

Parent Meeting 2025-2026 Season Agenda

Date: September 10, 2025----Welcome

- Welcome to the 2025-2026 season

Parent Board Member Introductions

- Heather Houser – President
- Kristina Bentz – Vice President
- Amanda Ferguson – Treasurer
- Angie Moran – Secretary

Treasurer Report

- Amanda

Team Goal----

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Parents Corner----Important Information & Expectations

- **Cancellations:** Procedures for meet cancellations and swimmer withdrawal from the team.
 - a. Please refer to parent handbook
 - i. There will be NO late entries this year. So make sure you declare meets on time
- **Volunteering:** ALL parents, guardians, and family members can sign up when needed.
 - a. Apple and Pork mandatory 2 spots this year per swimmer
 - b. Will ask for help to run the dual in Bloomington (currently waiting to hear back from them on confirmation for this meet)
 - c. Reindeer Classic
- **Communication:**
 - a. Please EMAIL coaches with question
 - b. Contact any Board member via text or facebook with question
- **Expectations:**
 - a. YMCA etiquette
 - b. Behavior policies are in the handbook will be followed
- **Equipment:**
 - a. Stroke school
 - b. Purple
 - c. Black
 - d. Gold
- **Angie:**
 - a. She will be charging next week. Let her know if you want a 1 time payment or monthly charge

Official Training

- Eric Ferguson

Team Uniform

- **Swimsuits:**

- a. Current and old suit/jammer designs are acceptable and must be worn at all meets. New swimsuits are available at the swimoutlet store.
- b. A back-up all-black suit/jammer is highly recommended.
- **Team Caps:**
 - a. Caps of any kind must be worn at practice
 - b. Team caps **Must** be worn at all meets.
 - c. Long hair caps are available—contact Heather if your swimmer needs one.
- **Team Shirts:**
 - a. Should arrive by Apple and Pork if ordered by the deadline. Check the Team Apparel tab on TeamUnify Online Store for other custom swim gear and accessories.

Chairman/Committees

- List of Positions
 - a. Publicity Chairman: Contact the paper with meet results
 - b. Awards Chairman
 - c. Hospitality Chairman
 - d. Set-Up & Tear-Down Committee
 - e. Banquet Committee
 - f. Spirit Committee
 - g. Become an Official
 - h. Fundraising Committee
 - i. USA Committee

Practice Information

- Initial weeks in the pool will be used to ensure swimmers are placed in the correct group.
 - a. Go over expectations, etiquette, etc.
 - b. May be more wait time & talking than normal
- Groups based on Age, not Skill level this year.
- Make sure swimmers have their equipment bag on deck at the beginning of practice

Practice Schedule:

Groups	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Otters Stroke School		4:00-5:00		4:00-5:00
Purple	4:00-5:15	5:00-6:15	4:00-5:15	5:00-6:15
Black	5:45-7:15	6-7:15	5:45-7:15	6-7:15
Gold	7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30

Max Number of Swimmers per Group:

- **Stroke School:** 17 swimmers
- **Purple:** 19 swimmers
- **Black:** 18 swimmers
- **Gold:** 18 swimmers
- Limiting swimmer numbers prevents overcrowding and maximizes practice efficiency.
- There is some overlap of practice times so swimmers can stretch / do some dryland exercises and be ready to get in the pool as soon as it's available.

Upcoming Events

- **October 3rd:** Homecoming parade
 - a. Able to throw candy during this parade
- **October 4th:** Clinton Triathlon. Hand out water
- **October 5th:** Pictures at 1:00 pm, followed by Inter-squad Meet. Sign-up on Team Unify for meet help (Set-up/tear-down committee and Timers).
- **October 10-12:** Springfield Spy Season Opener. This meet is for returning and seasoned swimmers. Consult a coach to determine if appropriate for your swimmer.
 - a. Please start declaring for this meet - received the meet file so I would like to start working on entries soon.
 - b. If interested in Friday night (500 free, 200 IM, 400 IM), please let me know.
- **October 19:** Dual with Bloomington
 - a. Hosting Bloomington here at our pool
 - b. Bloomington parents will be integrated / shadowing our volunteer positions to help them learn how to run a meet
 - c. Help our new families out with learning some of the volunteer positions that will take place at Reindeer as well

Fundraising

- **Apple N Pork:** September 27th and 28th.
 - All profits frmid:18287633
 - 10% of Apple N Pork go towards your swimmer's entry fees at each meet.
 - Volunteer dates: September 26th to 28th.
 - Volunteer sign-up deadline: September 23rd through Team Unify.
 - Each family is required to volunteer for 2 spots.
 - Mandatory volunteer requirement for HS and Otters.
 - If not enough volunteers, another group will be used, and profits will be shared.
 - Reminders will be sent 7 days and 1 day before your scheduled shift.
 - Almost 70% full
 - NEED PREPERS and MASHERS
 - We have a list of families who have not signed up for the required amount of shifts, so if you are unsure if you have signed up for enough or at all, please ask one of us.

—Coaches Corner

- Claire
- Aubrey
- Michelle

-----Open for Questions-----Notes

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