

## **KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### One Week Left - Brazadas Team Outerwear Store Closes October 14

Time is running out to grab your Brazadas team gear before the store closes on Tuesday, October 14.

We're getting close to reaching the minimum orders for parkas, hats, and beanies. That's great news! We just need a few more orders to get them into production. Our ¼-zips and sweatshirts are a bit farther from the minimum, but we do have a couple of orders in already, so let's see if we can add a few more this week.

Now's the time to stock up on team warm-ups, jackets, and cozy gear as the weather cools down. These make great gifts too, and everything ships directly to your home about 4 to 6 weeks after the store closes.

Let's finish strong and hit our minimums. Get your orders in now.

Shop the Brazadas Team Store Now

Save the Date: Parent/Athlete Meeting

Saturday, October 25

Mark your calendars! We'll hold our Parent/Athlete Meeting for all groups on Saturday, October 25 - the same day as our ZADA Intrasquad Blue vs. White meet. More details for both the Zada Intrasquad Meet and the meeting are coming soon. Save the date!

# PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Click here for practice schedule.

Athletes must have their own equipment. Purchase here: FINIS Swim.

## Practice Schedule Updates

Below is the updated practice schedule for the upcoming week. Please review carefully and note any changes or cancellations.

## Tuesday, October 7

- All Groups: No afternoon practice.
- Senior Prep: Morning practice at 6:00 AM (athletes may leave as needed for school).
- o Gold: Morning practice at 6:00 AM (athletes may leave as needed for school).

#### Wednesday, October 8

- All Groups: No afternoon practice.
- Senior Prep: Morning practice at 6:00 AM (athletes may leave as needed for school).

#### Thursday, October 9

- o Bronze: Added practice, 5:45–6:30 PM.
- Silver: Added practice, 6:30–7:30 PM.

### • Saturday, October 11

 All Groups: No practice. We will be competing at the PASEO Fall Kick Off. This includes Masters.

### Saturday, October 25

- o B-Team and Senior Prep: Practice cancelled due to Intrasquad Meet.
- Masters: Practice will still be held.

## Special Notice – October Practice Scheduling

We continue to work week to week with the Kern High School District as facility schedules are finalized. Our goal remains to ensure consistent access and minimal disruption for our swimmers. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility during this process. All schedule changes will be included the Brazadas Blast and special team emails when we learn more.

# **COMPETITION NEWS & INFORMATION**

Click here for competition schedule

## 2025 Paseo Fall Kickoff Season Opener

- October 11–12 in Santa Clarita
- Deadline to enter has closed
- Meet information click here

## ZADA Blue vs White Instrasquad

- Oct 25 in Bakersfield
- Open to all Brazadas Swimmers only!

Meet details coming soon

## **TNT Harvest Splash**

- Nov 9 in Tulare
- Open to all Brazadas Swimmers only!
- · Meet details coming soon

#### Golden Gobbler Invite

- Nov 21-23 in Mesa, AZ
- Open to 13 & Over swimmers
- Meet details coming soon

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## Free Water Safety Clinic - Oct. 18

Encourage friends and neighbors to gain confidence and learn some lifesaving water skills on Saturday, Oct. 18. This is a free clinic open to the whole community – sign up here.

# **COACH'S CORNER**

Hi all!

Be on the lookout for three emails from me this afternoon — here's what each will include:

#### **Intrasquad Meet Information**

- Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025
- All athletes (Bronze through B-Team) are expected to attend and will be automatically entered.
- Cost: Free
- Please let me know if you are unable to attend. Event lineup, start time, and additional details will be included in that email.

### Mesa, Arizona Golden Gobbler Meet Information

- Meet information and dates
- Team travel details
- Estimated costs and itinerary

### **Paseo Fall Kick-Off Meet Information**

- Timelines and warm-up times
- Timing assignments
- Coach's thoughts and expectations for the meet

Thanks everyone! Enjoy the night off, and I'll see you at the pool!

Coach Jackson

# **DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Dear Brazadas Families,

Thank you for your incredible support and for encouraging friends and neighbors to come to tryouts. We welcomed several new swimmers this past week and continue to see new faces joining the club every day. It's exciting to see Brazadas continue to grow and strengthen as a team.

I also want to personally thank all of our families and swimmers for your patience and flexibility this month. We know October has brought a few schedule adjustments as we continue learning and adapting at the new East Side Aquatic Center. With any new facility, there's always a bit of fine-tuning early on, but we're taking it one day at a time and working hard to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible. I truly appreciate your understanding and support as we move through this exciting phase together.

As mentioned last week, October is a full month for Brazadas, and I hope you'll find a way to be part of something happening. Whether that's cheering on teammates, helping at an event, or simply showing your Brazadas spirit on deck.

Good luck to all our swimmers competing at the PASEO Fall Kick Off this weekend. We have more than 30 swimmers racing. What an awesome turnout! Swim fast and have fun!

Go Brazadas,

Craig

#### Office Hours & Contact:

Our regular office hours are Monday–Friday, 1–3 p.m. at East Side Aquatic Center. But you're welcome to call or email anytime or request a meeting at another time.

To meet with the Director or Head Coach, email <u>Craig</u> or <u>Jackson</u>. If we miss your call at 661-456-8401, please leave a message. We return emails and calls within 24 hours on weekdays (except meet days).

# Team Resources:

Team Member Handbook and Brazadas Blast archive available on the <u>Resources Page</u>. The Blast is sent every Tuesday, miss one? Find it in the archive.