

# GRAND TRAVERSE BAY YMCA **BREAKERS**

## Swim Team Family Volunteer & Fundraising Requirements Form

Swimmer's Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Swimmer's Names (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian) Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A long standing tradition at YMCA has been to provide support to the swim team. Parents and families of the swimmers have always provided the necessary leadership to accomplish the goals and tasks at hand.

Equally important to your child's swimming is **YOUR INVOLVEMENT** in our organization. The swim team cannot run without a lot of parent participation. It is not fair when the same group of parents carry the burden for the whole team. **Participation in swim team requires two volunteer components: Volunteer Work and Fundraising.**

Season	Volunteer Requirement (per family)	Fundraising Requirement (per family)
Sep thru Dec	4 Hours (or \$50)	\$50
Jan thru Apr	4 Hours (or \$50)	\$50

**EXEMPTION OPPORTUNITY:** Become a Certified YMCA swimming official! If either parent meets the requirements to become a YMCA swim official then they will not be required to fulfill any other volunteer or fundraising commitments. **You will be required however to work as a swim official at all Y swim team home meets – typically two per year.** Please contact the swim team head coach or any Parent Advisory Committee member if you are interested in becoming a Certified YMCA swimming official.

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

Each family will be required to volunteer for 4 hours per “season” or 8 hours total for the full swim year (Sep – Apr). First “season” will run from September thru December and the second “season” will run from Jan thru April. There will be two home meets typically per year. If a family does not volunteer for a four hour shift they will be required to pay a \$50 fee to the team in lieu of volunteering. The \$50 fee will be charged to the swim account in the Jan and May following the respective “season” and charged to the credit card on file.

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Volunteer work may consist of the following – online sign-up sheets will be available prior to the event:

**1. Work in several areas on the pool deck at each home meet:** timers, runner, event board & clean-up, organize swimmers etc. at our home meets and/or volunteer to staff the concession stands. There are a myriad of jobs available meeting everyone's talents and capabilities. The money raised at these large meets helps support the swim team. It also funds some of the costs of running the swim team like:

- Equipment
- Coach Travel Expenses
- Host Team Events (banquets etc.)

**2. Work as a volunteer at any team event.** Sign up for the various duties that may be necessary to run team events. Examples of events where you can volunteer your time are:

- Flick & Float Event
- Annual Swimathon
- Silent Auction

## **FUNDRAISING WORK**

Each family will be required to fundraise \$100 for the swim team for the full swim year (Sep – Apr) or \$50 if they swim only one “season”. First “season” will run from September thru December and the second “season” will run from Jan thru April. If a family does not fundraise the required amount they will be required to pay the shortfall to the team. Any fundraising shortfall will be charged to the swim account in the Jan and May following the respective “season” and charged to the credit card on file.

Fundraising work may consist of the following – there will be an online sign-up sheet available prior to the event:

**1. Swimathon** – During this event swimmers attempt to swim as many lengths of the pool as they can in a designated time frame depending on their ability. The swimmers are given sponsorship forms and asked to collect as many donations as possible e.g. amount per lengths swam or fixed amount. All sponsorship forms and money must be turned in by the deadline date.

**2. Silent Auction** – this event is usually held in April. Swimmers and their families are asked to seek and collect items from local businesses and/or family and friends that can be used to raise money for the swim team during the silent auction. **Only the amount collected at the silent auction will be set against the fundraising commitment.**

***Your signature above indicates that you understand the Swim Team Family Volunteer & Fundraising Requirements Form and that you are aware you will be required to pay the amounts for not completing ALL of your volunteer and fundraising requirements for the season.***