

Maumelle Marlin Parent Commitment Descriptions

It takes a lot of volunteers to run a swim meet. As you read the job descriptions below you will see the number volunteers needed at any one time. The more volunteers we have the less work each person has to do. This allows the parents to spend more time with their swimmer. At most meets we have two shifts of volunteers.

Positions for Home Meets Only

Meet Set-Up/Clean Up – On Friday night before home swim meets the Set-Up/Clean-Up crew begins their job. After the pool closes (this includes any Friday night parties), the crew performs the following tasks:

- Stack and store all the community center lounge chairs
- Setup the shade shelters for the meet timers
- Setup the flags across the pool for the backstroke events
- Make sure the lane ropes are in place
- Hang sponsor banners
- Setup the Clerk of Course area

The great thing about being a part of the setup crew is you get to setup your own shade shelter on Friday night. This gives you priority seating for the home swim meets. After the meet the crew does the following:

- Remove the banners and flags
- Stack and stores all the chairs used for the swim meet
- Take down and stores the shade shelters for the meet timers
- Work with the lifeguards to make sure the pool is ready for the community to use

Starter – For every race we have someone that performs the critical task of starting the race. They make sure the swimmers are ready and then yell out the all-important “Swimmers take your mark” then blows the horn. This is another volunteer position that gets a great view of every race.

Announcer – This position serves multiple roles. They announce when swimmers need to gather at the clerk of course for their event. They also announce each event to the crowd. They may also announce the winner of each heat, as well as communicate any important announcements to the crowd.

Concession Stand – We have partnered with the city so we can run the concession stand for our home meets. The swim team gets to keep all the profits from the concession stand. The workers take and fulfill orders. We sell drinks, nachos, pretzels, candy, chips, bagels, fruit, etc. It usually takes four to five workers in the concession stand at any one time.

Positions for both Home and Away Meets

Clerk of Course – This position gets the swimmers setup for their event. The Clerk groups the swimmers by event and heat then makes sure they are in the correct lane order. We usually need at least four volunteers at any one time working in the Clerk of Course area.

Stroke and Turn Judge –It is the job of the Stroke and Turn judge to observe the race and note if any swimmer is not performing any aspect of the stroke correctly. If they notice a stroke being performed incorrectly they have a form to fill out, called the DQ slip, and note the area of disqualification. The individuals in this position need to attend training.

Timer – This position uses a stopwatch to time the swimmers and then enter the time on a form that is used for data entry. There are two timers for each lane, hopefully one from each team. Therefore, we need eight timers at all times. This position gets to sit in the shade and has an up close view of every race. At times, they may also help the those swimming backstroke by using a kickboard to make sure they do not hit their head on the pool wall.

Place Judge – This is another job that gets a great view of the finish line. The place judge notes the order in which each lane finishes on another form. There are four place judges at all time, two from each team. So we need two volunteers at all times.

Runner – Remember the forms the Stroke and Turn Judges, Lane Timers, Place Judges create? The Runners gather those forms and takes them to the Data Coordinator. We usually need one or two Runners at all times.

Data Coordinator – Do you love air conditioning? Are you detailed oriented? Then this is the job for you! This position takes the forms from the Runner and enters each swimmer's time into the computer system. The Data Coordinator also tapes the results to the wall so the swimmers know their results. This is a position that is needed for both home and away meets.