

**Zookeepers/Age-Group Parents arrive at 8am. Upon arrival, check in with your team Volunteer Coordinator located outside of the swimmer entrance (by parking lot 104).**

**\*\*\*NEW & IMPORTANT\*\*\***

Download the "GroupMe" app (it's free) and join the group/session you are working. **It is necessary download GroupMe to your phone. The "CALL TO READY BENCH" will only be communicated via a GroupMe text; do not respond to the notification/message.**

**Boys AM**     [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/51231459/3pulwtjW](https://groupme.com/join_group/51231459/3pulwtjW)

**Girls AM**     [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/51231646/pXFPkHqr](https://groupme.com/join_group/51231646/pXFPkHqr)

**Boys PM**     [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/51272713/JbthGugn](https://groupme.com/join_group/51272713/JbthGugn)

**Girls PM**     [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/51272717/ooXj9IMP](https://groupme.com/join_group/51272717/ooXj9IMP)

It is your responsibility to have your phone on and to pay attention to these texts or your swimmers will miss their events. This has been done to ease traffic on the pool deck and to help the meet run more effectively. Two event boards will be displayed as well but can be hard to see at times. There is no announcer for this meet.

**Zookeeper Guidelines**

- ALL swimmers stay at their session until all events (BOTH boys and girls) are completed. Zookeepers will lead kids back out to the Terrace for dismissal after the session ends. The boys session in the morning will likely go faster than the girls. However, they must stay until the girls session ends. This is because their parents might be volunteering and won't be available to pick up their kids until the end of the session.
- Please bring your own check-in sheets, heat sheets, clipboards and sharpies.

**Before the Meet:**

1. Sign in swimmers and have them sit with their respective age-group.
2. Do your best to keep the kids in their age-group as this will help keep the transition from the terrace to the pool efficient and controlled.

**During the Meet:**

1. Keep assigned group of swimmers together in designated area.
2. The meet will run faster than regular meets. There will be Event/Heat boards for calls to ready bench at each side of the pool - they will be displaying UP TO what is being called. For both sessions, Event 1 and 2 will be called 10 min before start time as those events will begin the meet on both the Girls side and the Boys side.

3. For big events with lots of heats, take only the first half of swimmers in the event so there aren't so many in line at ready bench - remember ALL of the teams will be there and it's crowded.
4. Stay with kids until the ready bench volunteers take them from you.
5. Watch for the kids when they finish their events and help them get back to the right team area.
6. For bathroom breaks take just a couple swimmers with you at a time and have them wear their shoes/flip flops. The events can go quickly, so there's not a lot of time.
7. RULES REMINDERS:
  - **NO swimmers in diving well (except warm-ups)**
  - **NO swimmers in the water except for while racing. (No sitting on edge)**
  - **Keep pathways clear. All swimmers must stay in bleachers, not in front of, behind, or underneath them.**
  - **No small toys allowed (legos, shopkins, etc). The meet will be very fast-paced and these toys get lost and crushed.**
  - **TAMU rule: NO FOOD ON DECK. Water bottles allowed.**

**End of Meet:**

1. Please have all swimmers pick up trash and collect their belongings before they leave, we'll have a trash bag again for them.
2. It can be very hectic at the end. Walk the swimmers back out to the Terrace where zoos started. **Do not release swimmers until their parents have checked them out.**