



RED RAIDER AQUATICS



Raider Report - Week of July 27, 2026 - Bloomington/Normal -

Upcoming Practice Changes + Two Week Practice Schedule

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 30-August 2 - No Practice - Illinois State 11-14 Age Group Championship Meet
- Monday, August 3 - 6:00-7:00 pm for Open Water State Meet Swimmers Only
- Tuesday-Sunday - August 4-9 - No practice - all groups
- [Two-Week Practice Schedule - July 27 - August 9, 2026](#)

Practice Schedule July 27-August 3, 2026

→ *The single most important factor for continued improvement is consistent practice attendance!* ←

Monday 07/27/25	Tuesday 07/28/25	Wednesday 07/29/25	Thursday 07/30/26
Buccaneers - 6:30-7:30 pm Pirates - 6:30-7:30 pm Silver/Red/HS -6:00-7:30 pm	Buccaneers - 6:30-7:30 pm Pirates - 6:30-7:30 pm Silver/Red/HS -6:00-7:30 pm	Buccaneers - 6:30-7:30 pm Pirates - 6:30-7:30 pm Silver/Red/HS -6:00-7:30 pm	Buccaneers - 6:30-7:30 pm Pirates - 6:30-7:30 pm Silver/Red/HS -6:00-7:30 pm Illinois 11-14 Age Group Championship Meet
Friday 07/31/26	Saturday 08/01/26	Sunday 08/02/26	Monday 08/03/26
No Practice Illinois 11-14 Age Group Championship Meet	No Practice Illinois 11-14 Age Group Championship Meet	No Practice Illinois 11-14 Age Group Championship Meet	Open Water State Meet Swimmers - 6:00-7 pm All other swimmers - No practice

“For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.”



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Congratulations & Good Luck to Our Swimmers at this Weekend's Illinois 11-14 Age Group State Meet

Good luck to our Red Raider Aquatics swimmers who will be competing this weekend at the **Illinois 11-14 Age Group State Championship** in Hobart, Indiana!

Qualifying for the Illinois 11-14 Age Group State Championship is an outstanding achievement that reflects months of hard work, determination, and dedication in the pool. Earning a place at this championship meet is no small accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of our swimmers for reaching this milestone. We wish them the best of luck as they compete against many of the fastest 11-14 age group swimmers from across Illinois and represent Red Raider Aquatics with pride.

11-14 Age Group State Championship Qualifiers

- Elois Kirk
- Adeline Stoller

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We wish you the very best this weekend and hope you enjoy the experience, race with confidence, and achieve many fast swims and personal best times. The entire Red Raider Aquatics family is cheering you on and is incredibly proud of you!

RAID Swimmers Shine at Illinois Senior & 10-U State Championships

Congratulations to all of our Red Raider Aquatics swimmers who competed at last weekend's **Illinois Senior State Championship** and **Illinois 10-Under State Championship** meets!

Qualifying for a State Championship meet is a tremendous accomplishment and reflects the hard work and dedication our swimmers have put in throughout the season. It is an honor to compete against some of the fastest swimmers in Illinois, and we are proud of every RAID swimmer who earned that opportunity.

Our swimmers had a great weekend in the pool, recording several new lifetime best times and earning multiple **Top 16 finishes**. It was exciting to see our swimmers continue to improve and perform well on one of the biggest stages in Illinois Swimming.

Meet results from both the Illinois Senior State Championship and Illinois 10-Under State Championship are available on our team website [HERE](#).

Congratulations again to all of our Senior State and 10-Under State Championship swimmers on a fantastic weekend. We are proud of everything you accomplished and look forward to your continued improvement.



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Billing Correction – Valentine Classic and Winter Regional Meets

While reviewing our meet records, we discovered that the entry fees for both our **RAID Valentine Classic** and the **Winter Regional Championships** were inadvertently never processed.

Due to an error in our billing system, the meet entry fees for these meets were not billed at the appropriate time. We sincerely apologize for this oversight and appreciate your understanding.

To allow families time to prepare, billing for both meets will be processed on **Thursday, August 6**, using the payment method you have on file with the team.

If this timing creates a hardship or you need to make other payment arrangements, please contact **Coach Jeff** before August 6. We are happy to work with families to make alternative arrangements if needed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your continued support of Red Raider Aquatics.

Practice Schedule Break

Please note the following upcoming changes to the Bloomington/Normal practice schedule:

- Monday, August 3: Practice will be 6:00-7:00 PM and is only for swimmers who are participating in the Open Water State meet
- August 4-9: No practices will be held during this week.
- Beginning the week of August 10: Practices will resume on our Fall/Winter Schedule:
 - Weekday Practices: 7:00 PM
 - Sunday Practices: 2:00 PM

If you have any questions, please see Coach Ryan

Reminder - New RAID T-Shirts

Our new Red Raider t-shirts are being distributed at practice this week. Please see your site coach for your shirts. We had several swimmers that did not sign up with shirt sizes to receive their shirts. If your swimmer does not receive their shirts please email Coach Jeff at redraideraquatics@yahoo.com and let him know their t-shirt size. Please put RAID Shirts in the subject line.

Red Raider Yard Signs - Show Your RAID Pride!

We have begun handing out the Red Raider Aquatics yard signs at practice. If your family has not yet received yours, please see your coach at practice and we will make sure you get one.



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We are excited to announce that Red Raider Aquatics yard signs have arrived and they look fantastic! We purchased enough yard signs to provide one free sign to every Red Raider Aquatics family. We hope you'll proudly display your sign in your yard and help show off your RAID pride throughout our communities.

These signs are a great way to celebrate your swimmer's involvement with Red Raider Aquatics while also helping spread the word about our team to friends, neighbors, and future swimmers.

Check out the yard sign design below—we think it looks fantastic and hope you'll proudly display it in front of your home!



Reminder - Questions/Concerns?

We want to make sure any and all of your questions and/or concerns are always addressed. We encourage you to communicate with us directly so we can answer your questions. Please always feel free to contact Coach Jeff by email at redraideraquatics@yahoo.com or Coach Ryan at rjb875@hotmail.com. Thank you for your direct communications.