

Volunteering at STAR-hosted swim meets



hello!

We are your Volunteer Coordinators



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😞 Stuck at home until
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Meet the Meet Directors!

Coach Phil Aronica is our Meet Director.
He makes the meets happen.

Jeff Hewett is Phil's assistant. Jeff keeps things running smoothly on meet day so Coach Phil can give all his attention to his athletes.



Jeff

Coach Phil

Why volunteer?

We need you.

Meets cannot run without volunteers. We need “all hands on deck” to provide a safe and fun space for our athletes to compete. Sharing the work reduces stress and helps the meet run much more efficiently.

Be involved.

Excellent way to be a part of your child’s swimming experience and show them that you’re interested and invested in their passion.

Save money.

As an incentive, STAR offers the opportunity to significantly decrease the cost of your swimmer’s yearly dues.

Who can volunteer?

- Parents, siblings, extended family members, friends... anyone who loves your swimmer!
- Multiple volunteers from the same family can earn credit.
- We are happy to sign school volunteer forms for service hours.

Volunteer positions

ENTRY-LEVEL

Lane Timer

Runner/Results

Admissions

Covid or Deck Marshall

Scratch Table

Bell Ringer

SOME EXPERIENCE HELPFUL

Check-In Table

Hospitality

Head Timer

Clerk of Course

ADVANCED TRAINING/SKILLS

Official / Referee / Starter

Greenhouse computer operators

Assistant Meet Director

Livestream Tech Team



[Click here to be taken
to detailed job
descriptions on the
STAR website](#)

Signing up to volunteer

Sign-up opens

Seven to 10 days prior to the meet, you will receive an email announcing the date and time that signup will open on the website.

STAR website

- Sign in
- Scroll down to Events
- Select TEAM EVENTS
- Click on Job Signup for the meet

Sign up for a job

- Review available jobs, sessions and reporting times.
- Check the box and submit.
- Fill in the volunteer's name in the pop-up window.

Per-family limits vary by meet type.

- Championship meets are generally unlimited (and have higher point values!). These meets have multiple sessions, so we need all the help we can get.
- Smaller meets are usually limited to one volunteer per family at first. Signup is opened again to fill remaining spots once all families have had a chance.

Once you've signed up...

Know your job

Please review the job responsibilities email you'll receive before the meet. If this is your first meet, we will teach you the ropes when you arrive.

Commitment

We count on every single volunteer to make our meets run smoothly. Please be on time, and notify Megan or Natasha if an emergency arises.

Appreciation

Swim meets are organized chaos, and we THANK YOU for volunteering. Every job is important, and we appreciate your investment of time and energy.

It's Meet Day!

- ❑ Please arrive by your scheduled start time.
- ❑ Report directly to the Check In table, in the hall near the locker rooms.
- ❑ Your temperature will be checked and you will receive a STAR volunteer badge to wear.
- ❑ Sign in for credit, and receive any instructions specific to your job.
- ❑ Enjoy the meet while doing your part.
- ❑ Most jobs are arranged so you'll be able to watch your child's races. Timers and marshalls have the best seats in the house! If you have a partner, grab a meet program and work it out so you see your swimmer's events!
- ❑ If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask! When in doubt, ask at the Check-In table for help.

Details and suggestions

Meet Packet



...is your best friend. Review this information to understand the format of the meet, start times, order of events, etc.

Emails



You will receive reminder emails prior to the meet. These messages will include updated meet timelines, which could affect the time you will report.

Traffic & Parking



Plan ahead! Know where you plan to park and have a backup option. Understand that events downtown may affect your parking options and timing.

Belongings



Bring as little as possible to the meet. Coats can be left in the training room. Cell phones should not be used on deck.

Apparel



Volunteers are encouraged to wear STAR gear if possible. Wear shoes that can get wet if you're on deck.

Stay in touch



Emergencies arise, we understand. Make sure you have numbers for Megan (13 & over sessions) & Natasha (12 & under) saved in your phone!

THANK YOU!

- ❑ We strive to produce the BEST meets in the region and often the entire country!
- ❑ This is YOUR team. Meets cannot run without volunteers.
- ❑ Please remember that when volunteering or watching in the stands, you represent STAR and everything we stand for.
- ❑ If you have any questions, please reach out to Megan or Natasha, the coordinators listed on the specific job duties list or any Board member.
- ❑ Volunteer credits will be posted to your account within the week following the meet.

THANK YOU!

STAR families are the best! #WIT

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