

SHARKS VOLUNTEER JOBS

Volunteering is an important part of the success of our program. Swim meets and swim teams simply cannot run without the participation of parent volunteers. All parents are expected to volunteer to help the Sharks succeed both in the water and in the community. There are several options to choose from when it comes to volunteering and below you will find more information about what the jobs entail. If you have a child swimming in a meet, you should expect you will be called on to help. Members of the Parents Committee work with Coach Dave to determine how many people we will need at both the home and away meets. A member of the Parents Committee will be in charge of each group of volunteers, helping setup schedules for day of the events and when needed pulling in parents to help out if we have no-shows or emergencies for folks that were slated to work at a meet.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Timer: This position requires the largest number of volunteers from the team. Each lane is assigned 1-2 or 3 people to ensure accurate timing of a race. Timers will use stopwatches and in many cases a “plunger” attached to an electronic timing system to record the results. One person will also be responsible for recording the finishing times from each stopwatch on a sheet of paper(this person does not use a plunger).They are also responsible for checking in the swimmers- making sure that the correct swimmer is about to hit the pool. Backup timers are also part of this group. They start their watch for every race and are used when another watch fails for whatever reason on the deck.

Runner: Runners often do various jobs including posting results, bringing water to officials and timers on deck, collecting results from timers after an event ends.

Concessions: It can get warm on the pool deck, concessions is the place for you if you'd rather be a little cooler during a meet. They prepare food as needed and setup and sell items like hot dogs, soft drinks, etc.

Scoring/Timing: This job requires training that will be provided by the team. If you want to be on the deck of the pool, can keep a calm head, are good at math and using a computer, this is the place for you. You will record the results from each race and keep track of team scores. If you are operating the timing system, you are keeping track that the electronic timing system in use at the meet is functioning properly.

Hospitality: When we host meets that bring in multiple other teams and/ or meet officials, we are responsible for providing food and drink. This job will see you stocking the coaches/officials room with snacks and drinks and keeping the cold drinks on ice. For certain meets you will also work in coordination with our Concessions staff to prepare food for sale ahead of time (salad, pasta, sandwiches, etc)