

Somerset Shark Volunteer Opportunities

Announcer/Starter – This parent announces the events and heats as well as the starts for the swimmers.

Banquet Coordinator – This parent orders the food and drinks for our season end party.

Bullpen Managers-These parents are each given a clipboard on which all the events and swimmers for a certain lane are given. You are in charge of getting those children from their seats in the bullpen into your lane in the correct order five events before they are to swim. When there are relays, you must find all 4 swimmers and make sure they are on the correct end of the pool to swim. Once you get these children where they need to go, a lane manager will keep them lined up in that lane.

Clean-up Staff – These parents help with putting all the furniture back onto the deck and pick up leftover trash after the meet has been completed.

Communications – This person helps to send out e-mails and calling posts to keep all parents and swimmers up to date on Shark information.

Computer/Line-up – This parent inputs all the swimmers into our database. They also help input the line-up for the meets. Once that is completed, the pinks and blues for every event for every swimmer are generated and printed the morning of the meets.

Concessions – These parents help with a variety of food related jobs. Some cook food before the meet, others cook while at the meet, while others help sell food at the meets. The head of this group is in charge of planning and buying all the supplies needed for our home meet concession stand. The money that they raise is used to buy the team needed items such as kickboards, lane ropes and computer software programs.

County Meet Coordinator – This parent produces the county sign-up form, collects money for the events and shirts, and helps input the line-up for the county meet.

Judges – These 4 parents sit at one of 4 positions at the finish lines of the pool. The other team will also have 4 parents joining our judges. You sit as a pair, and one parent calls out the lane that comes in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place and the other person sitting along side, writes these lane numbers down on the sheet that we provide you. After each event of each heat, a runner will come along to collect these sheets from you.

Lane Managers – These parents are in charge of keeping the swimmers that the bullpen parents bring to them, in the correct order for them to swim. You will have a clipboard that tells you who to expect and what order to keep them in.

Meet Set-up – These parents get the deck ready for our home meets. This job starts at 3 p.m. on meets days. All the chairs and tables are moved, trash bags put on fences, lane ropes put in the pool, all ladders removed, baby pool blocked off, diving board blocked off and announcer equipment is moved onto deck and hooked up.

Photographer – This parent takes pictures at the meets. They also coordinate with the photo company to have the team picture taken.

Pinks and Blues – These parents cut and sort all the pinks and blues that are the time sheets for all swimmers in all events and heats. This job is done mid-morning on meets days.

Ribbons – This is a two parent job that is done during the meet. One parent is inputting the times from the pinks and blues, while the other is getting the sticker sheet from the printer and putting the correct sticker on the correct colored ribbon and then filing them in each swimmers folder.

Runner – These parents collect all the judging and timing sheets after every event and bring them to the scoring table.

Scorekeeper – This parent receives the completed pinks and blues as well as the judge's sheets and computes the score.

Timer – These parents are given a stopwatch and a clipboard with pinks and blues on it. You are in charge of starting the watch when you hear the start and stop it when the swimmer touches the wall. You then write the time on the sheet and hand it to the runner.

Treasurer – This parent keeps the checkbook and money accounted for. They make deposits, count concession money and pay coaches.

Trophies – This parent selects trophies and orders them for our swimmers. They coordinate with the computer parent for a list of swimmers and then with the coaches for the special awards.

Volunteer Coordinator(s) – These parents coordinate all the parents into the various slots in which we need help. They also make reminder calls before meets.