

## **Mission**

It is the mission of the Donner Swim Club to provide the greater Columbus community with the opportunity to participate in a formal, structured swimming program designed to meet the needs of children.

## **Vision**

It is the vision of Donner Swim Club to provide the highest quality of physical, technical, and motivational training for competitive and noncompetitive swimmers.

## **Email**

### **The quickest way to get your questions answered ...**

[coaches@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:coaches@donnerswimclub.org): Any questions about the swim pro-

[board@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:board@donnerswimclub.org): Any questions about the manage-

[billing@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:billing@donnerswimclub.org): Any financial and billing questions

[entrychair@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:entrychair@donnerswimclub.org): Any meet entry related questions

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# **DONNER SWIM CLUB PARENT GUIDE**

***Everything you did  
(and didn't)  
want to know about Donner Swim Club ...***

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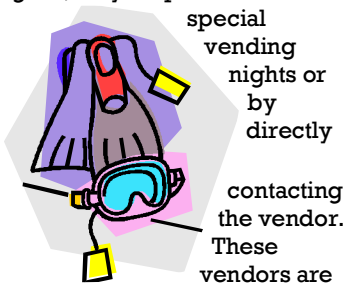
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\*\*\*The financial secretary is responsible for billing of swimmers for dues and meets and should be contacted for any billing issues.  
 Email to [billing@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:billing@donnerswimclub.org).

### **Donner Swim Club Apparel**

Donner Swim Club does sell T-shirts, knit shirts, swim bags, bottled water, and other items with the Donner logo. Items are sold at home meets, by the vendor chair or board members on request.

Team suits and swimming gear, may be purchased on



special vending nights or by directly

contacting the vendor. These vendors are

listed on the North High School pool lobby bulletin boards. The vendors have committed to either giving a percentage back to the club and/or discounting for club.

### **Frog Lessons**

Coach Sheridan offers Frog swimming and diving lessons, for one week in late April and five weeks during the summer. *These are not run by Donner Swim Club.* Lessons are one-on-one for 1/2 hour per day for 5 consecutive days. The daily lesson is tailored to your child's ability, and taught by many of the Donner Senior swim team members and returning college swimmers.

Sign-ups start in April. Call the North High School pool office and leave a message or email to [coaches@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:coaches@donnerswimclub.org) to request more information.

### **Fun Activities**

Our swimmers work hard throughout the season. Celebrating successes large and small, individual and as a team member, are important parts of the growth of young swimmers.

Throughout the year, the activity chairs will plan special events to help our swimmers celebrate these successes. These activities generally include family swim nights, pizza and hot dog dinners, mock meets, a pancake breakfast, psych up parties for semi-state and state qualifiers, and an end of the year banquet (July).

Look for the notices and requests. Many of these are potluck style. **All events are intended for just the swimmer's families.**

### **Organization**

Donner Swim Club is a competitive swim program affiliated with USA Swimming. Donner has a board of directors, a head coach, assistant coaches and an administrative assistant. **All swimmers are required to be members of USA Swimming** (a 12-month enrollment period). Donner Swim Club is a not for profit

### **Teams**

Donner Swim Club has four team levels: Pre-Competitive, Developmental, Age Group, and Senior.

### **Tryouts and Trial Period**

During swim tryouts our head coach, and coaching staff will evaluate your child's swimming ability. Your child will then be placed based on the coaching staff's recommendations. Please plan on approximately 30 minutes to complete the process.

***New swimmers are given a one week trial period, without financial obligation (see page 8). The first week, please have patience as the children are moved around in groups. Our coaches are learning each child's skills, abilities, and balancing the groups.***

### **Practice Location**

The swim club operates in three pool locations: North High School, Northside Middle School, and Donner Center. Your swimmer's schedule will reflect the practice location.

### **Inclement Weather**

In the event of inclement weather, please use your best judgment and place your swimmer's safety first. If you have a question regarding practice, during winter months, you may check the website or call North High School pool office for a pre-recorded message at 376-4233.

**Coaches**

**Head Coach - Jim Sheridan**

Jim Sheridan serves as the head swim coach for Columbus North High School and Donner Swim Club, and Dean of Students for Columbus North High School. While at North, Jim coached to three consecutive Boys' State titles between 1998-2000. From 1980 until 1984, Jim served as the head swim coach for Columbus East High School; there he won his first state championship. He also has a Girls' title while at Columbus East High School, becoming one of the very few coaches who have state titles at more than one school. Jim has received many awards such as Indiana Coach of the Year nine times, four years with the boys' team and five years for the girls' team, including the 2005-2006 school year. Jim's teams have produced more than 90 All-Americans. Prior to his stint at Columbus North, Jim was head swim coach for the men and women at Clemson University from 1991 through 1994. The women's team did reach a top 20 ranking during his time at Clemson. While at Clemson, Jim earned a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. He also has a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Health Education from Marshall University.

**Senior Team**

Jim Sheridan

Jeff Jones ( Sr Asst)

**Age Group**

Matt Barr

Autumn Sandlin (Asst)

Jennifer Brinegar

**Developmental**

Brittany Ogle

TBD

**Pre-Team**

Kim Newkirk

Meika Sheridan

Senior Team Swimmers



**Our coaching staff is very dedicated and someone is at every practice. However, because our Pre-Competitive coaches are also Senior team swimmers, occasionally they must take breaks due to their competition schedule. In those instances, substitute coaches will be working with your swimmer.**

**Practices**

Attendance at practice is not mandatory for the Pre-Competitive, Developmental and Age Group teams. Your swimmer's ability to improve and swim faster is directly affected by attendance at practice, and it is recommended that a swimmer attends at least 60 - 75% of scheduled workouts to show continued improvement. Senior team swimmers must be willing to attend 90% of practices. Saturday and two morning practices are mandatory for Senior swimmers.

**Parents' Role in Swimming (con't)**

**HELP YOUR CHILD KEEP HIS/HER PRIORITIES STRAIGHT -**

Help your child maintain a focus on schoolwork, relationships and the other important things in life besides swimming. Also, if your child has made a commitment to swimming, help her keep the priorities around this in mind.



**“REALITY TEST” FOR YOUR CHILD -**

If a swimmer comes out of the pool with a personal best time and a last place finish, help him understand that this is a "win". Help him keep things in their proper perspective including losses, disappointments and failures.

**KEEP SWIMMING IN PERSPECTIVE** – Swimming should not be larger than life for you. If your child's performances elicit strong emotions, keep these away from him. Remember your relationship will continue with your children long after their swimming days are over. Keep your goals and needs out of the pool.

**BE AN APPROPRIATE LIASION TO THE COACH** - Keep the coach informed as to how your child is responding to the experience (when appropriate). If your child is having trouble with something that happened in the pool or with something the coach said, help the child deal with it and if necessary, speak directly with the coach.

**Moving up**

If you believe or question whether your child is ready to move-up either within the Pre-Competitive team, or from one team level to the next, discuss the issue with your child's coach. With over 250 swimmers, and varying degrees of program commitment, coaches rely on the parents and swimmers to initiate discussion on advancement.

The swimmer's current coach, coach at the next level and the head coach will confer and make a final decision. If the recommendation is not to advance the swimmer, they will help the swimmer set the appropriate goals to make moving up feasible.

**Parents' Role in Swimming**

**DON'T COACH** - Leave coaching to coaches. This includes pre-race psyching, motivation, after race critiquing, setting goals, enforcing additional cross training, etc.

**SUPPORT THE COACH** - Your coaches are the experts. They need your support for everyone to "win".

**SUPPORT THE PROGRAM** - Get involved. Volunteer. Help out at meets, fundraisers, etc.

**BE YOUR CHILD'S BEST FAN** - Support your child unconditionally. Do not withdraw love when your child performs poorly. Your child should not have to perform to win your love.

**SUPPORT AND ROOT FOR ALL SWIMMERS ON THE TEAM** - Foster teamwork. Your child's teammates are not the enemy. When they go faster than your child, your child now has a wonderful opportunity to improve.

**DO NOT BRIBE OR OFFER INCENTIVES** - Your job is not to motivate. Leave this to the coaching staff. Bribes will distract your child from proper race concentration.

**TAKE YOUR CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO THE COACH** - If you have a problem with the coach, do not go to other parents to discuss it. Go straight to the coach involved. Talking behind the coach's back will not get you what you want.

**UNDERSTAND AND DISPLAY APPROPRIATE MEET BEHAVIOR** - Remember your child's self-esteem and race performance is at stake. Be supportive and cheer but always be appropriate.

**MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S STRESS LEVEL AT HOME** - Keep an eye on your swimmer to make sure he is handling stress effectively from the various activities in his life.

**MONITOR EATING AND SLEEPING HABITS** - Be sure your child is eating the proper foods and getting adequate enough rest.

**Coach Questions**

If you have a question or concern regarding swim club, or the coaching staff please ask the team's coach, Coach Sheridan, or one of the board members. The issue may not be resolved immediately. However, **only open communication between parents and coaches will lead to a positive environment for the swimmers. Please refrain from asking during practice, when our coaches are concentrating on their swimmers.** Feel free to email [coaches@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:coaches@donnerswimclub.org) or [board@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:board@donnerswimclub.org).



**Mailboxes and Practice Schedules**

Each swimmer's family will be given a "mailbox", standing file folder, in the North High School pool lobby. These will be used for communication. Ribbons, meet information, meet billing, and club notices will be placed in these folders.

**Practice Schedules are in the slots on the wall in North High School pool lobby and on the website.** These are

updated as needed. **Schedules do change. Last minute information may be given to your swimmer, and notices may be placed on the table.** Please make sure you have the most current schedule. Take two—Post one at home and in your car.



**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH FAMILY TO RETRIEVE THE INFORMATION FROM THEIR FAMILY FOLDER, PICK UP SCHEDULES, AND CHECK THE TABLE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE NOTICES.**

**Parents at Practices**

Parents are always welcome to sit and watch practices. A large spectator area is available at North High School pool and at Donner Center in the summer. Food and drink are not allowed in the spectator area at North High School. **Parents are not allowed on pool deck.**

Check your practice schedule every morning. Practice times and places vary so please check before dropping off your swimmer at practice. Please feel free to take two practice schedules, one for home and one for the car. **Be prompt when picking up your swimmer after practice.**

**Seasons**

Donner Swim Club participates in two swimming “seasons”. Dues are based upon the season unless otherwise noted. Pre-Competitive dues are broken into 3 sessions.

**Short Course** — fall/winter season runs September through March.  
 (“Short” refers to a pool length of 25 yards.)

**Long Course** — summer season runs April through July.  
 (“Long” refers to a 50 meter pool length.)

<b>Coaches Dues</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Fall/ Winter Fees</b>	<b>Summer Fees</b>
<b>Pre - Competitive</b>	April—July		\$185
	Sept.—Dec.	\$179	
	Jan.—March <i>Returning swimmers</i>	\$110	
	Jan.—March <i>New swimmers</i>	\$150	
<b>Developmental</b>		\$327	\$225
<b>Age Group</b>		\$385	\$272
<b>Senior</b>		\$478	\$347
	High School Swimmers	\$254	

**Meet Worker Descriptions (cont.)**

a must.

**HEAD TABLE** – Again, this area needs 2 people (one of whom must be level 2). The second position does not need to be a certified person. If you can count from 1-60, and double check numbers for errors you can do it. The head table verifies the official times from the Daktronics and makes any corrections based on the timer and back up times. The second person is used to check the timer sheets when questions arise.



**COMPUTER** – This is the person who records final times and then prints final results. This requires computer experience, but if it is something you might be interested in, please let the office or someone on the board know, and we will work on some training.

**OMEGA** – Although this person does a different job than the computer person, everything stated above about having an interest in the job applies here too. Multi tasking is a must.

**CHIEF JUDGE/STROKE JUDGE/TURN JUDGE** – These positions require a Level 3 official. We provide workshops to certify parents for Level 3 once or twice per year. **Please** consider becoming certified (after you have a few meets as a timer under your belt). We need Level 3 officials who are parents of swimmers of all ages.

**STARTER** – This position requires a Level 2 official. We provide workshops to certify parents for Level 2 once or twice per year.

To become a **STARTER** you must first become a Level 3 official. **Please** consider becoming certified (after you have a few meets as a Level 3 under your belt). We need Level 2 officials who are parents of swimmers of all ages.

**REFEREE** – This is a Level 1 position and requires a longer training process. If you have been a Level 2 or 3 official for a while and have a child committed to swimming, please consider a Level 1 certification.

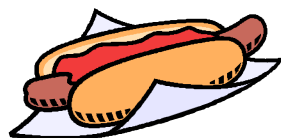
**T-SHIRT SALES, HEAT SHEET SALES** – These are positions usually needed during warm-ups for each session, and are finished shortly after the meet has started. If you have a spouse working the meet, but need to be available for younger siblings, this can be a good short-term job that would be helpful, and most appreciated.

**RELIEF** – If you are unable to commit to an entire session, but are available for part of the time, you could help provide relief for timers, concessions, runners, etc. Please sign the form and/or check in at the worker’s table during each meet.

**Meet Worker Descriptions**

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT YOU ARE ABLE TO DO AT A MEET, PLEASE READ AND FIND THE SLOT THAT IS PERFECT FOR YOU (and/or another family member). KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE OVER 50 POSITIONS TO FILL FOR EACH SESSION. PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME!!**

**TIMERS** – We need 2 timers per lane. All that is required is to start/stop a stop-watch, and we provide “on the job” training for this. It is basic and easy so don’t let the apparent importance of it scare you away. Timers provide the back-up times to our electronic timing system. Timers do need to be on deck for the duration of their shift (except for occasional relief). Snacks and drinks are supplied to those who time.



**CONCESSIONS** – This is also a good job for beginning parents. It just requires helping our concession chair with sales of various food and drink. You will be able to break away to watch your child swim.

**RUNNER** – Again, an entry-level position. We need 2 per session. One runner assist the Head Table in verifying times and picking up DQ slips each race. This runner needs to be on deck and available throughout the shift. The other runner posts final results at various places. This runner has a more flexible job if supervision of a young child is needed.

**AWARDS** – This person puts labels on the backs of ribbons once final results are posted, and then organizes winners by teams. It is very easy, but the individual needs to be able to stay after a session until all final results are posted for that session (20-30 minutes).

**HEAD TIMER** – If you are an experienced timer (2 or 3 meets) you can do this. It just requires you to operate 2 stopwatches at once. These watches are available for any timers who miss the start of the race. An instruction sheet is available with the finer points of this position and how to host the timer meeting prior to each session.

**FINISH JUDGE** – This person writes down the order of finish (as best they can) by lane at the end of each heat. It doesn’t require any experience – just fast fingers!

**ANNOUNCER** – Another job that sounds more difficult than it is. We can provide training as needed. The announcer calls the swimmers to their event, announces final results, and provides any general announcements that come up throughout the session. A pleasant voice quality and attentiveness are all that is required.



**CLERK OF COURSE** – There are usually 2 positions for the 8 and under session only. The C of C organizes the 8 and under swimmers into heats and guides them to the proper place to be able to swim in their race. Usually you help line the 8 and unders and get them to the blocks. Patience with younger children is

Other Fees	Explanation	Fall/Winter Fee	Summer Fee
<b>Annual</b>	USA and Indiana Swimming Fee Sept.—Aug. (Outreach Program)	\$53 (\$7 if qualify)	included
	New Swimmer ONLY in April April — August		\$31.50
<b>Seasonal</b>	Columbus Parks and Recreation	\$15	\$15

**Total Fees per Season**

=coaches dues + annual fee + seasonal fee + processing fee (if applicable) — Donner dues discount for multiple swimmers

**Discount for multiple swimmers in a family**

*The discount applies to Donner membership dues only.* It does not apply to USA Swimming registration or Columbus Parks and Recreation fee.

**Two swimmers in family**—5% discount each

**Three swimmers or more in family**—10% discount each

**Pro-rating Dues**

Donner dues will be pro-rated for swimmers who join the team after the start of the season. These rates will be pro-rated to the nearest week and calculated based on the team fees. Fees will not be adjusted for missed practices, illnesses etc.

**Example: Pre-competitive billing in January**

New Swimmer                      \$150 + \$53+ \$15 = \$218  
 Returning Swimmer                      = \$110

**Example: Family with 2 returning swimmers for short course season with one in Developmental and one in Age-Group**

\$327 + \$385 + \$53\*2 + \$15\*2—(\$327\*5%)—(\$385\*5%) = \$812.40

### **Trial Period for New Swimmers**

New swimmers will be allowed a one-week trial period without financial obligation in which to decide if they want to swim with Donner Swim Club. ***If the swimmer chooses to continue after the one week trial period, the first installment of dues, which includes the trial week, USA swimming fees, and Parks and Recreation fees, will be due by the end of the second week.***

***If the swimmer chooses not to swim after the one-week trial period, you must call the Donner office at 372-2060 or email to [billing@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:billing@donnerswimclub.org) and inform the financial secretary to avoid being billed for the season.***



### **Payment**

Membership dues for each season are due at the beginning of each season. Dues may be paid in two installments. The first installment is due after the first practice, and the second installment is due two weeks later. The USA Swimming registration fee must be paid with the first installment.

Only one check is required payable to Donner Swim Club.

Payment may be mailed to the Donner office or dropped off at the North High School pool office. ***Payment is not accepted at Donner Center.***

**Donner Swim Club**  
P.O. Box 1436  
Columbus, Indiana 47202

### **Scholarships**

A limited number of financial scholarships are available each season. ***They are awarded based upon need and commitment to program.*** To serve a wider base of swimmers, the majority of scholarships awarded are partial funding.

Applications are available in the North High School pool office and by contacting the Donner office. ***Scholarships are not automatically renewed.*** New applications are required for review each season.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be returned to the North pool office or Donner Swim Club office the first two weeks of practice.

### **Payment plans**

Payment plans may be arranged with the financial secretary. Contact the Donner office or email to [billing@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:billing@donnerswimclub.org).

### **New to Swim Meets**

Relax—swim meets are fun. The best thing to do is ask a “seasoned” swim meet parent what to expect. Try a home meet first, so Donner parents can help you through the routine. Some things to keep in mind:

- Pick-up your swimmer’s meet information the week of the meet in your family folder at North High School pool. Generally, this will be a three page packet with a list of events your child has been entered in, a meet instructions and directions sheet, and a meet bill.
- Ask who the coach for your child will be at the meet. The Pre-Competitive swimmers’ High School coaches will not be the designated coach to report to at a meet. (They may be swimming themselves.)
- Arrive at the scheduled sign-in time for the a.m. or p.m. session. Your child must circle their name on the sign-in sheets; otherwise, they will be scratched from the meet. If this would happen or you believe there is an event error find and speak with your child’s coach.
- Mark your child’s events in permanent marker on their arm or leg, and explain the events.
- ***Have your swimmer locate and report to their coach.*** The coaches will tell them where they are camping as a team, and which lane they are to warm-up in, if they are in relays, etc.
- ***PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON DECK FOR INSURANCE REASONS!***
- Once the heat sheets are posted your child may ask to have you write their heat next to their event number.
- Younger children should stay where their coach can easily find them so that they can help them get to the clerk of course to line-up for their event.
- Swimmers always should ask their coach if they are done for the day before leaving a meet. Swimmers may be needed for last minute relay substitutions.
- Bring dry clothes for your swimmer, small snacks, dry towels, and activities for between events.
- Wear comfortable clothing—swim meets are hot and steamy.
- ***Enjoy the positive experience and congratulate your swimmer regardless of how they place!***

**Financial Standing for Swim Meet Entry**

**ALL SWIMMERS MUST BE IN GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING WITH DONNER SWIM CLUB TO ENTER MEETS. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ANY MEETS IF YOUR DUES AND FEES ARE NOT PAID OR IF YOUR PAYMENT PLAN IS NOT CURRENT.**

Entry fees must be paid in full at the end of any given season. If a swimmer owes any back entry fees or membership dues at the beginning of a new season, he/she will not be allowed in the water until these fees are paid.

**Transportation**

Transportation to and from meets is to be provided by families, unless a team trip is planned. **A parent or guardian must accompany any swimmer representing Donner Swim Club who attends a swim meet.** In the event a parent or guardian cannot attend, other arrangements must be made with another Donner family to supervise the swimmer.

**Meet Participation**

All swimmers are expected to attend and participate in any meets entered. If they are unable to attend because of illness or schedule changes, they should make every effort to contact a coach prior to the meet. Families are still financially obligated to pay meet fees.

**Championship Meet and Relay Participation**

Swimmers with qualifying times for the championship meets at the end of each season will be automatically entered in these meets. They are to contact the coach or office if they cannot attend these meets. This includes relays. See the meet sign-up sheet for further details.



Relay times are “owned” by the club, not the individual swimmers. Relay teams for championship meets are formed at the end of the season. The teams are based upon individual times, swimmer availability, age eligibility, and are ultimately at the coaches’ discretion.

**USAS Outreach Program**

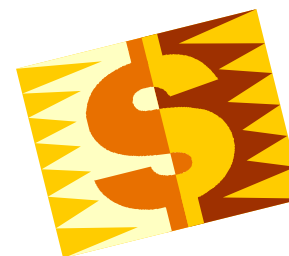
If your swimmer qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program at school, then they also qualify for a reduction of the USA swimming fee. The fee will be re-

duced from \$53 to \$7.

**Please, bring a copy of your documentation (ASAP) to the office, so we may submit the information to USA Swimming.**

**Billing**

**Bills will be sent to the swimmer’s home only at the beginning and end of each season.** Additional statements and bills will be placed in the swimmer’s mailboxes at North High School. **These are the parents’ and swimmers’ responsibility to pick-up.**



**Financial Standing**

**ANY SWIMMER WHOSE DUES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TWO WEEKS PAST THE DUE DATE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE WATER UNTIL THE DUES INSTALLMENT HAS BEEN PAID.**

**Pro-rated Refunds**

Pro-rated refunds will only be given if the swimmer is withdrawn from the program in writing within the first 6 weeks of the season. Please call the Donner Swim Club office at 372-2060, or email to [billing@donnerswimclub.org](mailto:billing@donnerswimclub.org).

will be added to each withdrawal. USA Swimming registration and Parks and Recreation fees **will not** be refunded.

Rates will be pro-rated to the nearest week and will be calculated based on team fees. An administrative fee of \$10.00

Withdrawals after the first 6 weeks of the season for illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Donner Board, and will be handled on an individual basis.

**Parental Involvement**

*Donner Swim Club's membership dues remain as some of the lowest in the state, because of our parental involvement. Donner hosts multiple meets each year, which are planned and run by parent volunteers.*

Each meet requires approximately 50 volunteers per session, including the officials who are also volunteers. Meets are generally 4- 5 sessions, thus requiring 200-250 workers.

Entries and sales from these meets are used to pay our coaches and keep your swimmer's membership dues low. Therefore, it is very important that everyone contributes and participates.

We all have schedules and conflicts that arise, but please mark your calendars and sign-up on the bulletin boards in the pool lobby at North High School, when meet information is posted.

The volunteer coordinating the workers for the meet will work with you to accommodate any special needs, i.e. AM versus PM sessions. They will also assist in finding a position that is suited to you for the meet.

**We encourage all parents to try numerous positions throughout the year.** This leads to a greater understanding of the swim meet process and fewer gaps, as parents of senior high school swimmers depart the club.

**ALL PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ASSIST WITH THE PLANNING AND/OR EXECUTION OF ALL HOME MEETS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES. A FINE MAY BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO WORK HOME MEETS.**

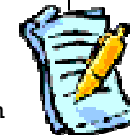
**Other Opportunities**

Meets require the most concentrated effort of parent volunteers. However, there are numerous opportunities to be involved outside of swim meets. Some of these include service on the board, assistance with delivery of flyers to schools, talking with parents at try-outs, special club activities, and becoming an official. Please speak with a board member, if you are interested in assisting the club in one of these or another capacity.

**When is my child ready for a meet?**

Ask your child's coach if they are ready for a meet, which strokes, and which events.

We encourage all children to participate in their home meets. The younger children, 6 and under, typically ribbon because so few enter the events. They smile for days, and walk around telling everyone about their ribbons. Older children enjoy socializing, cheering on their teammates, and applying all the skills they have been drilled on during practice.



**Meet Entry Forms**

Meet sign-up sheets will be available at practice. Entering a swimmer in any meet can only be done on this form. Please read carefully and follow all instructions on the sheets. **These forms should be turned in to the pool office by the noted date.**

If your swimmer is only to swim particular events, or day then this should be noted on the form. If your sheet is late or if you make changes and want to attend a meet that has already been completed and mailed, you are responsible for getting the information, calling the entry chairperson and mailing the info and fees to that chairperson. You may get this information at the pool office at North High School or by calling the Donner office.

**Meet Entry Fees**

Donner Swim Club prepays meet entry fees when we send our entries to another club to attend their meet. These fees are not refundable.

Meet entries are sent approximately 3-4 weeks before the meet date. Any swimmer entered in a meet is responsible for payment of their fees whether they swim or not. **Donner Swim Club meets are the only exception to this rule.**

The entry fees for each meet you have entered on the sign-up sheet are billed to your account one-week prior to the meet. **You will receive the meet information and billing in your folder at North High School.**

Fees for swim meets usually range from \$2.00 to \$4.25 per event. Relay fees (\$1.25 - \$1.50 per relay) are charged to the swimmers who participated in the relays a few weeks after the meet.