
Oakton Otters Swim Team

— 2020 Season Information —

COVID-19 and Summer Swim

At this time, the NVSL has advised teams to cautiously prepare for the swim season. The Otter Team Reps are currently preparing for every possible variation of the summer season including a full season, partial season, or no season at all.

Over the next several weeks, the NVSL and the OSRC Board will determine the best course of action regarding the summer swim season and the opening of our pool. We will do our best to ensure that we get information to you as it becomes available.

Swim Team Registration

- Registration will be pushed back (expected sometime in May) due to COVID-19. We will not register swimmers until we are certain there is a summer swim season.
- Due to late registration, deadlines and timelines will have a quick turnaround time. We ask for your cooperation to abide by timelines when they are determined. **We will not be able to accept late registrations.**
- If the season is shortened, swim team fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Volunteer Requirements

Each year, we take feedback parents give us and find new ideas which allow us to improve upon things. As a result, volunteer requirements will be slightly different this season to ensure we have enough volunteers for every meet.

As you know, organizing a swim meet is a big job! It requires a lot of coordination to ensure the meet happens. *Did you know the the NVSL requires many of these jobs and without them, we can't hold a meet?*

This year, when you register your swimmer(s), you will NOT sign up for volunteer roles at that time. Once we have a final number of swimmers, we will determine the number of "points" (volunteer roles) each family is responsible for. Once we have that information, we will open sign-ups for volunteer roles.

Volunteer coordinators will assign you volunteer jobs that you are required to fill if you do not sign-up by the deadline they provide.

Volunteer Roles

If you can't fulfill your volunteer requirement, **you are responsible for finding coverage**. If your job requirement is not fulfilled, your child(ren) **will not** be eligible to swim in the next meet for which they qualify.

If you have a conflict *always contact the volunteer coordinators* and try the following:

- Consider swapping with or asking another Otter parent to cover your role
- Consider calling an OSRC member with a high school aged child who may need volunteer hours for school
- If you know of a conflict ahead of time, reach out to a coordinator and they may be able to help

We understand that emergencies occur. It is essential that you email the volunteer coordinators, Annie McLenahan and Meg Gill, if you have a last minute emergency:

osrcvolunteer@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

We have three multi-point volunteer roles that are still available. Contact our volunteer coordinators if you're interested in one of these jobs, or would like more information about the role: osrcvolunteer@gmail.com

- **End of Season pool party coordinator** - this is a great job for someone who prefers to coordinate from home and is available the day and evening of the party. You will have a committee of volunteers to assist you with planning, shopping and assisting before, during and after the party.
- **Senior Recognition luncheon coordinator** - oversees the planning and shopping for the senior recognition luncheon which will be held at OSRC after a Saturday meet. You will have a committee of volunteers to assist you and you must be available the day of the luncheon.
- **Senior Posters** - design and create posters to recognize and celebrate our seniors. Posters will be displayed at the senior luncheon and at the banquet. They will also be a keepsake for our seniors.

Volunteer Info continued

- When you sign up to volunteer, have your calendar available to ensure that you have no conflicts.
- Point requirements per family will be determined after enrollment ends. We will let you know how many jobs you are required to sign up for.
- If your child is an Otter Pup, you will not have as many volunteer requirements because it is assumed that your child is not swimming in as many meets. Those requirements will be determined after enrollment has closed.
- Job descriptions with corresponding point values and additional instructions will be provided prior to the start of sign ups.

It is our hope that these changes will ensure and support our team needs in an equitable manner.

New Swimmer Assessments

All **new** swimmers to the Otters (age 8 & Under), as well as all 6 & Under Otters, are required to come to an assessment on dates TBD. At this time, our coaches will have a chance to meet your swimmer(s) and watch them in the water. Coaches will determine if they are ready for the swim team, or if they should be a part of the Otter Pups.

Our Otter Pups program is designed for our younger swimmers who need a bit more assistance in the water. Otter Pups learn in smaller groups with a coach beside them in the water. This program will prepare your child(ren) for what is required in order to be on the swim team. Throughout the season, if the coaches feel a Pup is ready to move up to the team, we will assist with the transition.

Pups are welcome and encouraged to attend all social events.

Team Store

Show your team spirit with some great Otter gear! Check out what we have available for swimmers and for parents!

Deadline to order spirit wear is Wednesday, June 3 at 11:59pm.

Deadline to order silicone caps is Wednesday May 20, 2020 @ 11:59 pm.

[Otter Store link](#)

We are using the same team swim suit as last year. If you need a new one, you can order using the same link.

Please note: Pups are not required to have a team suit.

Questions about the team store? Contact Kristin Walsh: kristin.walsh@aol.com

Schedule & Events

Due to the current circumstances, we will delay scheduling events until we are certain. This will help to eliminate any confusion.

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Drew Weber

Age Group Coaches:

13+: Drew Weber

11-12: Mitchell Thomas

9-10: Lindsey Kotarski

8U: Catherine Lim & Cameron Dearman

Pup Coordinator: TBD

Coaches:

Matthew Sargent, Louis Mancusi, Ryan Doe, Ariel Klopfenstein & Leena Knepper

Do you know of any families interested in swim team?

If you know of a family who is currently a member or has a season long summer rental at OSRC, please let us know! We'd love to contact them and let them know all about the Otter Swim Team!

Or, please pass on our contact information to them: ottersofOakton@gmail.com



Questions?

Please reach out with any questions to the Otter Team Reps: [Email Team Reps](#)

2020 Team Reps

Rachelle Knepper, Lauren Hansen & Heather Lim (A meet reps)

Devon Brinn & Karen Poston (B meet reps)

If you have any questions about **volunteer** requirements, please reach out to Annie McLenahan & Meg Gill: [Email Volunteer Coordinators](#)