Patriots Swimming Volunteer Program

Meets can be fun! They give parents a chance to be a part of their child's swimming experience. They also give us a chance to get to know other swim families. By working together, we can provide a very enriching experience for swimmers and their families. Because PX3 is a Village of Pleasant Prairie run organization with only a small amount of employees, parent/guardian participation in swim meets is essential to the success of our team. This also gives parents/families a great opportunity to meet other parents and understand the sport much better. Every family is required to volunteer at swim meets, and we have a variety of positions to accommodate both novice and experienced parent volunteers.

PX3 will ask for families to volunteer a certain amount of sessions at swim meets we host or share the hosting responsibility. No person is exempt from their volunteer obligation and without this service the team cannot function. Families participating in a high school swim season must still volunteer at team events if they anticipate having their swimmer return to the active roster. Families are expected to fulfill their requirement even if their swimmer is not entered in the meet. Volunteer spots are also first come, first serve. You are not guaranteed to work in the same session that your athlete is competing.

Please note that 1 volunteer session is approximately 4 hours. Families not meeting their volunteer obligation will be assessed a 40$ volunteer fee to their member account the following month for each session they did not meet the requirement. Families that sign up for a position and do not show up, will be assessed a 60$ no show/no volunteer fee. In instances where there are extenuating circumstances, the administrative staff will consider these on a case by case basis. If you are on the team roster, you are participating in the volunteer program.

Below are examples of meets where families will be expected to volunteer.

Hosted Team Invitational

Red/White/Blue/Senior Group families= 2 volunteer sessions per meet

Barracuda/Fitness and Technique= 1 volunteer session per meet

First 3 months on the team= 0 volunteer session per meet

These meets include the following:

**PX3 Welcome to Winter**, 3rd weekend of November each year

**PX3 February Invite**, 2nd weekend of February each year

**PX3 Welcome to Summer**, Last weekend of May/First weekend of June (usually crosses over)

**PX3 July Invite**, 2nd weekend of July (7-8 days after the 4th)

Hosted Team Dual Meet/Inter Squad Meets

Red/White/Blue/Senior Group Families= 0 required sessions per meet

Barracuda/Fitness and Technique= 0 volunteer session per meet

First 3 months on the team= 1 volunteer session per meet

1. All veteran families are encouraged to sign up and mentor new families on the jobs that are required for running an Inter Squad meet.
2. Dual meets are hosted 1-2 times per year with various clubs and often times they will help with volunteering. These are short meets with smaller numbers of swimmers. It is an ideal opportunity to train new members. Any spots left over we expect to be filled by families from red/white/blue/senior groups.

These meets include the following:

**Short Course Inter Squad Meet**, first weekend of October each year

**Long Course Inter Squad Meet**, second weekend of April each year

Regional/State/Zone Championship Meet

Red/White/Blue/Senior= 3 volunteer sessions per meet

Barracuda/Fitness and Technique= 1 session per meet

First 3 months on the team= 1 volunteer session per meet

These meets can include the following:

**Short Course 12 and Under State**, last weekend of February

**Short course 13 and Over State**, First weekend of March

**Wisconsin Regional**, 3rd or 4th weekend of February

**Speedo Sectional Championships**, 2nd or 3rd weekend of March

Our team seeks to host 1 championship meet a year. Many times another team will host a championship meet in our pool, but we will not have any volunteer responsibility with that particular meet. There have been occasions where we have hosted 2 championship meets in one year.

*Why are we asking Barracuda/Fitness and Technique to volunteer less than everyone else?*  Swimmers in these groups are either very young or have a very small commitment to the team. Their participation in volunteering reflects their participation in the team to that point. When they make the choice to commit to the Senior Track of our team, their volunteer obligation will increase.

*Why do we have a volunteer requirement?* In the grand scheme of things it would be wonderful if every team member would volunteer when the team needed help. In the past it has not been the case and we have been in danger of not being able to host team competitions. Many families feel the strain of carrying a heavy volunteer burden and this is an attempt to keep all families accountable.