



# Bridges to Bluffs

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

Open Water downstream swim



## Registration Schedule

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<b>Swimmer Registration</b>	Monday June 7, 2021 12:00 AM EST	Sun, August 15, 2021 11:59 PM EST

Sanctioned by the Southeastern Masters Swimming for United States Masters Swimming, Inc., Sanction No. XXX-XXXX.

**HOSTED BY:** Knoxville Open Water Swimmers (KOWS).

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**COURSE:** “Bridges to Bluffs” is a 10k down current swim in the Tennessee River. Swimmers will begin by jumping from the “Star of Knoxville” Riverboat at Volunteer Landing. The first 3 miles will take swimmers by the University of Tennessee Neyland Stadium, Thompson Boling Arena, a spectacular downtown skyscape, and below 5 historic bridges. The last 5k will see a transition from a downtown/urban environment to beautiful river bluffs, antebellum homes, and historic Sequoyah Hills Park. Our course is unique -- the exact 5k point is in a spectator friendly and easily accessible location, opposite the University of Tennessee Sorority Village, Armstrong Lockett Civil War Home, the Buck Karns Alcoa Highway Bridge (with pedestrian lane for spectator viewing) and the brand new Cherokee Farms Greenway. The finish will be at the Sequoyah Hills Park, which consists of 87 acres of green space and 4 miles of trails.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration will open via our website.

**ENTRIES:** Solo 10k entries only. 18+

**ENTRY FEES:** \$375 entry for all individual 10k open water swim entries.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:** The online entry system will not allow late entries. Entry deadline for entries is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All swimmers must be registered for 2017 with United States Masters Swimming, Inc. If you are not already registered with USMS, online registration will allow you to register with USMS when you register for the meet. You will not be able to register online

without being a USMS member. We are not offering One Event USMS membership at this meet. Per USMS guidelines, all swimmers must be 18 years of age or older.

**SEEDING:** Each swimmer must submit an estimated finish time for their 10k open water swim. There is a 4 hour cutoff for this event! Swimmers will be assigned a number based on their seeded time and swimmers will start in a time trial fashion with the lowest numbers starting first. Results will be tabulated by gender.

**SCHEDULE:** Check-in will begin at 5:00pm on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Star of Knoxville. All participants will be invited to board the Star of Knoxville riverboat for registration, followed by dinner and a river cruise to preview the course.

The race will begin at 9:00am on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Star of Knoxville. Swimmers will begin boarding the riverboat at 8:00am for an 8:45am departure. At 9:00am, swimmers will begin the 10k open water swim by jumping off the riverboat!

Following the race, all swimmers, kayakers, and families will be invited to Sequoyah Park for a post-race meal.

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** Every swimmer will receive a finisher award. Awards will be locally crafted with a taste of Eastern Tennessee. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> overall male and females will receive additional awards. Shirts and swim caps will be given to each competitor.

**DIRECTIONS TO STAR OF KNOXVILLE:** Approaching Knoxville via I-75/I-40 N from the South, take the TN-158 W Exit 388A. Continue on 158 W for approximately 0.8 miles. Take a left at the stoplight on Walnut Street. Take another left towards Calhoun's on the River, continue to the end of the parking lot where you will see the Star of Knoxville riverboat.