



Welcome Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Agawam Piranhas swim team relies on your support to help us throughout the season. The purpose of this letter is to request your **active** support and participation in order to help us organize and manage the swim season and the activities/events planned for the coming season.

Your backing is crucial if we are to maintain the level of support provided to help the coaches do their job and for our swimmers and swim families to enjoy the swim season.

We have several areas where your help is needed:

Communication - Each child will be given a folder (the folder can be found in the milk crate on the bleachers during practices) it is your job to check the folder at least once a week. This folder in addition to emails, our website and the bulletin board are the primary sources used to communicate relevant information. Meet ribbons will also be placed in swimmers folders.

Meet Sign-ups - There is a sign-up sheet for each meet, you will need to sign your child up by Monday for Friday meets, Tuesday for Saturday meets and during our summer season by Thursday (of prior week) for Tuesday meets. If you know your child will not be attending, please mark "NO" instead of leaving blank. A blank field on the sign-up sheet will **not** be considered a "yes".

Sign Up Genius - We host a concession stand at each home meet. Concession stand sign-ups are handled using sign-up genius. An email will be sent out for all home meets and we ask that every family donate a food or drink item. The sign-up will have a listing of suggested items that are needed.

Participation - Every meet requires a lot of help from our parents. For example, timers are needed for each pool lane, stroke and turn judges, place judges and more. There is a sign-up sheet for the various jobs that need to be filled at each meet. We offer parents the opportunity to shadow and learn each job.

Fundraising - Is essential for the Piranhas to operate. Generally two main fundraisers are held each season in addition to our concession stand at home meets. Fundraising efforts help offset the cost of our year-end banquet, ribbons, medals, trophies etc.

Swim Meets - The expectation is that swimmers registered for the Piranhas participate in swim meets. In order to swim at Championships, each swimmer is required to swim a minimum of 4 meets.

Coaching staff - We ask that any questions be addressed with Coach Kaitlin either before or after practice or through email. Once practice begins, the coaches would like to keep distractions to a minimum in order for the coaching staff to focus on the swimmers. In addition to the lifeguard on duty, our coaches are also trained lifeguards.

If you have any questions please ask a member of the parent committee or Coach Kaitlin before or after practice or by email to [agawampiranhas@gmail.com](mailto:agawampiranhas@gmail.com).

Once again your help is greatly appreciated. Let's have a great season!!!!