

Volunteer Housing

2015 International Swim Meet—June 18-21

Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in housing athletes for the 2015 International Swim Meet. We hope you will find this a rewarding experience for you and your family and one that you look forward to year after year. Below you will find answers to some frequently asked questions about your responsibilities as a host family.

1. What does the housing volunteer job entail?

As a host family, you are responsible for providing a bed, all meals, and all transportation to and from the Santa Clara Swim Center for practices and swim events.

2. Do I have to cook for the swimmers or will they have food provided for them by their coaches?

These athletes are coming to be a part of your family for 3-5 days. We ask that you provide them 3 balanced, nutritious meals unless they have made other arrangements. As a courtesy, you can ask the swimmer(s) what types of food they like to eat and shop for them when they arrive. Please also provide healthy snacks and drinks that they have the option of taking with them each morning and afternoon.

3. How many swimmers can I host? Can they double-up and share a bed?

We ask that you host only as many swimmers as you have individual beds, hide-a-beds, or air mattresses in your home and prefer that you can host at least 2 athletes. Just as with your own children, every effort should be made to ensure that they are well-rested for each day of competition.

4. How will I know when to pick up and drop off my swimmer(s) at the Swim Center?

Your athletes will know their practice and event schedule and they will let you know when they have to be at the pool. They will also let you know when they are done with Preliminary competition so that you can pick them up during the day. Your swimmers will need to come “home” have lunch and rest before the Finals in the afternoon/evening. You will receive a parking pass and two passes to the Swim Meet to make the process easier.

5. When will my swimmer (s) arrive/depart? Will I have to pick them up or drop them off at the airport?

You will meet your swimmer(s) at the Santa Clara Swim Center for pick-up and drop-off. Before they arrive, you will be sent the name(s) of your swimmer(s), the time they will arrive, their coaches' name and their club or school name. The Housing Coordinator will also be on-site to assist you with any travel coordination you need. Typically, when your swimmer(s) head off to finals on Sunday they will take their belongings and leave from the Swim Center with their team. If there are special arrangements that require a trip to the airport, you will be notified and credited time for driving.

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6. I am only in town for 2 days of the meet. Can I still host swimmers for those days?

For consistency and as little stress to you and the athletes, we will only place swimmers with families who can house them for the entirety of the meet.

7. Can I host both male and female swimmers?

No. We will only assign you swimmers of the same gender. This precaution benefits everyone!

8. How many hours will I receive for housing swimmers?

You will receive 6 hours per swimmer per day for housing. The Housing Coordinator will keep a record of all swimmers and families and send the housing hours to the Volunteer Coordinator to credit your family.

9. We loved our swimmers from last year!! Can we host them again?

We love it when families bonds to the athletes they've hosted! If you would like to request swimmers that are returning to the competition this year, please email Julie Kenrow (SCSChousing@santaclaraswimclub.org) and we will make every effort to put them with you again.

10. When will I know if I will be housing swimmers?

The likelihood is that if you sign up early, you will house at least one swimmer. Once we receive housing requirements from our visiting teams and clubs, we will begin assigning housing and we will contact you. If you know other families who might be interested in housing swimmers this year, please have them contact Julie Kenrow or the office.

11. When will I know who I am hosting?

We aim to have the names of the swimmer(s) to you a week before the meet starts. Do note, however, occasionally there are delays due to last minute changes in the athletes.

12. Should I contact the swimmer(s) once I know who they are?

We will be sharing the swimmers email address and many families like to send a note welcoming the swimmer and asking if they have any food preferences however, it is not necessary.

13. What if I have other questions?

Please contact Julie Kenrow at SCSChousing@santaclaraswimclub.org or at 408.838.8386.