

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.

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:

- Stacks and stores all the community center lounge chairs
- Setup the shade shelters for the meet timers
- Setup the flags across the pool for the backstroke events
- Makes sure the lane ropes are setup (usually the lifeguards help with this)
- Hang sponsor banners
- Setup the Clerk of Course areas

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:

- Removes the lane ropes (the life guards help with this)
- Remove the banners and flags
- Work with the Life Guards to make sure the pool is ready for the community to use

Clerk of Course – This position gets the swimmers setup for their event. The Clerk groups the kids 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 – The different strokes have specific guidelines the swimmer must follow or they will be disqualified. It is the job of the Stroke and turn judge to observe the race and note if any swimmer is not performing the correct stroke. If they notice a stroke being performed incorrectly they have a form to fill out, the DQ slip, to note the area of disqualification. The individuals in this position need to attend training. This is needed at both home and away meets.

Lane 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. So we need eight timers at all times. This position gets to sit in the shade and has an up close view of every race. They also help the swimmers performing the backstroke by using a kickboard to make sure they do not hit their head on the pool wall. We usually switch lane timers once during a meet, so we need at least 16 volunteers for each meet. This is a position that is needed for both home and away meets.

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Place Judge – This is another job that gets a great view of the finish line. The place judge notes the order in which lane finishes on another form. IE, which lane is first, second, etc. There are four place judges at all time, two from each team. So we need two volunteers at all times. We usually switch place judges once during a meet, so we need at least four volunteers for each meet. This is a position that is needed for both home and away meets.

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

Data Coordinator – Do you love air conditioning, are you detailed oriented, then this is the job for you! Plus you get a great view of the pool. This position takes the forms from the Wrangler/Runner and prepares the data to be entered 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.

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 on your mark, Ready” 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 also have the leeway of announcing whom it looks like won each heat.

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 and they receive money and make correct change. We usually sell drinks, nachos, pretzels, candy, chips, bananas, etc. It usually takes four to five workers in the concession stand at any one time.

Ribbon Writer – the Maumelle Marlin Swim Team rewards swimmers that finish in 1st through 10th place in each event, class (gold, silver, and bronze), and age group a ribbon. We write on the back of these ribbons the event and the swimmers time. It usually takes two to three ribbon writers at all times. This is needed for both home and away meets.