



Stillwater Starz

Registration Opens TOMORROW, Officials, Incentives, and MORE!

Starz Families,

It seems hard to believe, but **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS TOMORROW!** To secure preferred pricing, please register your swimmers as soon as possible at stillwaterstarz.org.

REFER A NEW FAMILY/EARN A FREE PRIVATE LESSON (\$25-35 value):

As we work to grow our summer program, we're excited to offer a new incentive this year for current Starz families. This summer, for each new family you refer to the team, your family will earn a complimentary 30-minute private lesson with one of our Starz coaches (paid for by the Starz). Clean up starts and turns, improve stroke technique, or schedule a quick tune-up before the championship meets—your swimmer's lesson can be tailored to his or her own goals! Be sure that new members provide your family's name during the registration process to take advantage of this great opportunity. There is no limit to the number of private lessons your family can accrue, so spread the word far and wide!

OFFICIALS DESPERATELY NEEDED (no experience necessary):

As you know, summer swim is, for *all* Naperville teams, a volunteer-driven activity. It's what allows us to offer a summer of daily instruction and regular meets as affordably as we do. There are many parent worker roles that make a swim meet successful, and among these is the role of swim meet official. While past swimming experience is helpful, it is by no means required. Have you spent a summer or two watching your child swim and watching the officials work? Then you're ready to learn and apply the basic rules of swimming to help our meets run fairly and help our young swimmers refine their skills.

A single two-hour training is required for all new and returning Naperville Swim Conference officials. Trainings are offered on various Monday and Wednesday evenings in April and May at Fort Hill Recreation Center, and a remote option is available, too. Your trainers are seasoned USA Swimming and NSC officials who can help you feel confident in your new role. Experienced officials on our own team will support you throughout the season as well.

What are the benefits of becoming an official?

- You'll have a front row seat to all the action.
- On a hot day, being in the *splash zone* is extremely refreshing.
- You'll gain an insider's perspective on how a meet is run and a better understanding of swimming's essential rules.
- Lastly, whistles. (-:

As some of our older swimmers have aged out and moved on, we've lost some of our veteran parent officials as well. If you are willing to learn more about the sport and help the team in a new worker role this season, please consider becoming an official! **Please email Lea (lea.fortkamp@gmail.com) this week if you're willing to help.**

Returning officials are invited to reach out, too, for training dates (required annually). The show cannot go on without you!

Thanks so much for your continued support of the Starz, don't forget to register your swimmers, and spread the word. Summer will be here sooner than you think!

Lea

Starz Volunteer Parent Board

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