

Seven Oaks Marlins- Volunteers 2021

Volunteer Requirements:

For our meets to run at all, we need volunteers! We want our swimmers to have fun and enjoy the spirit of competition. To make that happen, we require all families with registered swimmers to volunteer at **some** meets over the course of the summer season.

We have lots of options for positions and shifts to accommodate varying family needs. If you have questions about what might be best for you, please read the position descriptions or reach out directly to Carolyn Sanspree at carolynsanspree@gmail.com.

Volunteer Sign-Ups:

We will be using our Swimtopia website's sign up calendar for volunteer sign up this year. PLEASE plan ahead and sign up for at least 2 volunteer slots per family.
seven-oaks.swimtopia.com

Shift Information:

*Due to the nature of this year with COVID regulations, **the total number of required volunteer sessions are still TBD**. See our typical shift sessions below, noting that this could change.

We offer positions on two shifts to best accommodate work schedules and families with small children.

1 st Shift	Arrive at warm-up time to check in and work until the end of Backstroke races.
2 nd Shift	Be in place behind the blocks BEFORE Breaststroke races begin (an announcement will be made as a reminder) and work through the end of the meet.

Position Information:

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Number Writer (5 per meet): This role is reserved for families of 10&under swimmers with younger non-swimmer siblings. Must arrive EARLY (By 4:30 for HOME meets and by 4:45 for AWAY meets). You will be provided with Sharpies and a list of numbers for 10&under swimmers. Ask their name, find their number and then write that number on the outside of both arms.

Clerk of Course (2 per shift): This role requires some training – let us know if you are interested in shadowing an experienced volunteer at a meet! Organize the swimmers into heats and lanes behind the blocks. When swimmers arrive at the Clerk of Course area, you will find the 3 main event swimmers and place them in the first heat in the assigned lanes. You will place the rest of the swimmers in subsequent heats.

Kid Pushers (6 per shift – assigned to 6&under, 7/8 and 9/10 age groups): This can be a great role for someone with a younger non-swimmer who can help! Get your assigned group to the Clerk of Course area before each event. At check-in, you'll be provided with a sign to hold up and the main event line-up. You'll line up the relay and Main Event swimmers before dropping them off at the Clerk of Course.

Runners (2 per shift): One runner will be responsible for taking the Main Event cards from the Clerk of Course to the Recorder (standing with Place Judges). The other runner will be responsible for taking the Main Event cards which have been recorded to the Scorers. You are also both responsible for picking up any disqualification (DQ) slips from the Stroke & Turn Judges and bringing them to the Scorers' table.

Recorder (1 per shift): HOME meets only. This role requires some training – let us know if you are interested in shadowing an experienced volunteer at a meet! Record the placements of the swimmers during the Main Event heats. You will watch the Place Judges who will signal 1st through 6th places by lanes. In the event of a tie, the Place Judges will call it – you only have to write it down.

Place Judge (3 per shift): Passionate swim parents are best in this position – if you are interested, please let us know! You will be assigned a placement (1st, 3rd or 5th for Home Meets & 2nd, 4th, or 6th for Away Meets). Your job will be to determine which lane came in your place during Main Event heats ONLY. In the event of a tie you will need to work with the other judges to determine a resolution.

Scorer (1 per shift): You will sit at the Scorers' table and write down the points on a scoring sheet, including swimmer's name, place they came in, winning time if it was 1st place, and number of points earned. You'll then pass the sheets to the Ribbon Writers.

Ribbon Writers (2 per shift): You will sit at the Scorers' table and be provided with place information (1st – 6th) for main events. You will fill in the swimmer names and event on ribbon labels. Ribbons will be pre-sorted based on the order of the events.

Ribbon Distributor (2 per shift): HOME meets only. This can be a great role for someone with a younger non-swimmer who can help! You will stand at the end of the finishing lanes and pass out ribbons to the Heat Winners and Participants. This is ONLY during 6 & Under, 7 – 8 and 9 – 10 NON-Main Event Heats.

Timers (6-10 per shift, depending on size of the pool): Will be paired with another timer to time EVERY heat of an assigned lane, with exception of Relays.

- For the 6 & Under events, you will time along the side of the pool at the 15 yard line.
- For the 7-8 and 9-10 (25 yard) events, you will time at the end of the pool.
- For all 11&up (50 yard) events, you will time at the starting end of the pool.
- As a first shift timer, you are expected to attend a short meeting at the beginning of the meet (usually around 5:30 pm) to meet with the TSA Reps and the Starter to get more information regarding that particular meet.

2021 Summer Meet Schedule:

Please block your calendar and plan your volunteer time now! The Marlins' meet schedule is listed below. ***This year our schedule is subject to change based on each team's decision to host in-person or virtual meets.**

June 8 th	HOME	Time Trials
June 15 th	HOME	Cary Park (Virtual)
June 22 nd	AWAY	@Apex
June 29 th	HOME	University Club (Virtual)
July 6 th	AWAY	@North Hills
July 13 th	AWAY	@Meredith Townes
July 20 th	HOME	Intersquad

Due to the nature of COVID, this info is subject to change!

We are learning as we go and making the safest and most effective decisions for our team, while also cooperating with other teams and the league as a whole.

Carolyn Sanspree, our volunteer coordinator, will be in touch via email throughout the season with more information.