



RAYS News

Calling All Volunteers

We need your help!

The Southington RAYS largest fundraiser of the year is Apple Harvest parking and we still have time slots to fill. Please find a time slot that fits your schedule and sign up on [Team Events](#).

Swimmers can come down and help collect the parking fees but there must be an adult present. We have multiple lots to cover at the main YMCA and at TD Bank (near the post office) which is why we need every family to take at least one shift.

Did you know that last year it took about **\$8,500** to run the RAYS swim team? Almost half of our budget goes to our Team Unify subscription and to pay for the YMCA All-Star championship meets at the end of the seasons. Instead of requiring another \$150 or more per swimmer at registration, **we ask for a couple of hours of your time**. Our Apple Harvest Parking fundraiser can generate enough income to cover 70% of our total operating budget. But it doesn't work without everyone helping out!

We still need co-coordinators for this event. The coordinator is responsible for setting up and taking down the parking signs, handling the money at the start and end of the day and ensuring the lots are fully staffed. Even if you can commit to only one day it will be very helpful!

Dates You Need to Know Now

9/17: Booster Club meeting **5:30 PM** room 301 (note time change)

9/21: Practice starts at 5 PM

9/24: Mock meet at 4:45 – **All swimmers and parents**

9/29: Apple Harvest Parking (no practice)

9/30: Apple Harvest Parking (no practice)

10/6: Apple Harvest Parking (no practice)

10/7: Apple Harvest Parking



Mock Meet



At the start of every season the Southington RAYS hold a mock meet. This is an opportunity for new swimmers and parents to become familiar with official meet procedures. This is also an opportunity for parents to learn how to time, something you will be called upon to do at some point during the season. Even if you are timing during the mock meet, there will still be time for you to attend our reception on the observation deck where you can meet other RAYS' parents and ask any questions you may have.

Our mock meet is Monday, September 24th at 4:45 PM. Instead of 4 PM practice, **Mini RAYS** should attend the mock meet. All swimmers should be on deck and ready to swim at 4:45 PM.

Parent timing assignments are below. We have paired our new parents with some of our friendly, more experienced parents with swimmers around the same age. For our new parents, timing is a **wet** job, please dress to be splashed and standing in a puddle.

Time	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6
4:45 – 5:20	Morello	Derwin	Pignatella	Carlin	Scott	Brilla
4:45 – 5:20	Johnson	Malsheske	Vogt	Lawson	Alejandro	Burdeshaw
5:20 – 6:00	Landes	Scalesse	Ahlquist	Aleshckyk	Eggers	Koski
5:20 – 6:00	Kiveliyk	Cornelio	Pugliese	Rajeev	Zakrzewski	Banici
6:00 – 6:45	Drury	Paulus	Siwek	Cieslik	Autunno	McInnis
6:00 – 6:45	Donorfio	Kennedy	Laszewski	Kroll	Podzunas	Noonan

Booster Club



The Southington RAYS Booster Club is the parent's organization that supports the RAYS swim team. Attending our monthly meetings is the best way to find out what is happening with the team.

We have volunteer opportunities both big (Fundraising Coordinators anyone?) and small (writing a handful of thank you notes). But if all you have time for is to attend the meetings, we encourage you to come. You will get to meet other parents and sometimes we even have cookies!

This month we will be discussing our annual budget, updates to the by-laws, setting up a committee to explore a new score board and finalizing the details for the mock meet. Please come out and support the organization that supports your child's team! We hope to see you tonight at 5:30 PM in room 301.