



Fox Valley Wave Parent Meeting

“Our mission is to establish a culture of excellence which provides each swimmer the opportunity to achieve their highest personal goals in swimming and life.”

Fox Valley Wave Parent Board

President: Brian Flanagan

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Communication Coordinator: Angie Borchardt

Meet Director: Ignacio Cortina

Team Administrator: Ruthe Zimmerman

Additional Positions:

Education Coordinator: Katie Loken

Social Coordinator: Mary Vande Slunt



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New Head Coach Search

- **Education:** Graduate of Northern Michigan University
- **Swim Experience:**
 - NMU Swim and Dive team member 2015-2019
 - Four-year letter winner
 - Four-year scholar All-American
 - Seven-time GLIAC conference champion
 - Six-time NCAA Division 2 All-American
 - Swam in the Australian Olympic Trials
- **Work Experience:**
 - Currently Wildcat Aquatics Club Head Swim Coach
 - Northern Michigan University Volunteer Coach
- **Timeline**



Interim Head Coach Update

Current
Transition

Ongoing
Process

Length of
Stay with
the Team

Thank you!
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Current Coaches

Current Coaching Staff:

- **Interim Head Coach:** Jamie Schnurer
- **Lead Age Group Coach:** Ruthe Zimmerman
- **Bronze Coach:** Anita Vanden Burgt
- **Silver Coach:** Ruthe Zimmerman
- **Gold Coach:** Jamie Schnurer
- **Senior Coach:** Jamie Schnurer

Deck Coaches:

- Pete Coons
- Kameron Neuman
- Angela Farrell
- Dan Frease
- Kim Bjork
- Katie Vanden Burgt



Coaches Wanted

If you know anyone or are interested, please reach out to Coach Jamie or Coach Ruthe for more information!

Coaches Needed:

- **Gold Coach**
- Silver 1 Coach
- **Bronze Coach**



Dry Land Program

- swimstrongdryland.com
 - Nutrition tab
- Atlas Strength and Wellness
 - David and Kaitlyn Beiser
 - Leadership training

atlasstrengthwellness.com



Volunteers Needed

Meet Volunteers

- Splashfest Job Sign-up **OPEN!**
- Splashfest Committee

USA Swimming Officials

The Fox Valley Wave is looking to increase our team of officials. Why become an official?

- You get the best poolside view at swim meets.
- Officiating at home meets satisfies our team volunteer requirements.
- Most swim meets provide an officials' a hospitality suite.
- You learn the finer points of stroke technique.
- The swimming community is always looking for officials and becoming one provides young swimmers the opportunity to compete and have fun.



Safe Sport and Meet Standards

Safe Sport Recognition:

- Athletes (current member):

We will be providing further information on or around November 1, 2022, when the updated information is available from USA Swimming.



Where is the team at...

Current Team Statistics

Today we have **120*** swimmers, 5 practice teams and a great coaching staff!

Number of swimmers per group:

Senior = 13

Gold = 26

Silver = 34

Bronze 2 = 24

Bronze 1 = 23

*As of September 2022



Fox Valley Wave Philosophy

- **Obvious Goal:** To help swimmers become faster swimmers.
- **Biggest Responsibility:** Be a partner with our member parents and help raise kids to be successful, happy and thriving adults.
- Our swimmers **have lives beyond the sport** of swimming.
- We use competitive swimming not as an end, but as a means to an end. Our team philosophy is to **take a long term approach to swimming**. Develop a culture through opportunities and challenge that inevitably produces passionate, committed swimmers in their late teens and beyond.
- No matter where swimming takes each individual they are on a path, going somewhere, that will **enhance their life**.
- Swimming develops an understanding of delayed gratification, work ethic, and dedication that will **enable our swimmers to thrive in and out of the water**.



Q & A

