

News from the Dry Side October 1, 2019

Hello, 757swim! Our 2019-20 season is off to a great start! Thank you for your support!

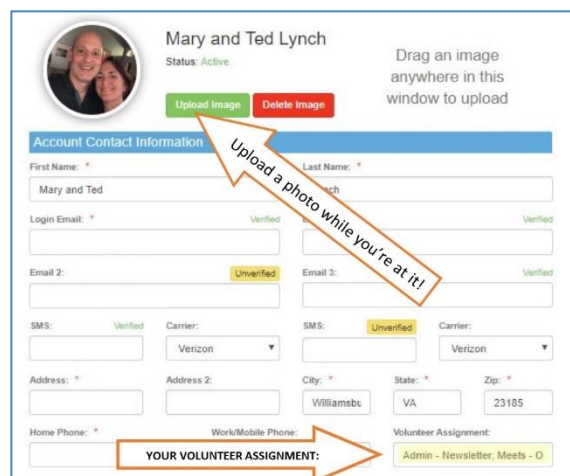
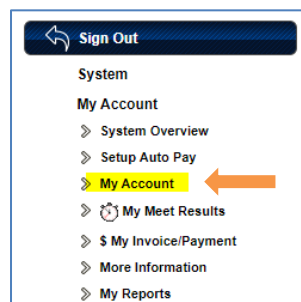
Group Captains

Each practice group has a “Captain” – an experienced parent who has volunteered to serve as point person for that group. Your Captain can answer many routine questions about team membership or swimming in general – or will steer you in the right direction if he or she isn’t the best person to answer your question.

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“Team Service” Volunteer Roles

- Most families have already selected and confirmed their “Team Service” roles. (Required for Bronze 1/2, Silver 2/3, and Gold. Optional but encouraged for others.)
- Roles have been entered into each family’s account at 757swim.com. See below for an example of where to look.
- If you do not have a role yet, a team volunteer coordinator will be in touch to discuss a role for you. Huge thanks to Ang Ananthram and Melissa Taylor for taking on the job of organizing our Team Volunteers!
- Questions? Email secretary@757swim.com, and Ang or Melissa will be in touch.
- Hey while you’re at it... Help out the coaches, group captains, etc., by uploading a photo to your Account page!





[IMR/IMX Season Kickoff Meet](#)

- We are excited for our first meet of the season, which will take place this weekend, October 5-6. (For meet details, check Drew's email sent on 10/1/19.)
- This is a 757swim hosted meet taking place at the Collegiate School Aquatic Center in Chesterfield, on the southwest side of Richmond at 5050 Ridgedale Pkwy.
- For first-timers:
 - The pool is about an hour's drive from Williamsburg, but you'll forget the distance as soon as you arrive. It's an excellent, comfortable facility. There's no need to bring chairs, blankets, etc. Concessions is excellent (if a bit expensive). Cash and credit cards are accepted, and 757swim gets a cut of sales.
 - Spectators watch from the stands in the balcony, and swimmers sit with the team on deck. Parents are not allowed on deck (unless you're volunteering as a marshal, timer, etc).
 - When you enter the facility, walk your swimmer down the hallway to the right. Turn left to pass the locker rooms and enter the pool deck. From here, your swimmer will join the team. (There will be plenty of meet volunteers and more experienced swimmers to help them get to the right place.) Spectators return to the main lobby and take the stairs up to the stands.
- Don't just spectate—volunteer! We are hosting this meet, and therefore need lots of volunteers! The Meet Volunteer signup was emailed on Sept. 28 and is posted on the website under Events: [Volunteer 757swim - IMR/IMX](#). Please be sure to lend a hand!

A screenshot of a volunteer signup page for the 757swim- IMR/IMX event. The page has a white background with a blue border. At the top right is a 'Job Signup' button. The main heading is 'Volunteer 757swim- IMR/IMX' in bold. Below it, the dates 'Oct 5, 2019 - Oct 6, 2019' are listed. The 'Registration Deadline' is 'October, 6 2019' and the 'Job Signup Deadline' is 'October 4, 2019 (till midnight) (this is a team hosted event)'. A 'Description' section follows, starting with 'Welcome to the first meet of the season for 757Swim!' and asking for volunteers. A large, orange arrow with the text 'Log in & click here' points from the bottom right towards the 'Job Signup' button. At the bottom, there is contact information for Tonya Pegram and a closing statement.

[Small Change, Big Waves](#)

- We are kicking off our annual, optional Small Change, Big Waves fundraiser.
- To participate, receive a Gatorade bottle from your coach, and return it full of SILVER coins by October 28th.
- Participants receive a limited edition navy silicone practice cap, and the group with the highest participation rate will get to design their own one-hour practice! (Heaven, help us!)



[Cornhole Jamboree – November 2](#)

- Save the date for a fun afternoon of Cornhole, kids’ games, and more at the Williamsburg National Golf Club pavilion. All proceeds benefit 757swim.
- This is a public event. Invite your friends and neighbors!
- Find your partner and start practicing your bag tossing skills so you can beat Morgan Cordle. Stand by for more details!

[Fundraising “Buy Out” Option – Please Respond](#)

- Most 757swim families have a fundraising obligation (except Copper Prep and 757FIT).
- If you wish, you may “buy out” of your fundraising obligation by being billed for each phase. Your obligated amount for the phase will be posted to your invoice in November, March, and May. (The amount is either \$33 or \$133 per phase, depending on your practice group.)
- [Please complete this survey](#) to let us know if you intend to participate in fundraising vehicles OR request to be billed, and pay out of pocket. (If you indicated your preference at the team meeting, you’re done – no need to complete the survey.)

[Fundraising Options – Sponsorships & Shop with Scrip](#)

- One way to meet your fundraising obligation is to purchase or sell a **Team Sponsorship**. Contact sponsorship chair Matt Keithley (mattkeithley@gmail.com) for more information.
- If you fundraise with **Shop with Scrip**, you are welcome to *exceed* your fundraising obligation, and any excess will be credited to your account and applied to your next invoice! This is a great way to reduce the cost of swimming. Email Shana Wilkins at shana.wilkins83@gmail.com with any questions about Shop with Scrip.

[New Members Welcome](#)

- Please spread the word to friends who may be interested in 757swim! We take new members throughout the year (assuming there’s space in the appropriate group).
- New members may request a tryout for group placement and/or will be invited to visit up to 3 practices with no obligation, to ensure the team and group will be a good fit.
- **Copper Prep** and **757FIT** are session-based groups, running in 8-week sessions. The next session will begin in November—just as soccer and fall ball are winding down! New members may join at that time, and current members may repeat.
- Remember we have a new **Homeschool** program which offers a competition-optional daytime training group for homeschool athletes ages 7-18.
- Interested families should email info@757swim.com.



Masters Swimming

- Did you know about our new Masters Program? The group is practicing on Monday and Wednesday mornings, 6:00-7:15am, with Coach Drew.
- This is a welcoming group appropriate for all levels of swimming ability and experience. Come start your day off right!
- Info is posted at 757swim.com > Swimmers > Masters Swimming

Featured Sponsors

Huge thanks to our team sponsors! Please thank them with your business!



The Answer Brewpub Richmond, VA



Preferred [doggie day camp](#) of 757swim's favorite pooch, Mumford Cordle!