

2026 TMST Parent Meeting
May 12, 2026

We are excited to kick off our 2026 summer swim season. Our goal is to strengthen your child's swimming skills while instilling a lifelong love for water.

ALL Handouts from the meeting are found online here: <https://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com/links>:

- Spirit Store:
 - Open May 10-22
 - Items will be delivered to practice the first week of June
 - <https://ernstapparel.chipply.com/tippmonroetorpedoes/?action=viewall>
- Team Pictures:
 - Monday, June 8 from 7-9 pm
 - Group photo at 7:45 pm; Individual photos before and after group photos
 - Limited/No swim practice
- Attendance
 - No policy on number of practices required to participate in meets
 - However, the more practices attended, the stronger the swimmer at the end of the season!
- Blue Container with Family Folders:
 - Arranged by swimmer last name (siblings share folders!)
 - Swimmers ribbons and pictures are placed in the folders
 - Available during every outdoor practice at Board table
- RSVP for Meets:
 - Parents determine which meets the child will swim; Coaches will determine what events the child swims
 - RSVP yes or no – don't assume we know your response
 - Please RSVP using the website. Do not verbally tell coaches or board members.
 - If you don't RSVP, we can't assume ... you will be bombarded with messages
 - Need help RSVPing? We can help!
 - Championship Meet is not like the rest of the meets
 - We can only take 2 swimmers per event
 - Coaches will determine who swims
 - Will be held in Tipp.
 - Swimmers are only allowed to swim in 3 events and 2 relays
 - If your child is sick day of a meet, please:
 - Email: tippmonroeswimteam@gmail.com
 - Or send message via Remind (see below)
- CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 (2nd and final year for TMST to host, this decade)
 - Committee for concession stand
 - Team camps in city park & grass area by pool
 - Large PA System
 - Renting Bleachers
- Swim Meet Volunteer positions:
 - If you have questions about your volunteer position, please ask a Board Member
 - Having parents pay attention to the events and listening to what event is being called will help the meet run smoothly and help the volunteers

- o Positions: (Split into shifts) first (Event 1-44) & second (45-78) 8&U finished by event 44:
 - Set Up Crew: Help set up the home meets; arrive at 5:00 pm
 - Bullpen: “child wrangling” – round up swimmers to walk them to clerk of course
 - Clerk of Course: arrange swimmer in event/heat/lane
 - Timers: use stopwatch to time each event; assigned a lane
 - Runner: Collects timesheets, DQ slips and distributes water to workers.
 - Stroke and Turn: Ensure rules are followed by swimmers
 - Announcer: Speaks on microphone to announce event in water & swimmers to bullpen
 - Starter: Operates starting system to begin each race
 - Clean Up Crew: Clean up pool area after the swim meet is over
- o More Detailed information regarding volunteer positions found within the team manual [here](#).
- Swim Meet Survival Guide:
 - o Gear:
 - Swimmer: Mesh bag, goggles (and extras), swim caps, towels (multiple), flip flops, blanket for ground or chair, cash for concession stand, Sharpie to write on arm. Label your items!
 - Parents: Chairs, Sports-brella, Sunscreen
 - o Activities:
 - Cards, games, books, electronics
 - o Snacks:
 - Drinks – stay hydrated
 - Food – apples, granola bars – things that won’t melt!
 - Money for concession stand – not all locations accept credit cards!
 - o **Arrive 20-30 minutes before warm ups** to set up your area and be ready to get in the water at least 5 minutes before warm ups.
 - o You can leave after your swimmers last event as long as your volunteer position is completed
 - o More swim meet tips found here: <https://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com/links>
- Heat Sheet:
 - o Typically sent out 12-24 hours before the meet
 - o We suggest you print the heat sheet out or at a minimum write your swimmers’ events down
 - o Looking online, you can search for your last name to easily find events
 - o Medley Order: Back, Breast, Fly, Free – goes across then down on heat sheet
 - o IM Order: Fly, Back, Breast, Free
- How to write on arms:
 - o Information found here: <https://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com/links>
 - o Use a Sharpie to write on arm
 - o Should write prior to arriving to the meet
 - o You’ll want to record the Event, Heat, Lane and Stroke for each swim
 - o Experienced swimmers, parents and Board Members can help – when in doubt, ASK!!

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<i>22</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>50 FR</i>
<i>35</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>200 IM</i>

- MEET SCHEDULE: (TIMES ARE MEET START; ARRIVAL WILL BE 30-45 MIN PRIOR)
 - o Saturday, June 13, 8:30 am AWAY @ Bellefontaine
 - o Thursday, June 18, 6:00 pm HOME vs Troy
 - o Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 pm AWAY @ Versailles
 - o Thursday, July 2, 6:00 pm AWAY @ Minster
 - o Thursday, July 9, 6:00 pm HOME vs Botkins
 - o Saturday, July 18, 9:00 am 5C's Championships @ Home

- Remind App
 - Join the Remind Group Tipp Monroe Swim Team (@TippSwim)
 - Text @TippSwim to 81010
 - We will send weather communications and team updates via Remind
- Weather
 - We work with the pool to make weather-related decisions
 - However, if lightening is sighted, we do have to wait 30 minutes before we can enter the water
 - If a meet is cancelled due to weather, it is up to the home team to decide if a make up date is planned

Do you have additional questions? Please reach out to a Board Member. We are available at every practice, or you can email at: tippmonroeswimteam@gmail.com.

2026 Board:

- Christine Bathgate
- Lauren Vore
- Jayme Everhardt
- Jaime DeSantis

See you at the pool!

How to reach us:

- Website: tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com
- Facebook: facebook.com/TippMonroeSwimTeam
- Email: tippmonroeswimteam@gmail.com
- Remind: @tippswim (Required for weather related updates)