

## 2025 TMST Parent Meeting May 1, 2025

We are excited to kick off our 2025 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://tipmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com/links>:

- 2025 Board Members:
  - Christine Bathgate
  - Lauren Vore
  - Jayme Everhart
- 2025 Coaching Staff:
  - Erin Gutman, Head Coach
  - Michael Galloway
  - Renee Masin
  - Kyle Eilerman
  - Hailey Howard
- Spirit Store:
  - Open May 5-19
  - Items will be delivered to practice the first week of June
  - Link will be released on Monday, May 5
- Chipotle Dine to Donate:
  - Saturday, June 7 from 4-8 pm
  - Chipotle Vandalia 275 E National Rd, Vandalia, OH 45377
  - Flyer found here: <https://tipmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com/links>
  - You can order online using code: X8QEJXY
- Team Pictures:
  - Tuesday, June 3 from 7-9 pm
  - Group photo at 7:45 pm; Individual photos before and after group photos
- 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](mailto:tippmonroeswimteam@gmail.com)
    - Or send message via Remind (see below)
- CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 & 2026
  - Committee for concession stand
  - Team camps in city park
  - Reserved the Roundhouse
  - 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
  - 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
  - More Detailed information regarding volunteer positions found within the team manual [here](#).
- Swim Meet Survival Guide:
  - 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
  - Activities:
    - Cards, games, books, electronics
  - Snacks:
    - Drinks – stay hydrated
    - Food – apples, granola bars – things that won’t melt!
    - Money for concession stand – not all locations accept credit cards!
  - 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.
  - You can leave after your swimmers last event as long as your volunteer position is completed
  - More swim meet tips found here: <https://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com/links>

- Heat Sheet:
  - Typically sent out 12-24 hours before the meet
  - We suggest you print the heat sheet out or at a minimum write your swimmers' events down
  - Looking online, you can search for your last name to easily find events
  - Medley Order: Back, Breast, Fly, Free – goes across then down on heat sheet
  - IM Order: Fly, Back, Breast, Free
- How to write on arms:
  - Information found here: <https://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com/links>
  - Use a Sharpie to write on arm
  - Should write prior to arriving to the meet
  - You'll want to record the Event, Heat, Lane and Stroke for each swim
  - 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; WARM UP TIME will be 15-30 minutes PRIOR to meet start)
  - Thursday, June 12, 6:00 pm AWAY @ Botkins
  - Tuesday, June 17, 6:00 pm HOME vs Bellefontaine
  - Saturday, June 28, 8:30 am AWAY @ Troy
  - Tuesday, July 1, 6:00 pm HOME vs Versailles
  - Tuesday, July 8, 6:00 pm HOME @ Minster
  - Saturday, July 19, 9:00 am CHAMPIONSHIPS @ HOME (Tipp)
- 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](mailto:tippmonroeswimteam@gmail.com).

See you at the pool!

How to reach us:

- Website: [tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com](http://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/TippMonroeSwimTeam](https://facebook.com/TippMonroeSwimTeam)
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- Remind: @tippswim (Required for weather related updates)