

# Centerville Swim and Dive State Meet Information Sheet

Congratulations on qualifying for the District Meet in Oxford this upcoming weekend. This note is being sent to you because your athlete has a chance to qualify for the STATE Meet in Canton and there are numerous important things that are to follow if he or she qualifies. Although we will not know the exact qualifiers until next Saturday night, we need you to be aware of some very important information and Mark your calendar for important dates!

The following is general information regarding the State meet and how we, as a team of parents, assist our swimmers/divers through this great accomplishment.

**State Meet Organizational Meeting:** If your athlete qualifies for state, they along with 1 parent will be required to attend the State meet organizational meeting. The athletes will take a team picture for the paper, we will answer questions, collect payments, line duty, etc.

**Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Hoffmann's.**  
10681 Willow Brook Rd, Centerville, OH 45458

Boys need to bring a dessert (cookies/brownies) and girls need to bring an appetizer/finger food.

All swimmers and divers need to wear their team jacket for the picture!

## Competition Schedule:

Thursday, February 20	9:00 am	Boys Division I Diving
Friday, February 21	9:00 am	Girls and Boys Division I Swimming Prelims
Saturday, February 22	9:00 am	Girls Division I Diving
	4:00 pm	Girls and Boys Division I Swimming Finals

**Hotel:** McKinley Grand Hotel  
320 Market Ave. S  
Canton, OH 44702  
330-580-5816

The parents will stay at the same hotel as the kids so that we are able to coordinate all the details including meals, snacks, line duty and any other things needed to assist the swimmers/divers and coaches. We have a block of rooms reserved for the parents. If you do have a room and after districts you find that you no longer need it, please **DO NOT CANCEL** it. Instead, please email Molly Hoffmann in order to match you up with someone who still needs a room. The hotel will transfer the room out of your name and into someone else's without charging you. This is the only way we can still keep the block of rooms. You have up to 72 hours before the reservation to cancel without penalty, so we will need to move fast once we know who does and doesn't need a room. Ultimately, the parent's rooms are your responsibility. ( Room Info is on the website under state meet. Please book with this information)

At the hotel, we have a large conference room reserved, which serves as our general headquarters. The kids will have their meals here, the parents 'hang out' here, you will pick up your tickets here. Basically, it is where all the action is. In addition, the room is stocked with all

the snacks/drinks for the athletes. We will need parents to 'staff' this room so that we don't have to lock it. This will include assisting with the athletes meals, making sure it is kept clean and just keeping it open so that the athletes have access to the snacks/drinks.

The hotel has included breakfast for the swimmers in the block reservation.

**Cost:**

Just so that you are aware...there are several items that add up during this whole process including meals, transportation, snacks, pictures, apparel, etc. The Centerville Athletic Department only pays a certain dollar amount for the hotel rooms, meals and transportation, which does not cover the total cost. For this reason we will be charging a fee per athlete to supplement these expenses. **At the State meet organizational meeting you will need to pay for all of these items, so please bring your checkbook.**

The costs are broken down as follows for all the essential items:

- \$100.00 - fee per athlete to supplement the costs for transportation, hotel, meals and apparel
- \$ 20.00 - fee per athlete for all snacks/drinks for the whole trip (we used to have the parents donate items for this and this year we are charging a flat fee and we will purchase it all at once).
- \$ 16.00 - cost for tickets for the swimming events – these are only sold in all session ticket books and each spectator will need tickets. These are paid for and purchased in advance as a team. Diving tickets are sold at the door \$8 each session.

A State meet shirt for parents is again being offered but not required. This will be a separate fee of \$16 per shirt Sm-Lg, \$18 for XL-XXL. Attached is a photo of the shirt so you can decide if you would like to order one. Please email Barb Swartz if this is your intension with size and quantity by Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. If your child doesn't make it to the meet we will pull out your order and you will NOT be responsible for it. We need the numbers to give to Deuce so they can rush the order.

Note: Swimmers/Divers who went to State last year were expected to keep their State sign. If you need another sign for this year, you will need to pay \$25. First time state qualifiers will get their sign for free and are expected to keep it each year. All new State signs will be handed out at the luncheon.

Note: On their way home from Canton, the swimmers/divers stop at Applebee's for a late dinner. This meal is not paid for in the above cost, so your athlete will need to **bring money** for this outing.

**Line Duty:**

So you have all heard stories about the dreaded line duty. Well whatever you heard is true! For those who have not been there, Canton is extremely crowded and there are no reserved seats. All the teams have a section/spot where they like to sit, Centerville included. The bleachers are above the pool and the kids try to get the spot that is just below where we sit. We do line duty so

that we can all sit together and cheer for the kids. If we did not, everyone would be on their own and probably not get a good seat. So, what they do in Canton is hand out numbers, which give you a place in line in order to get into the natatorium. So as good parents, we sit outside in the bitter cold (yes, rain and snow too) and wait in line in order to get the line number. They will open the doors at a certain time and call the numbers one by one to get in. That is where we run (really, we run like crazy) up the stairs to our 'spot' throwing towels, coats, anything we have to save seats. But...saving seats is not allowed, so you have to do it cleverly (like throw Karen Stout to the wolves as a distraction) and try to save them anyway. Since it is so crazy, we will need as many people as possible to get into the natatorium as soon as possible to sit in our area, because as you can see, saving seats is not pleasant or easy. This madness is repeated for each session so, just so you are aware, **everyone will be doing line duty**. We will make up a schedule and assign people for their slots. We don't want just a few to have all the fun!

### **Phone List:**

Once we know what swimmers/divers are going to State, we will create a phone list. This will be used to keep everyone informed if there are changes in the grand plan. This information will be collected at the State luncheon. We will need what parents are going and their cell phone numbers.

### **Parents Dinner:**

We have a parent's dinner on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Mulligans Pub. You are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a fun way to catch a little breather and enjoy some social time. The athletes will so be going out to dinner also, but somewhere else. At the luncheon, please let us know how many will be attending the dinner for reservation purposes.

### **Itinerary:**

The itinerary is being finalized. Your athlete will receive an information sheet detailing all their activities. You will also be provided with the itinerary as it will contain contact numbers of the coaches and the address and phone number of all the places they will be.

### **Cell Phones:**

Cell Phones are not permitted on deck at the meet. Athletes will have cell phones during the off times.

When it is all said and done, this is an exhausting but extremely fun experience for both athletes and parents. Your willingness to help and a positive attitude will play a major role in the experience that the athletes will have. This is a great accomplishment and we are all very proud of our swimmers/divers.



Parent T-shirt for STATE Championship

\$16 per shirt/ \$18( sizes XL-XXL)

Please e-mail Barb Swartz with your order by Thursday, 2-13-2014

If your child ends up not going to the STATE MEET we will cancel your shirt order.