

GULF Swimming Senior Meet

November 5-6, 2016

A Short Course Yards Timed Finals Meet

HOSTED BY



Sanction Number # GUSC 17-029R2

ENTRIES DUE TO MEET HOST (John Burke, peakentries@comcast.net) BY 6:00 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016

- LOCATION:** Pearland Recreation Center and Natatorium
4141 Bailey Road
Pearland, TX 77584
- DIRECTIONS:** Take south Sam Houston Tollway to Pearland Parkway. Go south on Pearland Parkway until the stoplight at Oiler Drive, (Pearland High School stadium on your right). Turn right on Oiler Drive, which turns into Bailey Road at next intersection (Highway 35). Continue straight on Bailey Road and cross bridge; Natatorium will be on your right at the corner of Bailey Road and Veterans Road.
- SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Parking is available in front of the Natatorium and behind the facility off of Veterans Road. **There is no meet parking in front of the Recreation Center side, or on the side lot alongside Veterans Dr. as these are reserved for Recreation Center members only.** Overflow parking is available at the neighboring high school on Bailey Rd. **There is no RV parking on the Recreation Center and Natatorium grounds.**
- MEET STAFF:**
- MEET REFEREE:** Keith Rudy (klrudy1957@gmail.com)
 - ADMIN OFFICIAL:** Francis Sanes (fjsanes@gmail.com)
 - MEET DIRECTOR(S):** Karen Gapsiewicz (taqurit1975@yahoo.com 713-598-5246); Charles Hoffman
 - SAFETY MARSHAL:** Ryan Elliott
 - COACH(ES):** John Burke, Head Coach
Natalie Melenric, Assistant Coach
Maksims Pimenovs, Assistant Coach
Ann Burke, Assistant Coach
Caitlin Cunningham, Assistant Coach
- POOL:** Two eight lane, 25 yard indoor pools with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition. A separate warm-up / warm-down area will be made available during the competition.
- TIME AND DATE:** This is three session, 2 day, timed-finals meet with AM/PM sessions on Saturday.



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Session 1: Saturday AM – November 5, 2016

Warm-up*: 7:30 – 8:45 am

Meet Start: 9:00 am

Session 2: Saturday PM – November 5, 2016

Warm-up/Meet Start*: warm-up for the PM session will start approximately 2 hours after the conclusion of the Saturday AM session. The PM competition will begin approximately 1 hour after the start of warm-up.

Session 3: Sunday AM – November 6, 2016

Warm-up*: 7:30 – 8:45 am

Meet Start: 9:00 am

*Host team will publish the PM session warm-up and start times with the warm-up/timing assignments on the Gulf webpage. Warm-up is scheduled to start approximately 2 hours after the conclusion of the AM Session, with the PM Session starting 1 hour after PM Warm-ups begin.

*Split warm-ups will be in effect, with assignments posted on the Gulf Swimming website. Lane assignments for warm-ups and timing will be designated in the heat sheet, and posted on the Gulf Swimming website by Monday, October 31, 2016.

MEET TYPE:

This meet will be run utilizing the “Flyover Starts” procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chair. At the conclusion of each heat, the swimmers shall remain in the water until after the next heat is started. Coaches, please remind your swimmers of the “Flyover Start” procedures.

SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

SEEDING:

The meet will be pre-seeded for all events 200 yards or shorter. The 400 IM, the 500 and the 1000 Free will be deck seeded events. Coaches please inform your swimmers of pre-seeded and deck seeded rules. All events will be seeded with heats in the order of fastest to slowest. As a courtesy to the host, coaches should inform the clerk of course of swimmers not attending the meet. Empty lanes will be used for deck entries.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN FOR THE 400 IM, 500 AND 1650 FREE:

All swimmers must circle in on sheets that will be available at the start of warm-up for the session, and due 45 minutes before the start of the session in which the event is scheduled to swim. After the events are officially closed, no one may check-in or scratch. After checking-in, failure to appear at the starting blocks will result in the swimmer being assessed a \$5.00 fine, payable to Gulf Swimming Administrative Vice-Chair, Jason Wedlick, for each event in which he/she fails to appear.



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ON-DECK ENTRIES: Late entries will be accepted each day up to 45 minutes before the start of each session. Those swimmers missing the 6:00 pm, Tuesday, October 25, 2016 deadline may enter the meet on-deck in the following manner:

1. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry. Swimmers not already entered in the meet must also pay the swimmer surcharge fee.
2. Swimmers must supply completed entry forms. The swimmers will be seeded into open lanes in the pre-seeded events and according to their best times in deck seeded events.
3. Swimmers must enter all events for the session forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the session's first event.
4. Swimmers must be qualified to swim the event entered.
5. Swimmers must not exceed the allotted number of events allowed each day.
6. Swimmers that on-deck enter to change their entry time in a deck seeded event,
 - a. must circle-in on the posted circle-in sheets,
 - b. the on-deck entry time will be used for seeding, and
 - c. the on-deck entry fees still apply to these swimmers.
7. Heats will be added, if necessary and if the timeline permits.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entry Times: Swimmers must enter at their best time. Entry times must be submitted in the course at which the best time was achieved – short course yards (Y), short course meters (S), or long course meters (L). Do not convert meter (yard) times to yard (meter) times. If entries are made by paper (not using Hy-Tek), swimmers should indicate on their entry the course at which the entry time was made (i.e., Y, S, or L). If swimmers have never competed in a USA Swimming meet before, put NT where a seed time is requested. Times must be from USA Swimming meets.

Cut-off Times: None

Qualifying Times: 14 & Under swimmers must be qualified to swim the events entered. Qualifying times are 15-16 USAS Motivational “AA” times. 15 & Over swimmers do not have qualifying times. All 10 & Under swimmers entering Senior events must provide proof of time with their entries. The Gulf “beyond IMX” rule does not apply.

Age: As of November 5, 2016

Number of Events: Swimmers may compete in up to five (5) individual events per day.

Entries: All teams MUST submit their entries electronically via e-mail, using the Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the designee of the Technical Planning Chairman no later than **6:00 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016**. No late entries will be accepted. Email entries to the designee of the Technical Planning Chairman (Joel Beard) at:

EMAIL: John Burke, peakentries@comcast.net

Eligible Teams: All Gulf and USA teams are encouraged to enter.



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Individual Event Entry Fee (per event): \$5.75
Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer): \$5.00
Make entry fee checks payable to: Pearland Aquatics

Mail entry fees (**POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016**) to the address below:

Karen Gapsiewicz, PEAK Treasurer
P.O. Box 1957
Pearland, TX 77588

(713) 598-5246

peakentries@comcast.net

AWARDS: There will be no awards presented at this meet.

SCORING: This meet will not be scored.

RULES AND SANCTIONS:

The current USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is a registered member of USA Swimming as provided in Article 302. On deck USA Swimming membership registration will not be permitted. Gulf Swimming teams assigned by the Technical Planning Chairman may only participate in this invitational meet.

PROOF OF TIME: Any swimmer that cannot prove that he/she was eligible to swim an event will be fined \$20.00 for each event he/she fails to prove. The fine or proof of time is sent to the Gulf Administrative Vice-Chairman.

POOL MEASUREMENT:

The competition course has been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

The water depth of the competition course is 13 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the diving well end of the course, and 6 feet 7 inches measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the warm-up/down pool end of the course.

TIMING SYSTEM:

A Daktronics Model 2000 electronic timing system with electronic scoreboard will be used. Two watches per lane will be used as a back-up. Teams will be required to furnish timers based on their percentage of swims at the meet. Timing assignments will be published in the psych sheet. Swimmers in the 500/1000 Free and 400 IM must provide 2 timers and a



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lap counter where applicable.

POOL DECK RESTRICTION:

Because of USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations, the swimming pool deck, during the operation of all Gulf Swimming sanctioned meets, is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. All registered non-athletes are required to display their current USA Swimming registration card. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so. It is for your safety.

Coaches and Officials must present their membership cards in order to receive complimentary Heat Sheets and for admission to the Hospitality Room. Coaches must supervise their swimmers.

Swimmers may bring portable seating on the pool deck, if space permits, but may not block walkways. Swimmers may also have small portable coolers (no rolling coolers) on deck with water and Gatorade. Teams are not allowed to setup on the computer room side of the pool. Food and drinks from concession stand are not allowed on deck; shaded patio seating is available behind the natatorium. Spectators wishing to volunteer for timing will be permitted to access the deck and help for that specific purpose. **See complete facility rules attached to this invitation.**

DECK CHANGES:

Deck Changes are prohibited. Deck Change definition – “changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes”.

AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES:

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, restrooms, showers or locker rooms. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event.

UNACCOMPANIED SWIMMERS:

Any swimmers entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES:

Coaches and/or swimmers are responsible for notifying the Meet Referee of any disability prior to the competition and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve Gulf Swimming equipment (remote strobe).

HOSPITALITY:

A hospitality room will be available.



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- MEET RESULTS:** Meet results will be posted on the Gulf Swimming Web Page (www.gulfswimming.org), within three days after the conclusion of the meet.
- CONCESSIONS:** Concessions will be available.
- MERCHANDISE:** Swim Shops of the Southwest will be at the meet selling swim apparel and swim gear.
- FACILITY RULES:** The spectator seating area will accommodate 700 occupants. Seating will be on a first come first served basis; no reserve seating is allowed. Any items left in the seating area after each session will be removed and placed in lost and found. **No coolers or portable seating is allowed in the spectator seating area. Tents and portable seating are permitted outside on the grassy areas behind the Natatorium. Wet swimmers are not allowed in the spectator seating area; swimmers are asked to remain with their team on pool deck during each session.**
- ATTACHMENTS:** Meet Format, Gulf Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures, Entry Verification Form, Maps, Facility Rules, Hotels



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Entry Rules:

Type of meet	Timed Finals
Max # individual events per day	Five (5)
Swimmers eligible	All USA Swimming
Entry times in	SCY, LCM, SCM
Qualifying times (15 & Over)	None
Qualifying times (14 & Under)	15-16 USAS Motivational "AA" times
Enter with no time?	Yes
Gulf "three event rule" applies?	Yes
Gulf "up/down rule" applies?	Yes
Gulf "beyond IMX" rule applies?	No
Fees	Individual – \$5.75
Facility Surcharge	\$5.00



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Saturday, November 5, 2016 (Morning)

GIRLS	SCY	SCM	LCM	Event	LCM	SCM	SCY	BOYS
1	2:03.89	2:16.89	2:21.09	14&U 200 Free	2:10.79	2:05.49	1:53.59	2
1				15&O 200 Free				2
3	1:02.69	1:09.19	1:12.79	14&U 100 Back	1:06.79	1:03.29	57.29	4
3				15&O 100 Back				4
5	1:12.49	1:20.09	1:23.09	14&U 100 Breast	1:15.59	1:11.89	1:05.09	6
5				15&O 100 Breast				6
				5 min. break				
7	4:54.49	5:25.39	5:35.09	14&U 400 IM*	5:10.99	5:00.79	4:32.19	8
7				15&O 400 IM*				8

Saturday, November 5, 2016 (Afternoon)

GIRLS	SCY	SCM	LCM	Event	LCM	SCM	SCY	BOYS
9	2:18.69	2:33.29	2:39.49	14&U 200 IM	2:26.39	2:20.09	2:06.79	10
9				15&O 200 IM				10
11	26.59	29.29	30.39	14&U 50 Free	26.79	26.29	23.79	12
11				15&O 50 Free				12
13	1:02.59	1:09.09	1:10.79	14&U 100 Fly	1:04.29	1:02.39	56.49	14
13				15&O 100 Fly				14
				5 min. break				
15	5:29.69	4:48.49	4:55.99	14&U 500 Free*	4:36.69	4:29.39	5:07.79	16
15				15&O 500 Free*				16

All events will be seeded fastest to slowest.

*The 400 I.M. and 500/1650 free will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating girl's and boy's heats. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters (500/1000 free).

**Warm-up for Saturday PM session will not start earlier than 2 hours after the conclusion of the Saturday AM session. The Saturday PM competition will begin 1 hour after the start of warm-up.



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Sunday, November 6, 2016 (Morning)

GIR	SCY	SCM	LCM	Event	LCM	SCM	SCY	BO
17	2:16.99	2:31.39	2:35.59	14&U 200 Fly	2:22.89	2:19.09	2:05.89	18
17				15&O 200 Fly				18
19	57.49	1:03.49	1:05.49	14&U 100 Free	59.59	57.39	51.99	20
19				15&O 100 Free				20
21	2:35.99	2:52.39	2:57.99	14&U 200 Breast	2:42.89	2:36.89	2:21.99	22
21				15&O 200 Breast				22
23	2:15.29	2:29.59	2:35.49	14&U 200 Back	2:22.69	2:17.59	2:04.49	24
23				15&O 200 Back				24
				10 min. break				
25	18:58.69	18:52.09	19:36.29	14&U 1650 Free*	18:19.89	17:47.09	17:53.29	26
25				15&O 1650 Free*				26

All events will be seeded fastest to slowest.

*The 400 I.M. and 500/1650 free will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating girl's and boy's heats. Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters (500/1000 free).



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WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- A. General warm-up (Initial portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **NO DIVING OR RACING STARTS** allowed from the blocks edge of the pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first cautiously.
 - 2. **NO SPRINTING OR PACE WORK** allowed during this general warm-up session.
- B. Specific warm-up (Last portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **RACING STARTS ONLY**, either from blocks or from backstroke starts.
 - 2. Lanes are **ONE WAY ONLY**.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- A. Swimmers Responsibilities
 - 1. All swimmers without a registered coach to observe them at the meet, and/or their coaches, should arrange, prior to their arrival at the meet, for a registered coach to observe them during the warm-up, competition and warm-down. Any unattached or unattended swimmers who have not made previous arrangements with a coach to observe them at the meet should contact the Meet Director, Safety Marshal or Meet Referee for assistance in making such arrangements prior to their participating in the warm-up.
- B. Coaches Responsibilities
 - 1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practice.
 - 2. Coaches shall stand near the starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint and pace work.
 - 3. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session.
 - 4. Coaches shall maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.
 - 5. Registered coaches of unattached swimmers and registered coaches of non-Gulf teams should notify the meet host by the entry deadline if they will be at the meet, so that they may be assigned to a warm-up lane.
- C. Safety Marshals
 - 1. Appointed Safety Marshals are members of USA Swimming and have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session, any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety guidelines or warm-up procedures. **THE MEET REFEREE MAY EXERCISE ADDITIONAL ADJUDICATION AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY.**
- D. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Swimmers should be reminded by coaches that breaststrokes need more lead time than freestyle or butterfly swimmers.
 - 2. Backstrokers shall ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the starting blocks, when a backstroker is waiting to start.
 - 3. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
 - 4. Swimmers are required to exit the pool upon completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during warm-up periods.
 - 5. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks, scheduled or otherwise, during the competition.
 - 6. All diving boards and equipment are **OFF LIMITS**.
- E. Pool Rules
 - 1. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is not allowed on the grounds of USA Swimming meets.
 - 2. Glass containers are prohibited.
 - 3. Swimmers, coaches, and spectators are expected to observe all rules and regulations included in the announcement.



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ENTRY VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms or entry disk are currently registered with USA Swimming. Additionally, I verify that the on-deck coaches have met the current certification requirements.

Signature

Title

Date



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Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access

- All participants must follow the CDC “Healthy Swimming Policy” and shower before warm-up, no exception.
- Event personnel are empowered to enforce any and all regulations that have been established by the City of Pearland.
- Only participants, coaches, event administrators, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck – all spectators and parents must remain in the viewing stands.
- Participants are not allowed to climb over banisters or railings, or pass any posted barriers.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium complex during this event without purchasing a Day Pass at the Services Kiosk located within the Recreation Center.
- Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol products, or glass containers are allowed anywhere within the Pearland Natatorium. This also applies to the parking lot.
- Portable coolers only (no rolling coolers) are allowed on the pool deck, provided they do not contain glass items; no coolers allowed in the spectator bleacher area.
- No flash photography is allowed at the start of any race. Video or photo capable devices are prohibited in the men’s and women’s locker rooms.
- Teams are expected to clean up their respective areas at the conclusion of the competition.
- Running or any other sort of activity that might be interpreted or described as “horseplay” is prohibited.
- Folding/portable chairs are not allowed in the spectator area. The walkways must stay clear at all times, as per Fire Marshall regulations. Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits, and the use of emergency exits for non-emergencies is prohibited.
- Face-painting or body painting of any kind is not permitted at the Natatorium.

Access to the deck of the PEARLAND Natatorium is restricted by pass to the following:

Athletes • Administrative support personnel • Coaches • Facility/District Staff • Officials • Marshals • Service and supply vendors • Credentialed media personnel • Hospitality personnel • Medical support personnel • Other personnel on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Meet Director or the Meet Referee.



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Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium Healthy Swimming Policy

The City of Pearland is committed to the health and safety of all patrons. The Pearland Parks and Recreation Center & Natatorium utilizes advanced training and technology and has adopted the Centers for Disease Control's "Healthy Swimming Policy." The policy protects our patrons and spectators from poor air or water quality hazards typical with indoor swimming pools caused by microorganisms and chloramines. The cornerstone of this policy is based on guidelines which mandate safe practices such as requiring all participants to shower before entering either pool located within the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium.

"Healthy Swimming Policy"
Acknowledgement Form

Organization: _____

Representative Name and Title: _____

By my signature below I agree, on behalf of my organization that:

- I have received a copy of the "Healthy Swimming Policy" and understand the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium's "Healthy Swimming Policy" Procedure; as coach or sponsor I understand the responsibility for ensuring that all members of the organization and their guests comply with these rules. I understand that additional copies are available upon request.
- I affirm that all required staff members of my organization have current CPR/First Aid certifications and specific training or liability certification requirements needed by the organization's national governing body.
- I understand that the City of Pearland may from time to time modify its policies and I agree to abide by those changes.

Team Official/Head Coach

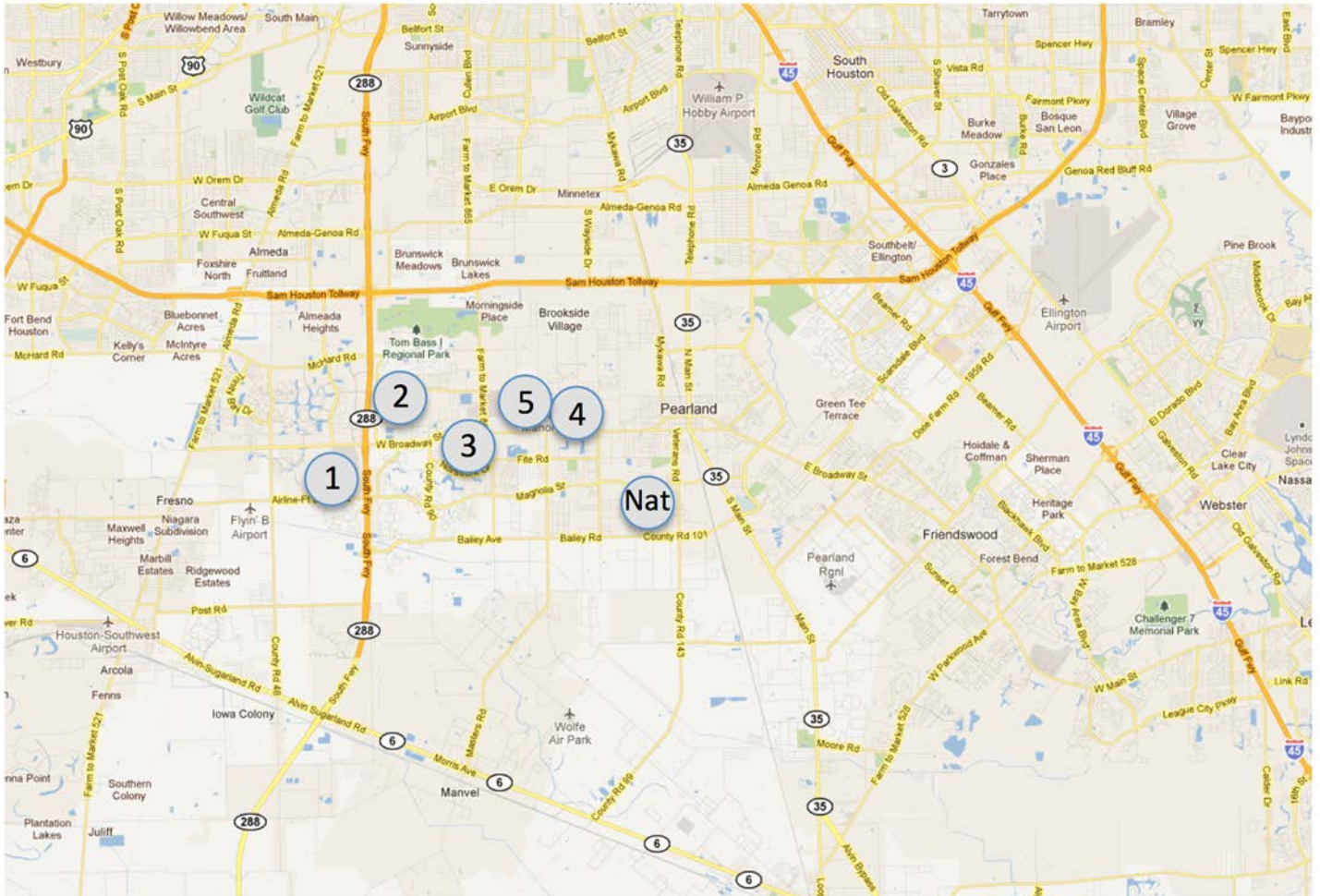
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Hotel Information



1. Courtyard Marriott Pearland - 11200 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77584
 2. Comfort Suites Pearland - 2806 Miller Ranch Rd. CR 94, Pearland, TX 77584
 3. La Quinta Inn & Suites Pearland - 9002 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77584
 4. Hampton Inn Houston-Pearland - 6515 Broadway Street, Pearland, TX 77581
 5. Candlewood Suites Pearland - 9015 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77584
- Nat: Pearland Recreation Center and Natatorium



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