



The below information are frequently asked questions about volunteering for the swim team. This document is most useful to new families, though can serve as a refresher for returning families. Volunteers are an important part of competitive swimming because meets can only run through the help of volunteers.

Q: What are the volunteering requirements?

A: The requirements vary between the year round USA Swimming team and Hammerheads.

- For the Year Round USA Swimming team, coaches may request volunteers to help time or officiate before a meet. When that happens, please volunteer if you're able or Life Time will use a coach to time, which means the coach isn't coaching the swimmers. There typically aren't signups before since requirements may vary by the meet.
- For Hammerhead Summer swimming, there are volunteer requirements to ensure the various meets and Champs run smoothly. Life Time will need to staff most of the home meet jobs themselves, so we will have much heavier volunteer requirements. The Parent Board will manage signups before the meets to ensure we have full coverage. **The requirement is to volunteer for at least 2 meets during the summer or give \$150 to cover your volunteer hours.** Volunteer requirements for Champs isn't known yet, so there may be additional requests for that if needed.

Q: Do I have to work the session my child is swimming in?

A: No, you can work whatever session you'd like to cover your volunteer requirements. If it is easier for your family, volunteer at a session your child is not swimming at or make it a family affair! Take the opportunity to volunteer with a family member (age 15+) and fill both of your requirements in 1 meet.

Q: When I arrive at the swim meet, what do I do?

A: First, find a Core Parent Board rep (Erin, Jill, Lana) to sign in and learn about your job. The Parent Board rep will be your point of contact for the meet session

Q: Can I leave early if my child finishes events before the session is done?

A: Sometimes, swimmers finish slightly earlier than the session end based on when events happen to fall in the session. Our volunteers must stay until the session is over to ensure a smooth and quality meet for the rest of the participants. Some jobs have shorter time commitments than others, so make your choices based on your availability. If you leave early for a job that is required for the whole session, you forfeit your volunteer credit. Your swimmer will probably not mind staying and cheering with their friends!

Q: What are the volunteer jobs?

A: There's a range of jobs to meet your experiences and interests. A quick description of key jobs is below, where more details on all of the jobs can be found at the [Parent Volunteer Job Description link](#):

- Team Area Supervisor helps with the younger kids in the team area
- Clerk of Course manages the area where swimmers gather before their events start to ensure swimmers are lined up in the right order and right lanes
- Officials (TRAINING REQUIRED) ensure meets run according to the guidelines
- Timers measure the time for each swimmer, where there are 2 timers/lane
- Runners transport information from the Officials to the Computer Chair
- Computer Chair (TRAINING REQUIRED) enter meet results in the computer program
- Check-In Table manages volunteer check-in at the start of the meet
- Set Up Crew sets up the pool deck for the meet before the meet starts
- Clean Up Crew cleans up after the meet is done