

BRAZADAS BLAST

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brazadas Summer Rec Team Registration Is Open

Coach Jay will lead our Summer Rec Team this year, and we are excited for what's ahead. Swim League is for ages 5–18 and a great way to get started or stay racing.

Early Bird Pricing

- Register by April 19 for \$250 (includes suit, cap, t-shirt, and meet fees)
- Current Brazadas swimmers: \$100 add-on (White and Navy Team Divisions are encouraged to sign up!)

Season Details

- May 18 – July 11
- Mon–Thurs Practices, 6:30–7:30pm (morning practice option will be available once school ends)
- Kern County Championships on July 11 at East Side Aquatic Center

Invite a friend and join us this summer! [Register now.](#)

Membership Structure Transition: Effective April 1

Our new team structure officially takes effect on April 1. All swimmers will be automatically transitioned into their new divisions, and your Captyn accounts will update accordingly. There is nothing you need to do on your end. Everything will update automatically.

This new model is designed to simplify the program and provide more flexibility for families, with a base membership and optional performance add-ons that adjust practice frequency based on your swimmer's goals and commitment.

If you have any questions about your swimmer's division or the new structure, please reach out to [Craig](#) directly.

As part of the transition, a one-time \$100 fee will be applied on April 1. This replaces the annual registration families have paid in previous seasons and moves us into a structure

with no ongoing yearly or anniversary fees moving forward, simplifying things long term for families.

Team Store 20% Grand Opening Sale Ends Soon

The B-Town Brazadas Team Store is live with new gear and apparel. Take advantage of 20% off your order with code SPIRIT20 at checkout. This offer ends April 5.

Every purchase gives 10% back to support our nonprofit swim program.

[Shop now and gear up for the season.](#)

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 26

- No PM practices
- SWAGR swimmers: optional morning swim 6:00–7:15am

Friday, March 27

- Last day of practices before break
- Combined B-Team, Senior Prep, and Gold: 5:00–6:30pm

Long course season begins Tuesday, April 7.

Please refer to the [March calendar](#) for full schedule details. [April](#) and [May](#) schedules are also available.

As we transition into long course, make sure your swimmer has all required equipment. Gear is available through the [Brazadas FINIS Team Store](#).

COMPETITION SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

SWAGR

- March 27–30 in Clovis, CA
- [Meet information](#)
- Registration closed

Long course season [meet schedule](#) is now available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Starts and Turns Clinic

Our three-day Starts and Turns Clinic runs March 30 through April 1 from 5:30–6:30pm at East Side Aquatic Center.

The clinic will be led by Bakersfield College Head Coach Matt Moon and Brazadas Coach Daran Towns, who is also an assistant at Bakersfield College.

Swimmers will focus on key race skills including starts, turns, and underwater work.

Open to all swimmers in the community.

Cost: \$30 for Brazadas members | \$50 for non-members

Registration is still open. [Sign up online today.](#)

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Brazadas Families,

This past Saturday's Intrasquad meet was a great way to wrap up our first short course season at East Side Aquatic Center. Thank you to all of our parents who stepped in to help with timing. A special thank you, as always, to the Haislip, Minch, and Stevens families for running the meet. We truly cannot do these without you.

For those newer to the team, our Intrasquad meets are run as "Block Party" meets through USA Swimming, which allows times to count officially. Brazadas does pay USA Swimming to sanction these meets so our athletes receive official times and a true meet experience. As a new club and in our first season at East Side, this has been a great learning process for all of us. Our goal is to continue building on this and grow into hosting meets with other teams. To get there, we will need more families involved, especially officials. This summer, we are aiming to host three additional Intrasquad meets as we continue moving in that direction.

Good luck to our SWAGR swimmers this weekend as we head back to Clovis for our final championship meet of the short course season. Looking forward to some great racing and much better weather this time around.

We are also very excited to officially welcome Coach Jay Schmidt to Brazadas. Many of you had a chance to meet him this past weekend. He brings great experience, energy, and

alignment with what we are building here. We are excited to have him join us on deck starting April 7 and look forward to the impact he will have across our entire program.

Wishing all of our families a restful spring break and a wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, April 7 as we shift into long course season!

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, email [Craig](#). 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 [Resources Page](#). The Blast is sent every Tuesday, miss one? Find it in the archive.