

H.O.T. Parents Volunteer Options

HOT must raise our own funds as we are not affiliated with the schools. Our home meets are our main fundraisers for the year, and it takes many parents to host a meet. All swimmers are required to have a parent work **a minimum of 2 of the 4 half-day sessions at each of our two home swim meets**. But much more than that is needed to ensure our swimmers can keep competing. Every parent is needed on the Parent Team!

Check at least one, or as many of the following positions that you are willing to consider learning how to do:

___**board member/ officer**- HOT parent board meets monthly during the swim session. We have board positions for four officers (President, vice president, secretary, treasurer) and two parents- at-large.

___**official**- We need 4-5 officials to run our meets. You will be trained to observe swimmers for rule violations. Training takes a season to complete, so this is an important position to keep filled! If you would be interested in seeing what is involved, you can become an apprentice official and begin to learn the rules of swimming.

___**timer**- We need 16 timers for each session to run our meets. Two timers are stationed in each lane, and the touch-pad timing system with a manual back-up helps ensure that valid times are recorded. Wear shoes that can get wet. It's a fun way to watch the meet, in on the action!

___**head timer**- Starts two extra back-up watches at the beginning of each race in case a timer misses the start. Ensures that lane sheets are gathered during transitions between events. Monitors timer sign up to be sure enough timers are in place to start the meet, communicating with the announcer if more timers are needed.

-----**announcer**- Announces the beginning of each race using a PA system. Communicates with head timer and with concessions about timing needs and food availability. Names team sponsors.

___**ad sales helper** ___**ad sales co-ordinator** Selling ads for our meet program helps connect us with our community and provides valuable funds for team equipment and scholarships. Helpers will visit 6-8 businesses and collect funds for ads. The co-ordinator will organize and consolidate ad sales and communicate with our program printer. This is a good position for someone who cannot attend a swim meet.

___**concessions helper**___**concessions coordinator** Concessions sales at our meets help fund our coaching expenses. Helpers will help set up, serve, and clean up. Concessions coordinator will plan the menu, shop, and organize concessions at our meets.

___**computer** ___**timing console** You will be trained to run the equipment at our swim meets, to store data in the timing console, and to run the computer for the scores. Familiarity with computers/data bases, and focused attention are helpful. We need to train at least two people on this equipment during the current season.

___**hospitality room** Do you enjoy hosting? This person works with the concessions coordinator to provide a warm welcome for the visiting coaches and officials during our meets. Our hospitality room is famous for homemade food, and helps us thank the volunteer officials who make our meets possible!