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The Blazer Board would like to thank each and every one of you who have volunteered so far this year! The Blazers can not do what we need to do without the valued volunteer efforts of each and every one of you. There are many ways each of you can fulfill your volunteer hour requirements, pick the one that is right for you! As always, please make sure that you log your hours promptly on the KC Blazers website after you have worked.

Leeann Hearl, KCB's volunteer coordinator, is looking for volunteer(s) from each pool site to create a committee that will evaluate, discuss, brainstorm, speak with other parents, and provide feedback on our volunteering and fundraising future format. Please contact Leeann Hearl at [lhearl@kc.rr.com](mailto:lhearl@kc.rr.com) or 913-549-3674 if you are interested in participating in this committee.

## Examples of Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### 1.) Triathlon Events: May 18<sup>th</sup> (Heritage Park) & July 13<sup>th</sup> (Shawnee Mission)

Johnson County Parks & Recreation contributes a sizeable amount to our team in exchange for us providing the man power for two of their summer triathlons. Volunteer participation in these two events is encouraged by all groups of Blazer swimmers and parents. All elite swimmers and one family member are required to participate in both events.

The athletes and the staff at JCP& R greatly appreciate the support that each one of you provides. For more information, please contact Kathy Boyd via e-mail: [26togo@earthlink.net](mailto:26togo@earthlink.net)

### 2.) Division I Meet in Lenexa: Aug 1-3, 2008

All participating Div I families are needed to help out. As a reminder, per the swim contract, all Gold and Elite families are required to work at the Division 1 meet. Volunteering for set up on Thursday 7/31 and tear down on Sunday 8/3 will get you double hours. Contact Kevin Neeley for the set up position at [Kneelee1@hallmark.com](mailto:Kneelee1@hallmark.com) or Annette Rohde at [kcbvolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:kcbvolunteers@yahoo.com) or [arohde@kc.rr.com](mailto:arohde@kc.rr.com) for all other positions if you have questions or to sign up.

### 3.) NASCAR RACES: September 26-28 2008

Before you know it, the NASCAR races will be here again at the Kansas Speedway! The Blazers need your help selling programs at these events. This is an example of a different way to earn volunteer hours or money toward your KCB travel fund. Contact the Morris's to secure your spot or to just find out more by e-mailing them at [mmorris21@kc.rr.com](mailto:mmorris21@kc.rr.com).

## Ohio State University / USA Swimming Grand Prix April 4 – 6, 2008

The Blazers sent three swimmers to the USA Grand Prix meet in Columbus, Ohio to open up the Phase III of this year. The meet had 750 swimmers from the Midwest and Eastern Part of the US. The meet featured Club Wolverine from the University of Michigan and North Baltimore Aquatic Club, two of the top programs in the world.

The goals of this meet for Shannon Vreeland, Bobby Bollier, and Vito Cammisano were all a little different, but the common goal was "Excellence in August 2008".

Shannon Vreeland placed in the top 24 in five out of her nine races and she also had two best times. She was 13<sup>th</sup> in the 400 IM, 14<sup>th</sup> 200 Free, 15<sup>th</sup> 200 IM, 24<sup>th</sup> 400 Free and 18<sup>th</sup> 200 Back. Bobby Bollier finished in the top 24 in 5 events. Bobby was 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Fly, 6<sup>th</sup> 100 Fly, 13<sup>th</sup> 400 IM, 15<sup>th</sup> 200 Free and 19<sup>th</sup> 200 Back. Vito Cammisano did not finish in the top 24 in any events but he did have life time bests in the 1500 meter free and 400 meter free.

We were proud of these athletes who chose to train and prepare all through March and keep their focus on reaching their peak potential.

Congratulations to all three swimmers!

One proud Head Elite Coach, Peter D. Malone

## Topeka Long Course Invitational, Elite Group April 25 – 27, 2008

The Elite Group opened its spring/summer racing season for 2008 at the Capital Federal Aquatic Center in Topeka, Kansas. We had all our males from the Elite group and three of our females swimming. Friday night was the 50 Free and the 1500 Free. On Saturday, the remainder of all other events were run. The swimmers were allowed to swim 5 events for the day. This meet really brings together the training and preparation of March and April. We are able to evaluate exactly where we are and what we need to do over the months May, June and July.

The Elite Group generated 21 best times. To perform at this level is very nice since we were not wearing championship suits. Suits have become a major part of performance at the Elite level races. The increased strides in technology have changed the landscape for race development, and this is becoming a factor in the season planning and the race development plan.

Nathaniel Savage was the outstanding performer of this meet. He had 5 life time best swims out of 7 events swam. This was awesome! Vito Cammisano also had an outstanding meet.

We learned a great deal from this meet. The weeks ahead will tell us clearly the benefits of the information gathered. To realize, then plan, and to follow thru with the plan formulated is the secret to success.

## Topeka Long Course Invitational, Age Groupers April 25 – 27, 2008

For the Blazer age groupers, the Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational not only marks the first long course event of Phase III, but for many, the first long course meet ever. With the idea in mind that we are mainly going to the meet for that early-season race experience, the age groupers came in, warmed-up well and left after the morning on Saturday and Sunday with a clear idea of what they are getting ready for in the months ahead.

Some swimmers were looking just to finish races they've never competed before. Others were taking their first look at five-meter flags for backstroke in a long course pool. All of our age groupers swam either the 100 or 200 back, and we had just two disqualifications in the backstroke events for the meet! This is a good start, but there were a lot of legal turns that weren't quite "confident" turns. Still a good outcome heading into the upcoming meets. We'll be working on executing not only legal turns, but fast, confident turns as well.

Speed was hard to judge for most of the age groups swimmers. Those who had a few years of experience, and had been to Zones last summer, had some tough times to compete against. Others were swimming events for the first or second time and didn't know what to expect and could drop 30 seconds or more – in a 100 Meter race! Still, it's good to see where you stack up in the first meet of the season.

Here are the Blazer age groupers who won events in their age group:

Morgan Clausen – 50 Free, 100 Back; Alli McCollum – 50 Free; Tiffany Liu – 100 Back, 200 I.M.; Mackenzie Neeley – 100 Fly; Will Vance – 100 Back, 100 Fly, 200 I.M.; Heath Maginn – 100 Back. (This may not look like a lot, but remember that we only competed in five events each day).

Swimming “FAST” at this time of year was somewhat relative. To be considered fast would not necessarily just mean winning an event, but moving up to the Zone level. We had just one swimmer achieve a new “AAA” time at the meet – Will Vance in the 100 Backstroke. While he’ll be aging up before Zones, it’s a big step in the right direction and an indication of what we’ll be seeing in the months to come from more Blazers.

Way to go Blazers!

## Schlueter Blue/Gold Stroke Meet – Roeland Park Aquatic Center April 13, 2008

The Blue/Gold meet that the Blazers hold in April is named after Walther Schlueter. Not the most famous coach in the world, but known for attention to detail and stroke technique. An appropriate namesake for a meet featuring our developing swimmers who either haven’t been in a meet since February, or who are swimming their first meet with the Blazers. At this meet, swimmers were awarded Blue, Red or White ribbons after their races as their coaches explained to them the technique that they displayed and/or need to work on. The ribbons are nice, but the communication is invaluable. Even without ribbons, swimmers, remember to come see your coach after every race at every meet.

Aside from what ribbons they got, how do we evaluate the meet? Well, for some it was a time to try events they haven’t done and get rid of NT entries. For many other of our developing swimmers it may be the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> try at an event to finish it legally (and get rid of the NT entry). The swimmers and coaches were working hard and so were the officials to help us know where we still need to focus our efforts. The swimmers fared pretty well, erasing a total of 56 No Times versus just 35 DQs. Still other swimmers helped fill out their IMX score by competing in the 500 yard free or 400 I.M. that were added to the end of the meet this year.

Following is a list of swimmers who finished first in their events, Congratulations!:

Haley Brull – 25 Back, 25 Fly; Heidi Ekborg-Ott – 25 Breast; Delaney Green – 25 Free; Sophie Paulk – 50 Fly, 100 Free; Fee Pauwels – 50 Free; Katie Vahle – 50 Back, 50 Breast; Sidney Drew – 100 Back; Allie Frankland – 100 Breast; Mykell Ma – 50 Breast; Mikaela McCabe – 50 Fly; Alex Nutter – 100 Fly; Emily Ramza – 50 Free, 50 Back; Georgia Gettys – 500 Free; Jake Ekborg-Ott – 25 Breast; Griffin Fries – 25 Back, 50 Free, 25 Fly; Max Goeke – 25 Free; Marshall Janaszewski – 50 Breast; Benjamin Rohleder – 50 Fly; Miles Sheldon – 50 Back; Brady Arvesen – 50 Back, 50 Breast; Sam Duboc – 50 Free, 400 I.M.; Brent Henderson – 100 Back; David Martinez – 100 Free, 100 Fly; Michael Semidubersky – 50 Fly; Michael Yang – 100 Breast

## One of KCB’s Own Chasing the Olympic Dream

### Chasing the dream

MU swimmer leaves college, country behind, starts anew in Israel in quest for Olympics.

By **JOE WALLJASPER** Tribune sports editor

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Max Jaben began swimming competitively as a 4-year-old, and by elementary school, he already showed signs of his enormous athletic potential. "Our gym teacher said, 'He's going to be in the Olympics one day,' " recalled Jeff Wolfert, the Missouri placekicker who grew up a few blocks from Jaben in Overland Park, Kan., and is currently the caretaker of Jaben's home in Columbia. What that gym teacher couldn't have guessed was that this Kansas City kid will take his Olympic plunge wearing a swim cap with the Star of David, not the Stars and Stripes. And who could have known that the guy who was so burned out on swimming in the fall of 2006 that he only got wet in the shower would be so consumed with the idea of swimming in the Olympics that he would move halfway around the world less than a year later?

When Jaben competes for Israel at the upcoming Summer Olympics, he will be the first University of Missouri swimmer to ever participate in the Games. He is probably the best MU athlete you've never heard of, mostly because he has yet to compete for the Tigers. Jaben fully expects to do so next year, but first he has some business to tend to in Beijing.

Brian Hoffer received an e-mail from Jaben in late 2006. The swimmer informed the Missouri coach that he was interested in transferring from Florida to either Missouri or Texas. To say this was interesting news to Hoffer would be an understatement. Hoffer had watched Jaben swim since he was a kid, saw him develop into a top-10 national recruit and saw him accept a scholarship from Florida in 2004. No hard feelings. MU still called the dank MU Natatorium home at that point, so no high school hotshot in his right mind would come to Columbia.

Without delving into the particulars, Jaben said he just didn't respond well to the Florida coaches. His times reflected it. The former prodigy did just OK, and it frustrated him to the point that, after two seasons, he quit the sport. "It just wasn't working for me," Jaben said. "I was really, really down on myself. The only reason I came to Florida was to swim. I'm really far away from my family, and I'm there to swim, and it's not going well. I developed a good social network there, so I thought, 'Maybe I'll just finish up school there and not swim any more. Maybe my time already came.' " For four months, he didn't swim. He didn't physically exert himself much at all, truth be told. But as time passed, the gnawing feeling came back that he was too young to be an ex-athlete.

He visited Texas and liked it. What wasn't to like? The Longhorns are perennial national title contenders. But he had tried to swim for a national powerhouse far from home already. He had friends from Kansas City on MU's team, and the Tigers now called the dazzling Mizzou Aquatics Center home. If Hoffer didn't already know Jaben, he would have been hard-pressed to guess that the 207-pound guy who turned up at his door was a future Olympian. "When I came in here, it would be hard to know I was even a swimmer," said Jaben, who has lost 20 pounds since then.

Jaben made no promises about how well he might do - his confidence was at a low ebb - but Hoffer wasn't about to reject him. Jaben enrolled at MU in January 2007. He could barely finish the first practice. A few months later, he was swimming with the team's best. A few months later, he was swimming personal-best times. "That would have never happened if I hadn't come to Missouri," Jaben said.

In July, Hoffer spoke to Jaben about competing in the upcoming U.S. nationals. Jaben had a different idea. Jaben had traveled to Israel in 2005 to participate in the Maccabi Games - an Olympic style event open to Jewish people of all countries. He won the 400- and 1,500-meter freestyle races and placed in several others. That caught the attention of the Israeli national swim team's director, who explained to Jaben the concept of Aliyah, the Hebrew word for Israel's Law of Return. It allows a Jewish person the legal right to immigrate and become an Israeli citizen. If he were to become an Israeli citizen, and swim fast enough to qualify, Jaben could represent Israel in the Olympics.

Jaben, who said he fell in love with the country at first sight, was intrigued. But his first attempt at obtaining citizenship was denied. When his career at Florida stalled out, he gave up on the idea. But when he started swimming fast again at Missouri, he reconsidered. "We were just talking one day in the kitchen, and he brought it up. 'There's this opportunity that I'm looking really seriously into,' " Wolfert recalled. "It wasn't my place to say, 'No, Max, don't go after it.' "I really admire him for that. That's awesome. There were no guarantees going over there. He took the chance."

In August, Jaben won the 800 freestyle at the Israeli national meet. His application for citizenship was accepted this time, so a spot on the Israeli national team was his if he wanted it. But that would require him to drop out of school and move to Israel on a week's notice. "I wouldn't say I was for it 100 percent, but that's what he wanted to do," said Max's father, Mike Jaben. "Max did all this on his own. His mother and I didn't help. He made the contacts, he wrote the letters, he did all of it."

One of Jaben's hardest conversations was explaining to Hoffer, the coach who had helped him revive his career, that he was going to put off swimming at MU for a year. "This all happened the week before school started," Hoffer said. "I was a little bit caught off guard, but the more you talked to him, it was a dream, and you have to follow the dream."

Jaben couldn't speak Hebrew when he arrived at his new team's facility near Tel Aviv. His coach, a Russian immigrant, couldn't speak English. They met in the middle and learned to communicate through a sort of pidgin English. Jaben has since learned enough Hebrew to make small talk, and he has picked up enough of a Middle Eastern accent that his old friends made jokes about it when he made his first return visit to Missouri earlier this month.

The only other time he had seen his family since August was when his father, mother and brother, Miles, who plays football at the University of Central Missouri, visited Israel in December. Jaben's focus has been almost exclusively on the Olympics. His bed at the training facility is 25 meters from the pool. "I just eat, sleep and swim," he said.

He did three weeks of altitude training in Mexico City, competed in a series of meets across Europe and then did three more weeks of training in South Africa. That led to the biggest meet of his life in March: the European Championships in Eindhoven, Netherlands. More than 40 countries were represented. To make the Olympics, he had to place in the top 12 of an event and be the top Israeli.

It started poorly when he struggled in the 400 freestyle, which he expected to be his best chance at qualifying. His fortune turned in the 200 free. He placed 18th in his preliminary, a few hundredths of a second ahead of former Olympic champion Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands, who was ill that day. Only the top 16 advance to the semifinals, but four of the top 16 were Italians, and the rules state that no more than two from each country can advance, so Jaben slipped into the semis in the 16th spot.

In the semifinals, he needed to place 12th or higher and finish ahead of the other Israeli, Shay Livnat. Jaben swam in the first heat and went a half-second faster than his preliminary, placing sixth out of eight in an Israeli-record time of 1:49.48. He then spent an excruciating two minutes watching the second heat, which included Livnat, pleading silently for the swimmers to slow down. Livnat touched the wall in 1:49.69, and Jaben's time held up as the 11th-best in the field. He was an Olympian. Jaben's parents and his maternal grandmother were there to see it. "It was awesome. It was unbelievable," Mike Jaben said. "You wish for things, but, wow." In addition to the 200 free, he also can swim the 400 free and 200 butterfly in Beijing because he attained an Olympic B qualifying time and was the fastest Israeli.

When the Olympics end, Jaben plans to come back to MU and compete for the Tigers next season. But he will still have commitments to Israel, including a potential military stint. Military service is mandatory for Israelis aged 18-21. Although Jaben is now 22, he might have to serve. "Right before I left" on his recent visit to the United States, "I got a letter from the army saying to come in," he said. "Really, I'm not for sure what's going to happen right now. I don't know if they're going to look at my status as being an Olympic athlete. I have an idea what's going to happen from other people that were in a similar situation. Most likely in some way I'll have to serve in the military. I don't know how it will be. I don't think it will be fighting, but I don't know."

He said he has never felt unsafe during his time in Israel, despite the country's longstanding conflict with the Palestinians, but that could change if he joins the military. He believes the opportunity outweighs the risk. "That's one thing I had to decide when I went there," Jaben said. "When that bridge comes, I'm going to have to cross it and be ready for anything. In my mind, I don't like saying it, but I guess I'm ready for the worst and hope for the best. "I went for spiritual reasons and my dream for the Olympics, and I think that outweighs anything else."



## Most Inspirational Swimmers of the Month



**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF THE MONTH**  
**ELITE PROGRAM**  
March 2008  
**Vito Cammisano**  
Age 17  
Rockhurst High School

### CRITERIA:

- A. Attendance
- B. Attitude
- C. Growth as a Swimmer & to Team Members
- D. Growth as a Person
- E. Inspiration to Staff

Vito Cammisano is a young man who chose to bypass his high school swimming opportunity to pursue his peak potential. This has resulted in major improvements and also he is challenging to reach the top of his swimming potential. He finished in Top 3 in two events and Top 16 in all race at spring Sectionals. He continued his quest for Junior National Standards and his peak potential at Division I again winning a race and finishing in Top 8 in four races. Also, he chose to by pass spring break and continue full time training and prepare for the April Grand Prix. Vito, by far, during the spring break training was the number one performer in my group every practice. This level of ownership commitment is a plan for excellence and realizing his maximum potential.

Congratulations Vito and parents, what a fantastic young man!

Head Elite Coach Peter D. Malone Assistant Coach Kate Zabler

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF THE MONTH**  
**ELITE PROGRAM**  
**April 2008**  
**Austin Acheson**  
**Olathe East High School**

**CRITERIA:**

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| D. Attendance                            | D. Growth as a Person   |
| E. Attitude                              | E. Inspiration to Staff |
| F. Growth as a Swimmer & to Team Members |                         |

Austin had an excellent return to the Blazer Elite Group after a solid high school season. Austin has demonstrated an elevated desire and passion for reaching his potential. He continued with great strides in competition at Sectionals and Division I's. He extended that dedication all thru March and April. He has attended a full training schedule all thru March and chose to stay and train through Spring Break.

He restarted his strength training in the weight room a month ahead of the Elite Group. In April Austin as continued to be impressive in practices and attitude. What an exciting person and pleasure to work with! Austin has stated high goals before and he has reaffirmed them once again. The big step is he is taking daily actions to prepare and "BE" what he says and wants.

Congratulations Austin and parents, very impressive, what a fantastic young man!

Head Elite Coach Peter D. Malone Assistant Coach Kate Zabler

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF THE MONTH**  
**OLATHE**  
**Michael Haynes**  
**April 2008**  
**Advanced Blue Group**  
**14 Years Old**

Being the most inspirational swimmer in the group doesn't necessarily mean being the fastest swimmer in the group at practice. However, it is starting to become that way with the performance of Michael Haynes in the month of April. In a month where attendance for the group is dramatically down, Michael brought his up attending the highest number of practices (15) for the entire group in April.

More than just being there, Michael is always anxious to help set up the pool for practice and tighten the lane lines so that we can start on time – he doesn't just work hard himself, he helps make it possible for everyone around him to practice well – in and out of the water. He has taken it upon himself to get stronger during dryland exercises and sets a great example.

At the first meet in Topeka, Michael swam four events that he's never competed in before. One of them was the 200 Meter Butterfly. Michael knew it would be tough and showed concern before the race, but tried anyway. Even though he wasn't able to finish legally, he made it the whole way and learned a lot about what he can work on in practice. The way April has gone, I'm sure he'll do even better in his next meet. Great job, Micheal.

Your coaches,  
Rodney and Derek

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF THE MONTH**

**OLATHE**

**April 2008**

**Kaela Ropson**

**Gold Group**

**13 years old**

April was a great month for Kaela Ropson in pretty much all areas. The only area she didn't really get better – she still has not increased the number of dimples on her face when she smiles. However, she brings that smile to practice every day. It is infectious to swimmers and staff alike. Kaela had a lot to smile about in April, though she showed concern about several items.

Kaela showed concern this month a few times prior to practice times conflicting with other commitments that she has. The result was that she was only able to get to 95% of practices in April. Because she was concerned ahead of time, she managed the impact and was able to do the things she wanted to do.

Before our first meet in Long Course, Kaela was concerned about swimming the 1500M free and 200M butterfly for the first time. After a short pep talk from the coach, she managed to get an "A" time in the 1500 and finish the 200 fly with a faster 4<sup>th</sup> 50 than she went on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 50 – showing that she was ready to do both events. For the meet, she got five out of six best times.

Kaela has shown that her concern can really be interpreted as CARE. She cares about her performance and is planning ahead to make sure that she's doing what changes she needs to make, if any, to mold the outcome of future events. In April, Kaela did this several times with positive results. Expect her to do the same all summer and end up at Zones again in the bottom of her age group!

Your coaches,  
Derek, Pat, Tim, & Rodney

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF THE MONTH**

**Shawnee Mission North/Roeland Park**

**April 2008**

**GOLD Groups**

**Nathan Simpson**

**15 years old**

Nathan Simpson has been chosen as SMN Gold team Swimmer of the Month primarily for his consistent positive attitude and good work ethic. Nathan has shown steady improvement over the last year in all aspects of swimming with the minor exception of his flutter kick. Breaststroke, his greatest area of strength has also been the site that has shown the most dramatic improvement. Nathan has dropped over eight seconds in his 100 Breast stroke over the last year to a solid 1:09.5

While his time drops have been both significant and substantial his attitude and positive leadership qualities have been where I have seen the greatest area of improvement. Nathan not only leads by example but he also encourages others to do the same. He is a person whose presence has a positive influence on the group in general and the swimmers in his lane directly. Some might call this growing up, but I would rather call it a process of maturation. Nathan is moving in the right direction and taking other's with him at the same time. It is swimmers like Nathan that are helping to build a true team atmosphere with the Gold group, one where everyone feels a part of and can contribute to in their own unique way. I consider my self very fortunate to be able to work with people like Nathan. It is his character and others like him that helps to make coaching so gratifying. Thank you Nathan for helping me enjoy my job as much as I do.

Best of Luck,  
Coach Henry

## Parent Volunteer of the Month

The volunteer of the month is Brian Fries. Brian is currently the Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee. This committee is responsible for all fundraising activities for the team including corporate fundraising. Brian recently prepared an awesome new brochure highlighting the many successes of the team. Like all good leaders he has assembled a great committee to help with fundraising efforts. Brian works tirelessly in his capacity as chairman of this committee and is doing a fantastic job. As if this is not enough, Brian can also be seen working as a stroke and turn judge at many meets. His enthusiasm and dedication are two of the many qualities he possesses that make him our Blazer Volunteer of the Month. Thank you Brian for all your hard work in supporting the Kansas City Blazers!

## Corporate Fund Raising Drive

Running a quality swim program at five locations, with more than 28 coaches, and providing an excellent swimming experience for all levels, does not come without a cost. We are fortunate to be affiliated with Johnson County Parks & Recreation and can therefore maintain the costs at a reasonable level. In an effort to help with the costs, we are continually looking at different fund raising options. You were able to see these efforts throughout the year in the form of various activities such as volunteering at the NASCAR races, the Swimathon, purchasing trash bags, joining the Blazer Boosters, etc.

One of our primary fund raising activities is obtaining business sponsors. You will note these sponsors on the website, in the meet programs, and on various banners at the meets. Please let these sponsors know that you appreciate their support. **Further, we are always looking for new sponsors.** If your business or employer, or anyone you know, would be interested in sponsoring the Blazers, we would be very grateful.

Please contact any of the following individuals, either at the pool or by phone:

- General Business Office – Denise Holm
- Olathe – Ted Breidenthal
- Blue Valley North and Blue Valley West – Brad Bond or Sandy Cohen
- Shawnee Mission North and Roeland Park – Brian Fries

We appreciate all of your support and anything you can do. GO BLAZERS!

### 2007-2008 KC Blazer Age Group Remaining Schedule

Dates	Meet or Event	Location	Tracks
May 9-11	Earlybird Jr/Sr Long Course	Central High	DII & DI
May 17	Blue/Gold Cupcake	SMNorth	Blue/Gold
June 6-8	Blaisdell Beach Bash	Gage Park, Topeka	Everybody
June 13-15	Clay Platte YMCA LC Meet	Clay Platte YMCA	Non-Columbia
June 20-22	Columbia Invite	University of MO	One "A" Time
June 27-29	Air Cap Meet (Prelim/Final)	Wichita	3 "A" times
June 29-July 6	Olympic Trials	Omaha, NE	Qualifiers
July 11-13	Wave of the Wheat	Lawrence	"B" Meet
July 15-19	Region VIII/Sectionals	Oklahoma City Elite	Qualifiers
<b>July 25-27</b>	<b>Missouri Valley Division II</b>	<b>Tiffany Springs, MO</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>
<b>August 1-3</b>	<b>Missouri Valley Division I</b>	<b>Lenexa</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>
<b>August 7-10</b>	<b>MEGA Zone Championships</b>	<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>

#### Notes

In general, each swimmer will be in one of the three "Tracks" throughout the year. While this does not include every scenario, it gives a good general picture of what meets your swimmer will be eligible. It will also be common for swimmers to move "up" a track

as they improve, and move “down” a track as the age up. Questions regarding eligibility for meets should be directed to the head site coach. If a meet says “Qualifiers”, there are specific times for that meet in play.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE DATE/LOCATION CHANGES IN BOLD.**



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**THE BLAZER SWIMMERS  
WISH TO THANK  
THE KC BLAZER BOOSTERS!**

**2007-2008 BLAZER BOOSTER FAMILIES:**

BARTNETT FAMILY  
BAYER FAMILY  
BENSON FAMILY  
BOLLIER FAMILY  
BOND FAMILY  
BONICELLI FAMILY  
BRIMACOMBE FAMILY  
BRULL FAMILY  
COHEN FAMILY  
DONNELLY FAMILY  
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