Volunteer Signup Instructions

Welcome to the 2016 Barracudas Season!

This year, we will be a bit different for volunteering. We are adopting a point based system similar to most other swim teams in the area. This helps us with balancing all the jobs, especially in a season where we have less home meets like we do this year. Specifically, it will avoid the problem of all the volunteers in a specific area working one meet & no volunteers available at all the very next meet. As a result, we can reduce the volunteering requirement from "all meets" to "four meets". It also makes things much easier for the (volunteer) board of directors. Of course, you may work more than 4 meets. Many people do and it is much appreciated!

How to get ready for registration signup?

Step 1 - Get out your calendar and determine which meets you will be available to volunteer! You will be asked to signup for individual meets <u>during registration</u>, though you can switching things around later. Those of you that will be here all season, we would suggest starting from the end of the season and working forward. This will provide jobs for the folks that leave in June for summer break. (Historically we have less participation at our June meets.)

Step 2 - Select jobs from those that are available. During signup, you will be presented with a list of the jobs available at any given meet. As families signup, jobs are marked as filled. You can preview the job selection on the next two pages, the first page for jobs that need to be filled at ALL meets. The second page is for home meet specific jobs. Job descriptions are available on the Barracuda web page and by holding your mouse over the "i" on the volunteer signup page. There is only one job (Stroke Judge) that has mandatory training at a specific time and place.

Step 3 - Show up and volunteer! You will be contacted if any training is required. If you are unable to make your scheduled volunteer shift, you will be requested to find a replacement. If you do not meet your volunteer requirements, your swimmer will not be allowed to participate, but we hope to not have any of those types of discussions with anyone.

Please consider being a stroke judge. We have them scheduled in rotations to get a break out of the sun. Without stroke judges, we simply can't have meets. It's also a great way to learn what the judges look for with each stroke.

Interested in being a "lead/chairperson" for an area? Let us know through the "contact-us" link on the main page. (Don't worry - no meetings or anything like that; it provides some additional continuity given the other volunteers potentially changing roles with each meet. It also gives each volunteer an experienced person to talk to about their job.)

FAQ -

Q: What if my swimmer will not attend meets?

Q: What if I am unable to volunteer at meets?

A: We will have a limited number of non-meet jobs available for special circumstances. (Examples: Fun Friday popsicle pick-up and distribution, team event coordination, replacing broken discs on the lane lines, etc.) The tasks will be similar in time to working a meet. Contact us and we will see if we can find a suitable volunteer contribution. For all families, volunteering will be required. It is how the swim team operates. Its also part of the fun meeting your neighbors! We do strongly encourage swim meets, as a fun experience. It is all part of the summer league experience.

Q: What if I do not fulfill my volunteer duties?

A: You will be removed from the team, as we're setup as a neighborhood volunteer-led program. We're not competing with year round programs. If you're looking for a pay-and-drop-off program, let use the contact-us link and we have suggestions. We're not looking to double (or more) our prices and then treat each role as a paid job.

Jobs Available @ ALL Meets



Additional Jobs Available @ HOME Meets

