Matt, Reisa & The Dougherty Family, you have a special volunteer parking space awaiting you at Divisionals on Saturday!

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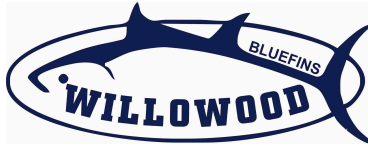
Postponed Until Tuesday (as if 5:15pm)

TODAY, Sunday, July 13: Team Movie Night

Kapcsos House- 1080 Ridge Road, Elizabethtown

6:30 pm (movie starts at 7:00)

Bring a blanket to sit on and a snack to share



***Drop off/Pick up Instructions:**

We have a small and steep driveway, so please make sure you follow these directions so everyone is safe. Follow the gravel path (there will be signs) to the backyard (it goes around the back of our right neighbor's house. There will be someone there helping everyone drop off and turn around. You will exit the same path that you entered.

Please stay tuned for weather cancellation or a change in drop-off instructions. A decision will be made this afternoon and communicated via email/text.

Monday-Friday @ Willowood Swim Club

Senior: 7:00 - 8:30 AM

Junior: 8:45 - 10:00 AM

Novice: 10:15 - 11:00 AM

Friday 7/18: Senior breakfast right after practice. Juniors/Novice- donuts after practice.

Friday 7/18: Set up for Divisionals for those who signed up 7:30-9:30

Saturday, July 19: [DIVISIONALS at WWD](#)

For those who declared only

[Meet packet](#) (link)

WEAR YOUR HAWAIIAN ATTIRE!

Arrive by 6:30 (unless your job starts earlier- please check times)

Warm-up 6:50-7:10

Gates Open 6:30

Meet Begins 8:15

Scratch Meeting 7:30

Officials Meeting 7:45

Timers Meeting 7:45

Spectator Admission is \$5



[Divisional Job Sign Up](#) We are hosting divisionals and have 70 job slots to fill, so we need all families to take 1-2 jobs. We still have **17 unfilled slots**.

Divisional Food Donations

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAF2BA2F5C16-57393522-divisional>

After Divisionals, the top 16 swimmers (and top 8 relays) from across A, B & C Divisions will be invited to swim at All Stars (held at Annville-Cleona) on Sunday, July 20.

Sunday, July 20: [ALL-STARS at Annville](#)

For those who qualify on Saturday only

***Please be on alert for a text/email to qualifiers that will require a response that you are aware and will show up. (We typically get full results from all three Divisionals meets and All Stars psych sheets after 5:00 on Saturday afternoon.)**

Annville-Cleona Pool, 1901 E. Maple Street, Annville, PA, 17003

[MEET PACKET](#) (link)

Arrive TBD

Warm-up TBD

Scratch Meeting 8:15

Officials/Timers Meeting 8:40

Meet Begins 9:25

Spectator Admission is \$5

We also need to submit **volunteers** by **tomorrow night**. PLEASE go to All-Star [Job Sign Up](#) on our events page to sign up for a volunteer slot (officials, ribbons, timers).

We will not be accepting credit card payments via Square this year.

Preferred payment is cash:

- T-Shirts: \$20
- Hoodies: \$35



We will also be offering a **cashless payment option via Zelle**. This allows buyers to make a direct transfer from their bank account to ours using their bank's mobile app—no third-party app is required.

Encourage your families to plan accordingly and come prepared with cash or access to Zelle to keep the lines moving smoothly.

Wednesday, July 23- [END OF SEASON CELEBRATION](#)

6:00-8:30 WWD Swim Club

RSVP Tuesday

[Event signup](#)

Please join us for an end-of-season celebration on July 23 at 6:00 at WWD. There will be a presentation from the coaches, delicious dinner, and then a chance to swim (of course!).

We will provide fried chicken & ask you to bring something to share. Bring lawn chairs and sit "down below" on the basketball court. Bring your own water. **Sign up by July 15** to attend and bring some food to share.

Bleacher Return: We are in need of some strong men (or women) to help return the bleachers to the fairground on Monday, July 21 at 6:30 PM (meet at the pool). Please sign up using this [event link](#). Thanks in advance!

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all our families for the food stand donations throughout this season!

Outgrown Bin: This is the last week; at the end of the season, items will be donated.

Host family opportunity- Shared with us from the club

My name is Heather, and I work with CIEE, a nonprofit organization that brings international high school exchange students to the U.S. for a life-changing academic and cultural experience.



I'm reaching out to introduce you to Sofia, a bright and enthusiastic student from Italy who will be arriving this fall for the 2025–26 school year. Sofia is a dedicated swimmer and is hoping to join a local swim team during her exchange. **We are currently looking for a host family who can welcome her for just 8 weeks and help her stay connected to her passion for swimming.**

Host families provide:

- A bed (shared room is fine) and 3 meals a day
- A safe, welcoming home environment
- A chance to make a lifelong connection with a student from another culture

Exchange students come with:

- Their own spending money and health insurance
- Proficiency in English
- Full vetting and ongoing support from CIEE

If you or someone in your swim community might be interested in hosting Sofia, I'd love to share her full profile and answer any questions.

Warmly,

Heather Haapapuro hhaapapuro@cieee.org

Tails up, Bluefins!

Lindsay



7/10/25- Post Invite News/Reminders

Hello, Bluefin Families...

I told you it was going to be a busy week, but we got through the busiest of it and are on the downhill. THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart, to all the families, swimmers, coaches, and even friends who lended a hand in some capacity for our 42nd Annual WWD Invitational which never actually happened. From what I understand, this is the first time in history that it had to be completely cancelled (ugh). It definitely takes a village and we have THE BEST. **Saturday's meet line up and details are included in this email so I didn't have to send another one tomorrow.**

IMPORTANT ITEMS NEEDING ACTION

Divisionals AND All-Stars/Mid Caps declarations! **DUE TODAY! I sent reminders to families who did not declare or decline.**

We need to **fill jobs for Saturday, Divisionals & All-Stars.**

Jobs needing filled for Saturday's dual meet: 2 kiddie line up, 1 timer

Divisional & All Star Job Sign-ups **Needed by Monday!**

We are hosting divisionals and have 70 job slots to fill, so we need all families to take 1-2 jobs. We still have **31 unfilled slots**. For All-Stars, we have to submit names to the league before we even know who has made it. So, if you have an idea that your swimmer will go to All-Stars, please sign up. We can always adjust later. We have **9 unfilled slots**.

Divisional Food Donations NEW-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAF2BA2F5C16-57393522-divisional>



Saturday, July 12: [Dual Meet vs. Middletown- AWAY](#)

Middletown Swim Club 1100 North Union Street Middletown, PA 17057

Arrive at 7:45 AM Warm ups: 8:00

Meet Start Time: 8:30 AM

[Meet Line Up](#)- Link to meet lineup. Will also be posted at the pool tomorrow. Reach out to Coach Alex (wwdcoach@gmail.com) with any issues/questions. Double check if you requested events in the notes.

Sunday, July 13: [Team Movie Night- RSVP BY TOMORROW](#)

What: Fun team building event for swimmers only- Finding Nemo will be shown

Where: Kapcsos House- 1080 Ridge Road, Elizabethtown

When: July 13 @ 6:30 pm (movie starts at 7:00)

What: Bring a blanket to sit on and a snack to share

*More info to come about drop-off and pick up but [RSVP on the team events tab by FRIDAY.](#)

End of Season Picnic- [ACTION NEEDED by Tuesday!](#)

[Wednesday, July 23- End of Season WWD Picnic](#) (in the evening at the pool)
[Event signup](#)

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We will provide fried chicken & ask you to bring something to share. Bring lawn chairs and sit "down below" on the basketball court. Bring your own water. **Sign up by July 15** to attend and bring some food to share.

Tails up, Bluefins!

Lindsay



7/6/25

Hello, Bluefin Families...

It is going to be a BUSY week with our WWD Invitational and a dual meet on Saturday. Please continue to check emails and messages from me with any updates or important information. Please review your volunteer slots for the invitational and reach out with any questions.

Schedule this week

Monday and Tuesday- Normal practice

Tuesday 7/08: Set up for the invitational for those who signed up 7:30-9:30

Wednesday- Normal practice times with...

Costume Day for Seniors & Juniors

Crazy Sock (or costume) Day for Novice

Invitational

*Report back to the pool at 2:30 for our 2:40 Warm-up.

Thursday- NO PRACTICE after the invitational

Friday- Normal practice

Thursday/Friday: Bleacher and chairs removal for anyone who can help.

Times TBD

Tuesday, July 8: Devon Crest Novice Meet- For those who signed up:

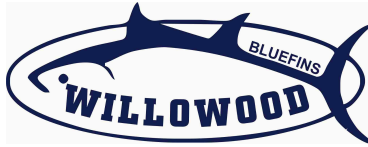
Gates open at 4:15

Arrival 4:45

Warm-ups 5:05 Lane 6

Meet starts at 5:30

Location: Devon Crest Swim Club 4400 Devonshire Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109



Wednesday, July 9: WWD INVITATIONAL

WWD INVITATIONAL- Important Info

We need everyone to keep signing up for jobs. **There are about 8 jobs we still need filled by our families. If your family only chose one job, please go back and sign up for a second. I will send messages until ALL jobs are filled!**

Jobs still needing filled: 1 parking, 1 food stand, 6 timers

*Thank you to everyone for filling multiple jobs. Please contact me immediately (717-314-5051) if you cannot fulfill your duties due to an emergency.

Volunteers- Please pay attention to your times and arrive early. Timers, the changeover for the second half is EVENT 29. If you are not coming until your assignment, please follow on Meet Mobile, as we always hope to run ahead of schedule.

Coolers with Ice- Please bring to practice that morning. Please label your cooler with your name and pick up at the end of the night.

Parking- IMPORTANT

We ask that our team drop off swimmers and belongings at the pool and then park at the Sycamore Square lot at Masonic (on the corner of Masonic Drive and Bainbridge St. right hand side near the construction). This allows room for visiting teams in the lot and grass area. As families leave the meet, feel free to bring your car down to the lot as spaces open up.

Arrive 2:30

Warm-ups 2:40-3:00

Meet starts 5:00

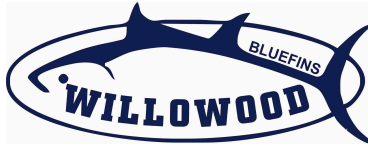
Team Space- grassy area in front of the bathrooms. Please keep tents close so we have enough room for all families.

Tear Down- All hands on deck, as we are all tired and want to go home!

Invitational donations-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAF2BA2F5C16-57300022-invitational>

Please fill donations, especially the baked goods and fresh fruit!



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Please declare your swimmers by TOMORROW (Monday, 7/7)

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What: Bring a blanket to sit on and a snack to share

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Upcoming Events

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS- [ACTION NEEDED BY THURSDAY](#)

Divisionals and All-Stars/Mid Cap Championships. **[Both require declaration by July 10 \(read on\).](#)**

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Remember: Everyone who has swum in at least 2 meets (dual or invitational) is invited to swim at Divisionals, which are **at WILLOWOOD on Saturday, July 19.**

*Please remember to list your top 3 events (knowing that the 3rd event listed may be dropped if the coaches decide to put you in a relay). **[Declare here and sign up for jobs!](#)**



Food stand Sign-Up-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAF2BA2F5C16-57393522-divisional>

Divisionals Championship Shirts

- **Order here:** <https://midpennswim25.itemorder.com/shop/home/> or bit.ly/2025DivisionalShirts
- **Shirt Color:** Pink! (Performance tees are a darker pink—this was requested as a color choice last year and came up multiple times when asking athletes this year)
- **Order Deadline: Wednesday, July 9**
- Delivered to Divisional Meets

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All-Stars/Mid Caps Championships

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Mid Caps is the Saturday following All Stars (July 26), and is made up of the top 8 swimmers from MPSL & CASL All Stars meets. This year Mid Caps is hosted by the CASL and will be at Central York.

The league requires that if you swim at All Stars, you must also be available for Mid Caps. Please give us a YES/NO declaration on the events tab. [Declare here](#) for your availability. It's all or nothing, as these two events are a combo. Again you must qualify, but we need to know that if you do qualify, you are going to be available to swim at both.

If you are unsure if your swimmer may qualify, a great place to check is the MPSL Top 20 list. After each week, MPSL updates its top 20 swimmers in each event. If your swimmer is on this list, chances are strong that they will make All Stars, and decent that



they will make Mid Caps. Here is a link to the top 20 info that will be updated weekly. [MPSL TOP 20](#). This information is helpful for choosing Divisionals events too.

All Star Shirts – Sold by Annville

- **Order here:** <https://majorleague.ink/store/midpennswimming/>
- **Pre-Order Deadline: TODAY, Sunday, July 6**
- **Limited quantities will be available at the All Star meet for day-of purchase.**

EAC Winter Swim Registration

Yes, it's happening already!

Registration

EAC is excited to announce that registration will open on **Sunday, July 6, 2025** for the 2025-2026 season! To register, please visit www.eacgators.com and scroll to the green registration button. Registration will close for returning members on July 20th, and remaining spots will be offered to new members. You are welcome to forward this email to others who may be interested in EAC.

New Swimmers

There are limited open spots for new swimmers this year. Prospective swimmers are invited to a tryout event on July 21st from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Elizabethtown College Pool. Please complete this [New Swimmer Tryout Form](#) if your swimmer will attend the tryout. If a spot is available in the practice group that best fits the new swimmer's abilities, Head Coach Isaac Greene will contact new members about joining the team.

Please reach out to Coach Isaac or Crystal Hirst with any questions!

Head Coach - Isaac Greene - ike.greene@gmail.com

President - Crystal Hirst - crystalhirst7@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, July 23- End of Season WWD Picnic (in the evening at the pool)

Signup coming soon (after we get through the invitational)!

Tails up, Bluefins!

Lindsay



6/29/25

Hello, Bluefin Families...

It was a BUSY week with two invitationals and a dual meet. There were many time drops and great swims at our invitationals- congrats to those swimmers and thanks to the coaches and parent volunteers for your extra time. Great job to all swimmers, coaches and families at our meet yesterday. Congrats on coming together as a team for another great meet and win! **Please take action with our Invitational and with the Championship Meets in this email!**

Volunteers of the week:

Drumroll please...

Kelly Fuddy- Her barista skills and personal deliveries earned her the volunteer of the week title.

Andy Keck- Stepped in to be second-half finish judge when an emergency left us without one. He never did finish judging before but was willing to learn and now he's a pro.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers. We saw you and appreciate all of you!

Kelly & Andy, you have a special volunteer parking space awaiting you at our invitational!

Schedule this week

Monday-THURSDAY @ Willowood Swim Club

Senior: 7:00 - 8:30 AM

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NO PRACTICE on Friday, July 4th- Happy 4th of July!

NO MEET THIS WEEKEND- Enjoy!

Rest up for a big week the following week with our WWD Invitational & a dual meet.



Upcoming Events

INVITATIONALS

42nd Annual WWD Invitational- Wed, July 9 (all are expected to attend & volunteer)
Deadline for declaring is TOMORROW, June 30

*Remember that you need to choose and list your events in the notes section. Events are linked within the event. (*Ages 9-10 & up can swim 25 free as 4th event for \$5)*

We need everyone to keep signing up for jobs this week. This is our MAIN fundraiser and therefore all families are expected to commit and volunteer. Unlike dual meets, we really need each family to do more than one volunteer job...there are 100 jobs that need to be filled, and 50 families...**so we need every family to double (or triple) up, please!!!** There are about 40 jobs we still need filled by our families. There are also a few jobs that are good for older siblings who don't swim.

I will send messages until ALL jobs are filled!

Here is the [sign-up genius link](#) for families to sign up for a food stand contribution in addition to jobs during the meet. I know this seems like a lot to ask, but again, this is your fundraiser (which requires no selling of anything).

Please fill donations so I don't have to keep begging.

Invitational donations-

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Also, speaking of our invitational...

Continuing with tradition, practice the morning of the invitational will be **Costume Day for Seniors & Juniors and Crazy Sock Day for Novice**. Start planning those costumes and crazy socks today for practice on **July 9th**.

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Although it seems early, we do need you to declare for Divisionals by July 10;



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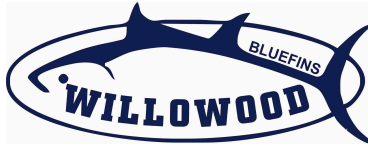
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SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, July 23- End of Season WWD Picnic (in the evening at the pool)
Signup coming soon (after we get through the invitational)!

Tails up, Bluefins!

Lindsay



6/22/25

Hello, Bluefin Families...

Great job to all swimmers, coaches and families at our first home meet yesterday! Congrats on coming together as a team for our second win!

Please put your reading glasses on and stick with me through this one. So many important event deadlines this week and new information about end of season championship meets that REQUIRES ACTION.

Volunteers of the week:

Drumroll please...

Pat Hoke- Has volunteered at EVERY meet- announcer, kiddie round up, and food stand. He jumped right in to help with the grill line this week. He has also inquired about helping with the computer scoring. Thanks for being awesome!

Karrie Norman- Worked the whole meet at the scoring table in Greg Yohn's absence keeping Drew straight! Thank you, Karrie!

THANK YOU to all our volunteers. We saw you and appreciate all of you!

Pat & Karrie, you have a special volunteer parking space awaiting you at our next home meet!

Meet Photography- REPEAT- Please READ

As per MPSL (PIAA) rules, **photos and videos may only be taken BETWEEN the two sets of flags** during a meet. No photos or videos may be taken from either end of the pool. Thanks, in advance, for abiding by this rule and reminding family & friends.

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Wednesday, June 25: **Middletown 10U Invitational**- **For those who signed up:**

Gates open at 3:30

Arrival at 3:30

Warm-ups TBD

Meet starts at 5:00

Coaches: Sierra & Genna

Location: Middletown Swim Club- 1100 North Union Street, Middletown, PA

Thursday, June 26: **Dauphin Pentathlon**- **For those who signed up:**

Arrive at 3:30

Warm Ups 3:30- open warm-ups

Meet starts at 5:00

Coaches: Alex & Nate

Location: Dauphin Pool- 590 Claster Blvd, Dauphin, PA 17018



Saturday, June 28: [HOME Dual Meet vs. Pirahna](#)

Please declare YES or NO by Monday 6/23.

Please sign up for a job. All hands on deck!

Arrive at 6:45 AM

Warm-ups at 7:00 AM

Meet starts at 8:00 AM

***We will honor our senior swimmers at this meet!**

Upcoming Events

INVATIONALS

DUE DATES FOR our last two invitationals are THIS WEEK!

IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ AND TAKE ACTION

42nd Annual WWD Invitational- Wed, July 9 (all are expected to attend & volunteer)
Deadline for declaring is June 30

Our invitational will be here before you know it! We need everyone to declare and sign up for 2-3 jobs this week. The event commitment and [job sign up](#) are open. This is our MAIN fundraiser and therefore all families are expected to commit and volunteer. **Unlike dual meets, we really need each family to do more than one volunteer job...100 jobs need to be filled and we have 50 families...so we need every family to double (or triple) up, please!!!**

Here is the [sign-up genius link](#) for families to sign up for a food stand contribution in addition to jobs during the meet. I know this seems like a lot to ask, but again, this is your fundraiser (which requires no selling of anything).

Please start filling the jobs & donations so I don't have to keep begging.

Invitational donations-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAF2BA2F5C16-57300022-invitational>

Remember that you need to choose and list your events in the notes section.
Events are linked within the event. (9-10 up can swim 25 free at 4th event for \$5)



Also, speaking of our invitational...

Continuing with tradition, practice the morning of the invitational will be **Costume Day for Seniors & Juniors and Crazy Sock Day for Novice**. Start planning those costumes and crazy socks today for practice on **July 9th**.

Others:

-Devon Crest Novice Meet - Tuesday, July 8. Open to swimmers that only swim in the summer (no winter swimmers are allowed). **Deadline for declaring is June 24.**

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Eligibility Reminder

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CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS- IMPORTANT ACTION NEEDED

On the events page you will now find TWO important meets posted: Divisionals and All-Stars/Mid Cap Championships. **Both require declaration by July 10 (read on).**

Divisionals (at WWD- YES, we are hosting and expect everyone to participate)

Although it seems early, we do need you to declare for Divisionals by July 10; Remember: Everyone who has swum in at least 2 meets (dual or invitational) is invited to swim at Divisionals, which are at WILLOWOOD on Saturday, July 19.

*Please remember to list your top 3 events (knowing that the 3rd event listed may be dropped if the coaches decide to put you in a relay). [Declare here](#)

After Divisionals, the top 16 swimmers (and top 8 relays) from across A, B & C Divisions will be invited to swim at All Stars (held at Annville-Cleona) on Sunday, July 20.

***You can choose to end your season with this event (whether you qualify or not). But you must qualify to move on.**



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Last call for spirit wear- Order by TOMORROW, June 23

[Spirit wear](#) link

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Invitational July 9-

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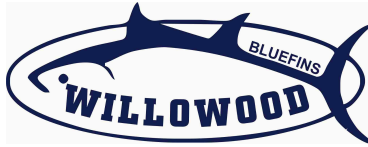
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Lindsay



6/15/25

Hello, Bluefin Families...

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the swim dads!



From the coaches...

Congratulations Willowood Bluefins! What a wonderful start to our regular season schedule! This meet showcased the talents and improvements of our swimmers. Here are some of the positives observed by the coaching team today:

- Fantastic effort and MANY time-drops from both new swimmers and returning swimmers
- Great sportsmanship after races, including remaining in the pool and shaking hands or high-fiving the swimmers next to you as races finished
- Goggles falling down- but swimmers continuing their races
- Putting a bad race behind you and swimming the next race well
- Cheering for teammates
- Some DQ's- we'll fix those!
- Swimmers knew their times for events and recognized improvements
- Swimmers asking coaches for feedback
- FUN FUN FUN and so much more!



Thank you to all parents for helping fill jobs at the meet. LEBY asked and WWD responded! We look forward to a great week of practices to prepare for our first home meet next Saturday against Middletown.

Coach Sierra and Coach Alex

Box / Ribbons: A reminder to check your box often - now that we are in “real” meets, your swimmer’s ribbons will be in their folder.

Volunteers of the week:

Drumroll please...

Loic Niragire- Volunteered to time and also tried finish judge (a job no one ever wants to do and he liked it).

John Jahoda- Jumped right in to be trained as an official and shadowed during the blue and white meet. He even ordered the “official” WWD officials hat!

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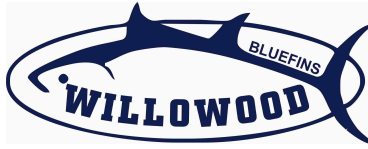
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*Please let us know if you attending **BY TODAY** using the events tab [PASTA PARTY](#). Please put the number attending (including your swimmer(s)) in the notes section of the commitment.

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[Spirit wear](#) link

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Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (Willowood Bluefins Swim Team) & Instagram (willowood_bluefins) for reminders about events and pictures.

FYI on text messaging:

(From SE Motion) Thank you for reaching out about this issue affecting SMS, and I'm sorry you're running into this text messaging issue in your SE Motion platform! We *are* aware of a systematic issue that is hindering communication and affecting phone number verifications, and are actively working to address this.

Please note that messaging is not completely down across the system, however we are seeing and hearing reports of failures within the opt-in and messaging services. This issue was brought to our attention fairly recently, and we are working to address this as quickly as possible.

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Lindsay



6/8/25

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We had a great Blue & White meet! Thanks to everyone for your contributions and helping our new families learn the ropes. I swear these emails just keep getting longer. Grab some coffee and read on!

Schedule this week

This week starts MORNING practices!
Monday-Friday @ Willowood Swim Club

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday times:

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Junior: 8:45 - 10:00 AM

Novice: 10:15 - 11:00 AM

Wednesday

OPTIONAL Senior & Junior "open" swim 8:30-9:30 AM

ALL SWIMMERS 9:30-11:00 AM

*Bring new white WWD shirts (handed out at Blue & White meet or in folders) and
sharpies (lots of colors)

****PLEASE CONTINUE BRINGING ALL EQUIPMENT**** **Label with name/initials!**

*Parents, please remember to sit away from the pool (under the pavilion or other areas with tables) and not to interrupt during practice time. No parents or other swimmers (unless volunteering per the coaches) should be on the pool deck when it is not their practice time.

Saturday, June 14: [Dual Meet vs. LEBY- AWAY](#)

Please declare YES or no by MONDAY 6/9.

Please sign up for a job. We need 1 finish judge and 1 ribbons person.

Lebanon YMCA- 201 North 7th Street, Lebanon, PA (indoor pool)

Arrive at 8:15

Warm-ups at 8:30

Meet starts at 9:00

Upcoming Events



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INVITATIONALS

We like to offer a few opportunities to swim in meets that are beyond our usual weekend dual meets & our WWD Invitational, which everyone is expected to swim. All possible invitationals have been added to our team events page. Please see some info below and check the [team events tab](#) on the website for detailed information on each of these events.

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You can now sign up and volunteer for job(s). Remember that you need to choose and list your events in the notes section. Events are linked right there.

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Volunteer Opportunity

Etown's Strawberry Social- Sunday, 6/15

Volunteers are needed and our team was asked if any families would help.

[Sign-up here](#)

National Anthem

We love to have our swimmers showcase their talents by singing or playing the national anthem. This can be an individual or a group. Consider signing your swimmer up (with their approval) for one of our meets.

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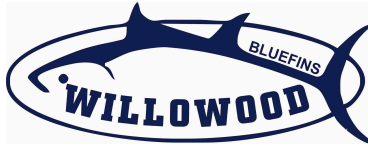
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Outgrown Bin

This week you should see an “Outgrown Bin” near “the box” during practices. This is a great way for older swimmers to pass along swimwear and WWD apparel to our younger swimmers. Please check it out and help yourself!

Tails up, Bluefins!

Lindsay



6/1/25

Hello, Bluefin Families...

Thanks for being flexible and shifting schedules to stay indoors last week. It's now JUNE and we are headed outside. Let's hope the weather starts acting like it's June! Last week of evening practices (thank goodness says the tired teacher who knows this means school is out). Let's make it a great week!

Schedule this week:

Practices:

Monday, June 2 – Friday, June 6 @ Willowood Swim Club

Senior: 5:00 - 5:45

Junior: 5:45 - 6:30

Novice: 6:30 - 7:00

*Make sure you are bringing your equipment.

Saturday, June 7: [Blue and White Meet](#) at Willowood

Declarations due Monday, June 2

*Reminder that we need you to accept or decline.

-Our Blue and White meet is an inter squad meet. It gives us a chance to practice for a real dual meet & see how a meet works.

-Arrive to Willowood at 7:15 am

-Warm Ups: Senior: 7:30

Junior and Novice: 7:45

-We'll begin the meet ASAP, in the hopes of being done before 10:30 am

-Our Blue & White Meet will be run like a typical dual meet, so that all of our swimmers get a feel for how a meet runs.

-PLEASE sign up for a job slot

***With it being an intrasquad meet, this is how families can learn/try out new jobs. Our plan for the blue and white meet is to pair seasoned volunteers with new volunteers, so everyone will have a chance to learn the ins and outs of the job. Plus, this is our "own" meet, so if you make mistakes while you learn, it's no big deal!!! We cannot run the meet without your help, so please chip in!!! (see below for a list of jobs and description)**

-Here are some other details:



- WWD families sit in the grass on the pavilion side of the pool.
- 10 and under swimmers are asked to sit in the kiddie round up tent for all dual meets
- The food stand will be open and selling donuts, coffee, hot chocolate, fruit and water (No HOT items)
- Swimmer gifts will be given out

Volunteering at Meets

For all meets, please plan on signing up for at least one shift per family

***All jobs will allow for you to see your child swim.**

Here's a quick explanation of some jobs, so you know what you are choosing to do:

- Announcers: Announce event numbers and swimmers; great view of the action!
- Timers / Back up Timer: Time each event, record times. Great view of the action, and splashes to keep you cool!
- Finish Judges: mark the order as swimmers touch the wall - another job with a view and splashes!
- Food Stand - Help prepare, sell snacks and collect money.
- Staging/ Kiddie Round Up - Lining up swimmers for events
- Runner - Collect time sheets and take them to the scoring table
- Scoring - Work with computer operator to record event results
- Tear Down - EVERYONE SHOULD HELP WITH THIS (does not count as a volunteer slot)
Clean up lane lines, blocks, flags, etc to be sure the pool is ready to open after the meet.

THE BOX

We have a large file-folder box that is typically located either on the picnic table or just inside the garage door at the pool. Each swim family, the coaches and the treasurer has their own folders. We'll put ribbons in there, and use the folders to pass papers / tickets, etc. (If The Box doesn't make it onto the tables during practice, it is OK to go into the garage to look for it!!)

SWIM CAPS HAVE ARRIVED

We will be handing out swim caps at practice on Monday. If your swimmer isn't there or doesn't get theirs, they will be put in their folder in the box (see above).



Picture ordering info

Picture Dates: June 17 & June 25

We have two dates in case families are on vacation for one. You only need to get your pictures taken on one of the dates.

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When: June 20 @ 6:00 pm

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Jackson Erb, Peyton Underkoffler, Finn Lake, Harper Lake, Peyton Minnick, Angela Smith & Kennedy Smith.

Come with your family and fuel up!

*Please let us know if you attending using the events tab [PASTA PARTY](#). Please put the number attending (including your swimmer(s)) in the notes section of the commitment.



Saturday, June 14: [Dual Meet vs. LEBY- AWAY](#)

Lebanon YMCA 201 North 7th Street Lebanon, PA 17042

Arrive at 8:15 AM

Senior/ Junior warm ups: 8:30-8:45

Junior & Novice Warm Ups: 8:45-9:00

Meet Start Time: 9:00 AM

Meet & Invitational declaration

All the dual meets and INVATIONALS are on the [“Team Events”](#) tab on the website.

Some dates are fast approaching, as we just received this info this week.

You can go in and declare for all meets & invitationals now.

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*Invitationals have specific deadlines too. You only need to declare if you are attending for these events. Please click on the event to see all the information including meet files, time, events, cost, etc... Remember that you will need to choose your swimmers events and list them in the NOTES section of the invitational.

Sorry for another long one!

Tails up, Bluefins!

Lindsay



5/25/25

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What a GREAT first week of practice! We are excited to have so many new swimmers and families. Welcome! This is a pretty long email, so please hang in there!

Spiritwear

[Spiritwear](#) link - TODAY is the LAST day to order. Show your team spirit and get all of your WWD Swim apparel here.

Practice schedule this week:

As coach Alex communicated, we will remain INDOOR at Etown College Pool this week

No practice on Monday, May 26th- Happy Memorial Day!

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Important meet schedule information

- 6/14 Away- LEBY (Lebanon Y) **THIS MEET is NOW (as of 5/27) a 9:00 AM Meet!**
*Please update your declarations and/or [declare](#) your swimmers ASAP so we know of any conflicts (since the time was changed back to 9:00 AM start as of 5/27).
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Official trainings

If you would like to be a swim official this season, ALL officials for MPSL meets must attend a training session each year to officiate meets. Dates are as follows:

- Thursday May 29th at Dauphin Pool @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday June 3rd at Palmyra Pool (outdoor) @ 6:30 PM
- Wednesday June 11th at Hummelstown Pool @ 6:30 PM

Please note all are held in person and these are the only trainings planned

We ask that you register in advance here: <https://bit.ly/2025MPSLOfficials>

Picture ordering info

Picture Dates: June 17 & June 25

We have two dates in case families are on vacation for one. You only need to get your pictures taken on one of the dates.

Go To: www.YSPI.com

Click on the “ORDER” in the yellow banner.

Picture Date: 6/17/25

Your Order Form Code Is: WWBLUEFINS25

Place your order and PRINT the receipt to hand to the photographer on photo day.

Your FREE Photo Calendar will be added to your cart at check-out.

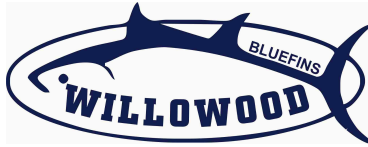
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A \$9.00 shipping & processing fee will be applied to each order received after the photo date!

Don't forget to like us on Facebook: facebook.com/YouthSportsPhotoInc/

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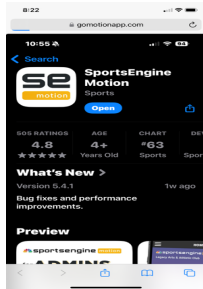


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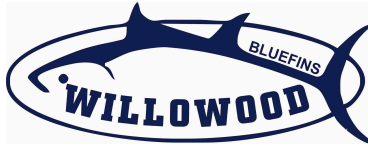


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Lindsay



5/18/25

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You have 1 week for spiritwear orders.

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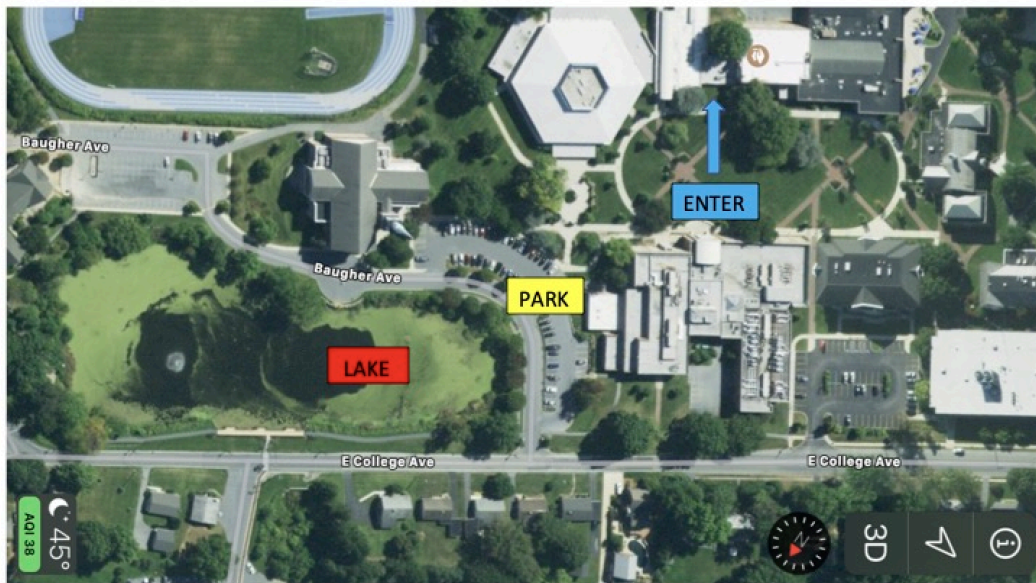
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5/11/25

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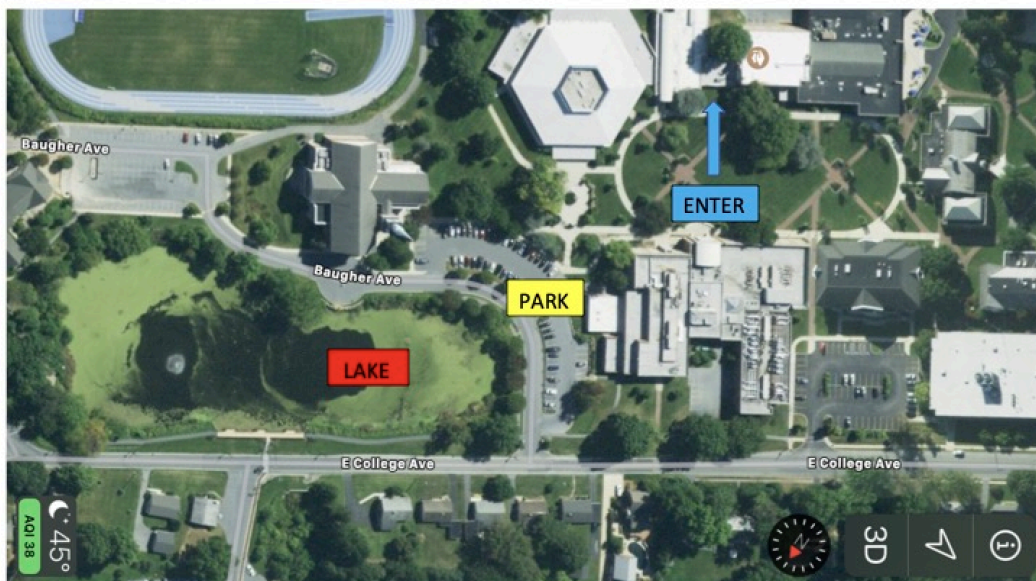
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Wednesday, May 28 @ 6:15 PM at Willowood Swim Club

-This is during novice practice time. We will meet under the pavilion.

Save the date: Team Pasta Party on 6/20

See below for previous newsletters.

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5/4/25

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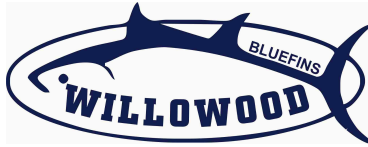
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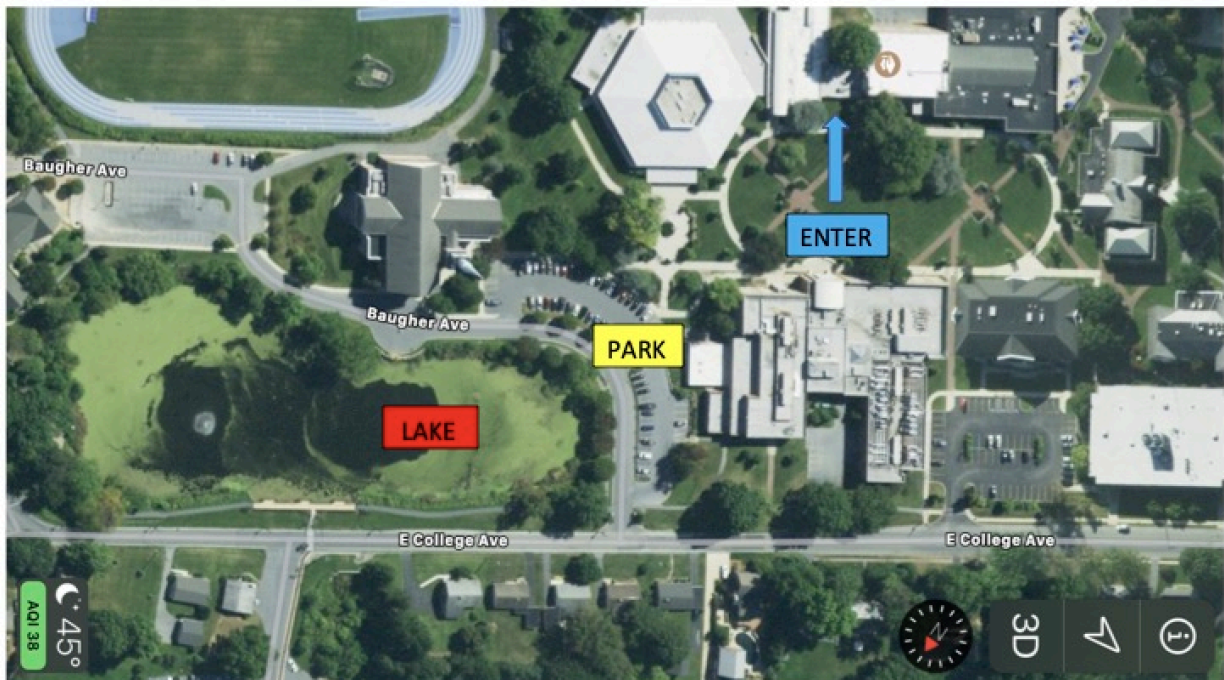


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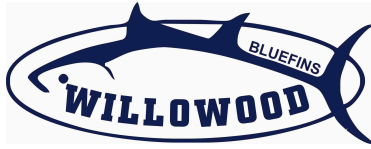
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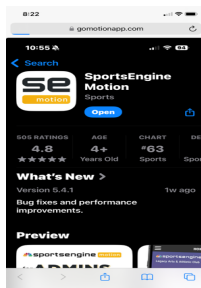
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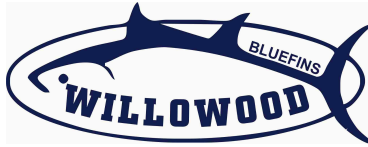
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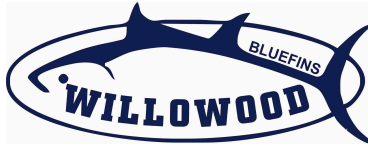
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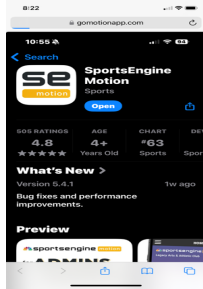
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