



# 2024 Visitors Guide

## WELCOME TO THE BRIDLEWOOD BRIDLEWAVES POOL

The BWaves welcome you to our facilities. We are happy to be hosting your swim team this week. We hope the following information will assist you and help the meet run smoothly. Please contact us if you have additional questions.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Our facility is the Bridlewood Community Swimming Pool, located at: 13622 Harness Shop Ct., Gainesville, VA 20155.

Our pool has six (6) lanes, twenty-five meters in length, a roomy deck and plenty of surrounding areas for team tents.

The backstroke flags are set at FIVE (5) METERS.

### DIRECTIONS:

We are located almost directly off of Linton Hall Road in the Bridlewood Community. You will enter the community on Harness Shop Road and see Imagination Learning Center on the left. The next left will be Harness Shop Court and the pool is at the end of the court.

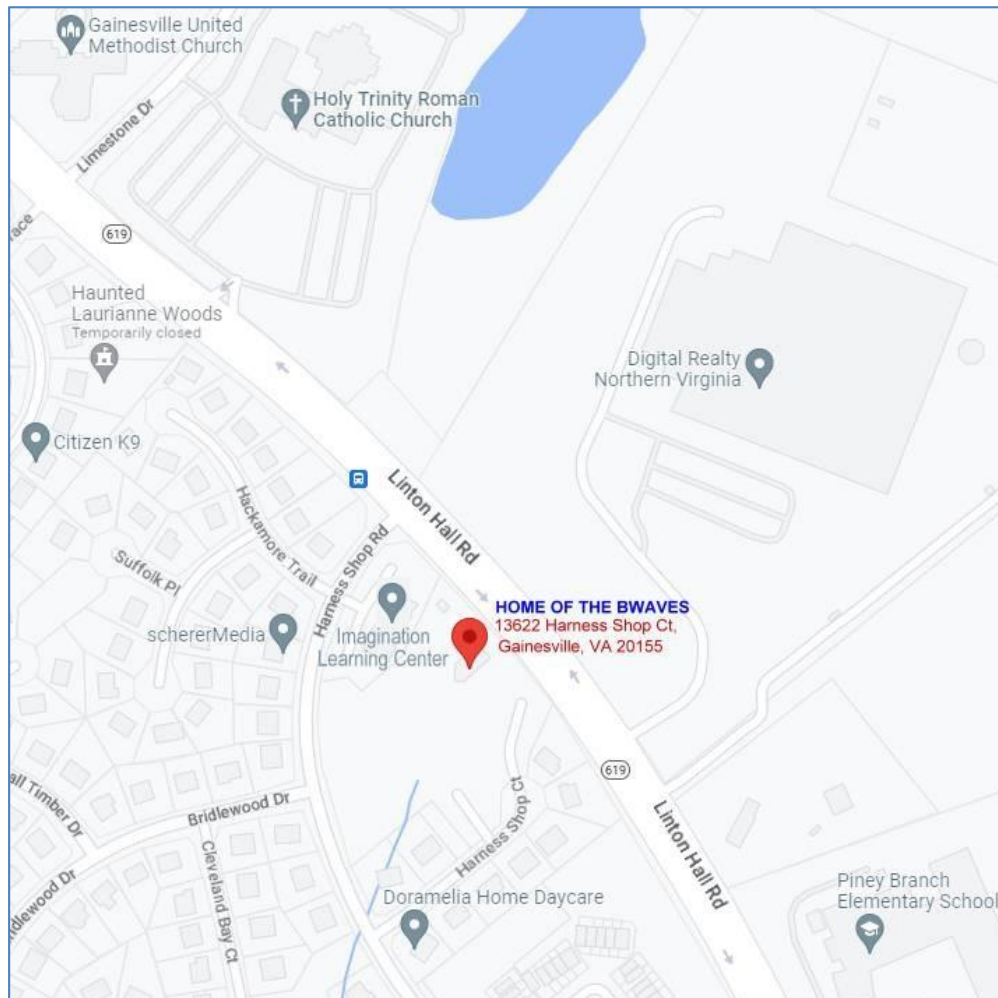
Below are two sets of directions, depending on where your team is coming from, and a map.

**From Route 66:** Take exit 43A toward Gainesville (US-29 S). Use the right lane to take the ramp to VA-55 E. Keep left at the fork and follow signs for VA-619 E (Linton Hall Rd). Use one of the



left three lanes to turn slightly left onto Linton Hall Road. Continue about 1.5 miles and turn right onto Harness Shop Rd (Bridlewood Community). Turn left onto Harness Shop Court. Pool is at the end of the court.

**From Route 95:** Take exit 152B toward Manassas onto Dumfries Road/Route 234 North. Take the Nokesville Road/Route 28 S ramp toward US-17. Turn right onto Linton Hall Road/Route 619 (continue for 4.6 miles). Turn left onto Harness Shop Road. Turn left onto Harness Shop Court. Pool is at the end of the court.



GPS works too. Again, the address is: 13622 Harness Shop Ct., Gainesville, VA 20155.

### **PARKING:**

There is a small parking lot at the pool that fills up quickly. Spots are first come, first served. The pool parking lot includes two reserved handicapped spots. We will reserve some other spots for computer reps, coaches, and head official in response to a reasonable request.

There is plenty of other parking at Imagination Learning Center and surrounding streets. PLEASE



DO NOT PARK IN INTERSECTIONS OR BLOCK RESIDENTS' DRIVEWAYS OR MAILBOXES. CARS THAT BLOCK A RESIDENT'S DRIVEWAY OR MAILBOX WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE. Please mind your speed in the neighborhood and please keep the noisemaking and carousing to a minimum during the early hours of the meet so our neighbors don't get cranky.

### **DECK LAYOUT, VISITOR AREA, AND AMMENITIES**

You will have room on deck for no more than two (2) coaching tents (10' x 10', YOU provide). We will gladly provide "bench" seating for the coaching tent and you can bring your own chairs as well for use in the tents. Most teams prefer to bring one tent for coaches on deck, while setting up a second tent for check-in of swimmers and/or volunteers in the visiting area. The visiting team area is located outside of the pool deck in the surrounding grassy areas.

There is plenty of space for many tents and families and, while you won't have the best view of the pool, there will be speakers pointed in your general direction to ensure you don't lose track of what's going on. Honestly, our HOA just resurfaced the basketball and tennis courts and then promptly told us to keep our tents and swim traffic out of there. So, we're rolling with it and adjusting to that unexpected curve ball. We will make sure that your team has enough space to set up and stay out of the sun, but we ask that you refrain from setting up prior to Saturday morning and we'll do our best to make sure everything is as clearly marked as possible.

You'll most likely want to enter the deck through the opened gate in between the clubhouse (on the right) and restrooms (on the left). Entrance to the clubhouse is limited to volunteers working with the computers, ribbons, scoring, or verifying. It is also the hub of activity for our amazing concessions stand, which we'll get to in a second. The double doors to the left of the entrance lead to the bathrooms. The bathrooms are modest, but they should be clean, and they do what bathrooms do.

On deck and directly to your left is the Lifeguard station, a.k.a. the DJ stand, which is a great place to get ahold of someone if you have questions or need assistance. We do play music throughout the meet and our DJ will be calling our event numbers and various updates as the meet progresses.

To the far left, there is a shade structure with tables and chairs. Those are reserved for our volunteers who won a raffle. (That's how we encourage volunteering – if you have other ideas, we'd love to chat and trade secrets). The baby pool is next to the shade structure and should remain closed during our meets. It is fenced off, so please don't hop the fence.

All starts take place on the right side of the pool (as you enter the deck) and the clerk of course is conveniently located in that general area as well. Timers and Recorders rotate to the opposite side of the pool for the 25m races, and we usually play some motivational music to help you get there in a respectable amount of time to keep the meet on schedule.



Service at concessions takes place outside of the pool deck to the right and in front of the clubhouse, under a big tent. NOTE: Our concessions stand is CASH ONLY so hit up the ATM Friday night if you need to, because the smell of the grill will get to you and you will get hungry. At a typical meet, we will offer breakfast foods (bagels, coffee, etc.) a little before the meet starts and transition into the burgers and hot dogs and other good lunch-type stuff when the time is right.

Please enjoy the following camping / parking layout and pool layout diagrams. They are worth all the words on the previous section.









## ARRIVAL, WARM UPS, AND BRIEFINGS

For dual meets, the BWaves warm up from 6:05am – 6:25am. Visiting teams warm up from 6:25am – 6:45am. Our Jr. Coaches warm up around 5:45am and if you would like your coaches to warm up early as well, just let us know and we will make sure there are some lanes for them to use.

There will be a **timers and recorders briefing at 6:35am** to provide information and last-minute instructions. Timers and recorders from all shifts should attend this briefing. This briefing will take place **in front of the DJ stand** which, yes, is loud, but also centrally located and out of the way of the warm up splashes.

There will be an **officials briefing at 6:35am at the start end of the pool**. They will review all the strokes, rotations, etc. and go over assignments. Please have a **Starter and a Referee** available.

We will play (or perform) the National Anthem around 6:55am and the meet will begin promptly at 7:00am.



## EQUIPMENT

Please bring your starting equipment, computer and printer (as a backup). Your head timer should also bring an adequate number of stop watches to supply your team's timers.

## VOLUNTEERS

We saved the best part for last. VOLUNTEERING! We run two (2) shifts for our volunteers – 7:00 to 9:45 and 9:45 to 12:30 (or the end of the meet). These timeframes are just guidelines though, and we will adjust them as needed, depending on the flow of the meet.

Visiting teams should provide nine (9) timers and three (3) recorders for each shift, distributed as follows:

- Two (2) timers each for lanes 2, 4, and 6
- One (1) timer each for lanes 1, 3, and 5
- One (1) recorder each for lanes 1, 3, and 5

Visiting teams should also provide a head timer for the second shift. (We've found that most head timers like to hang out for most of the meet, but you only need to be officially on duty for the second shift).

Additional volunteers needed:

- Three (3) to four (4) Stroke and Turn officials (allows for a rotation during the meet)
- Three (3) Clerk of Course for each shift
- Two (2) Runners for each shift
- One (1) Heat Ribbon Runner for second shift only
- Two (2) Scorers for each shift (in the clubhouse)
- One (1) Verifier for each shift (in the clubhouse) □ One (1) Ribbon Labeler for each of the two (2) shifts. (NOTE: This position is divided into two (2) shifts from 8:00-10:30 and 10:30-1:00)
- Your Head Computer person – to be available (in the clubhouse)
- One (1) Marshall to help monitor your area (keep it clean)

## FINAL THOUGHTS

We are going to have a LOT of fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the appropriate person (detailed above), preferably before the Wednesday prior to our meet.

