



High Point Pirates Swim and Dive Team

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Tie Dye starts tomorrow! Collect and tie dye team shirts tomorrow night (5:30pm to 7 pm) OR Friday morning (9am to 11 am).

If your child cannot attend either tie dye session and you would like a volunteer to tie dye his/her shirt please email Amy Lynn Dunn at baabcdunn@yahoo.com.

With 300 + shirts to be tied and dyed and possible storms in the Friday forecast, Thursday may be our busiest tie dye day yet. To help you prepare, the following is a list of steps to help you through the tie dye process and instructions on how to wash those shirts a day later.

TIE DYE INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: Collect and Label.

Go to the shirt table and find your shirt(s), then immediately PUT NAME ON THE TAG using supplied sharpie markers.

Optional Step: Wet shirts in green buckets (do not use pool water!) before Step 2 can be helpful, but not necessary.

Step 2: Shape and Tie.

Find a flat area, fold, twist, pinch, pull and scrunch those shirts then "tie" your shirt using the rubber bands provided. Signs with suggested designs will be displayed to help you along if needed.

Step 3: Time to Soak.

Take shirts over to green soaker buckets. Pick a bucket and note the number on the bucket. To minimize confusion, a volunteer will write the bucket number on the owners hand. Shirts soak in the bucket containing a soda ash solution for 10 minutes - note time on clock at soaker station. After soaking, squeeze out shirt over buckets until shirt is damp, not dripping.

Step 4: Prepare to Dye.

Go to the zippy bag station and get a zippy bag. Put your name on it (or have someone write for you) and put on gloves.

Step 5: Color Time!

At the dye table, a volunteer will verify the child's name matches that on the tag of the shirt. Each child will then be given a dye tray to put their shirt in. Apply dye. Hint: Be careful - a little goes a long way. Once completed, dyed shirt goes into labeled zippy bag.

Step 6: Good Things Come to Those Who Wait.

Take shirt home and leave inside zippy bag for a minimum of 24 hours. After the day wait, take shirt from zippy bag but leave in rubber bands. Rinse shirt thoroughly with COLD water, squeezing shirt as you go, until almost no more dye washes out. Take out rubber bands. Rinse some more with COLD water until water is mostly clear. Wash shirt in washing machine with some old towels on HOT with extra rinse. Dry shirt on HIGH heat.

Step 7: Enjoy!

Wear your shirt and thanks for being a part of a High Point Pirates Swim and Dive Team tradition.

