

Dear Parents and Guardians of Tritons Swimmers,

By registering your child as a Tritons swimmer, you too become part of the Tritons community. Every swimmer has at least one adult family member who is that child's advocate in swimming, and an active member of the team. As a member-run organization, Tritons depends on active parents like you. Our needs are great and varied. There is a job for everyone.

As a team parent there is a minimal, but expected level of involvement. Above all, support your child's efforts at swimming. Make it easy for them to attend practices and meets, and encourage their efforts. Be supportive of the coaches and learn more about the sport. But also, expect to:

- Attend Tritons events - the beginning of the season Parent's Meeting, the end-of-season party, and any other educational meetings offered.
- Volunteer at swim meets - every home meet the Triton's host requires at least 60 volunteers. That's a lot of people! We need everyone to pitch in. [In lieu of volunteering, a family may choose to "opt out" by making a donation of \$200 to the team. That is our estimate of your volunteer value - five 4 hour swim meets at \$10 per hour. Without your help, we may have to hire someone else to do the job.]
- Stay informed by regularly checking Email and the Triton's web site.
- Adopt an attitude of helpfulness at every level. Be on time, clean up after yourself and others, tote equipment, communicate with others, and offer to help. We don't have the luxury of "some else" doing things.

Additionally, Tritons depends on volunteers to manage every aspect of the organization. The coaches are the only paid employees. Every other team activity you can imagine is done by volunteers. The team is run by a volunteer board. Swim meets are coordinated by experienced volunteers. Fund raising and communications are handled by volunteers. As well as bookkeeping, web site maintenance, gear purchases, and swimmer registration. There really is a job for everyone!

So please, attend the beginning of the season parent meeting. There will be a discussion about different ways to become involved. Tell us what you have for skills and let us know how we can best use your special talents to make the Tritons a truly outstanding organization. We have great kids and great coaches. Let's make it easy for them to excel.

Sincerely,

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