Our swim team cannot function without the help of our fantastic volunteers. As part of the Gateway Conference, our team is required to supply a minimum number of volunteers for every meet, both home and away, as well as at conference. If parents, for any reason, cannot work an assigned shift, they are responsible for finding their own replacements to ensure the meet runs smoothly and without delay.

Each family is required to work ONE HOME MEET and ONE AWAY MEET for the first swimmer and one additional job at an away meet if they have more than one swimmer. In addition, all parents are required to work a shift at conference.

Unfortunately, missing workers cause significant issues at swim meets. In an effort to curb this issue, the following rule has been enacted.

**If a parent cannot work their shift and does not find a substitute worker, they will be charged a $100.00 fee and their swimmer may not swim until this is paid.**

**Parent Volunteer Job Descriptions**

Please review the following job descriptions so you have a better idea of what you are signing up for. Don’t worry if you have never done a particular job before; we will talk you through it! Job sign-ups open on Team Unify on May 1st.

**Hospitality Workers**: It gets hot! These workers serve water to coaches, officials and timers throughout the meet.

**Swim Marshall:** This position is only filled during our home swim meet. Marshalls are responsible for maintaining order in the swim venue and enforcing safety procedures.

**In Water Parents**: This is a popular job – sign up fast! During our home meet, six lucky parents get in the water and signal touch times for our 10 and under swimmers.

**Timers**: Timers are responsible for timing swimmers in their assigned lanes. The number timers needed will fluctuate depending on the size of the pool we are swimming. Timers will receive two stopwatches at check-in and will attend a brief timers meeting before each meet. This is a popular job and you have a front row seat for all of the action. Be warned: you will get wet.

**Runners**: Runners collect time sheets from the timers and deliver them to the scorekeepers. Dress comfortably and wear comfortable shoes.

**Computer Operator:** At each meet, one volunteer will work with the competing team to enter the swim times into the tracking system.

**Block Workers**: Block workers load the lanes for each race and keep swimmers organized just prior to each event.

**Bull Pen**: Three parent volunteers run the bull pen at each meet. Bull pen workers organize the swimmers for each race, lining them up and ensuring they get to the staging area and/or blocks.

**Card Judge**: Card judges work with volunteers from the competing team to verify accurate times and scores are recorded on the time sheets for the computer person.

**Swim Walker**: Swim walkers help our youngest swimmers find their way from the bullpen to the appropriate blocks.

**Announcer**: We will need one energetic parent for our home meet to operate the PA system by announcing events, heats and results.

**Floater:** The floater is available throughout the meet and provides support and relief for other workers as needed.