

Brushy Creek Marlins 2010 Handbook

The Brushy Creek Marlins are members of the Northwest Swim Circuit (NWSC), which provides a summer recreational swim program for more than two thousand young swimmers in the North Austin, Round Rock, Cedar Park and Georgetown areas. The objective of the NWSC is to help young swimmers develop physical fitness, self-discipline, self-confidence, proficiency in competitive swimming strokes, a determination to do one's best, good sportsmanship, and to provide an enjoyable summer activity for all of its members. Other members of the NWSC are:

Anderson Mill Barracudas
Blockhouse Creek Tidal Waves
Forest North Stingrays
Hurricanes
Round Rock Dolphins
Wells Branch Armada

Balcones Country Club Sharks
Cedar Park Typhoons
Georgetown Aquadillos
Pflugerville Piranhas
Steiner Ranch Stars

The Brushy Creek Marlins are an incorporated non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors and bylaws approved by the membership. We receive no financial support from any public agency. Instead, we rely on membership fees, fundraising and donations from local businesses and professionals. Our sponsors are recognized in a number of ways (depending on level): on our website www.bcmarlins.com, sponsor boards, sponsor name on back of team T-shirts, and verbal recognition and thanks at our home meets.

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2010 Key Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 25		Online Registration Returning Swimmers & BC residents	Marlin Website
March 29		Online Registration Out of District and returning swimmers or BC residents that missed the first registration	Marlin Website
May 13 & 14	3:45-4:45 pm	All swimmers age 6 and under	Sendero Springs Pool
	4:45-5:45 pm	NEW Marlins only - age 7 and older	
May 16	6:00-8:00 pm	Family Picnic	Sendero Springs Pool
May 17- June 4	3:30-8:00 pm	Afterschool: Full Team Practices 3:45-8p	Sendero Springs Pool
May 27	3:30-8:00 pm	Time Trials	Sendero Springs Pool
May 31	Memorial Day - No Practice		
June 5	TBA	First Swim Meet	Sendero Springs
June 7	7:30am- 12:00 pm	Summer Practice Morning Practices begin	Sendero Springs Pool
June 21	TBD	Round Rock Express Night	Dell Diamond
June 29	7:30am-12:00 pm	Lap-a-thon	Sendero Springs Pool
July 4	Independence Day - No Practice		
July 14	6:00pm-8:00pm	Spirit Rally Ceremony for Divisionals and Invitationals	St. Vincents De Pauls
July 17	TBA	Championship Meet	Sendero Springs Pool
July 18	TBA	Invitational Meet	UT

Join us for Fun Fridays!

All Fridays before swim meets will have Fun Friday activities after practice

Meet cancellations or delays will be posted on the BC Marlin website.

Emergency Contacts:

Meet Director	Bob Grahl	775-4513
Head Coach	Chris Kjeldsen	694-2180
President	Tere McCann	470-6159
Volunteer Coordinator	Rosa Bolger	388-3203



2010 Brushy Creek Marlins

From Pool Side:

Welcome to the Brushy Creek Marlins. We are a non-profit, introduction-to-competitive-swimming organization serving the 5-17 year-old youths of our community. We promote personal improvement and teamwork.

The success of the Marlins program is built upon the efforts of 3 teams. They are the parent team of volunteers, the coaching team and the swim team. T.E.A.M. stands for Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

We are on the D.O.T. (desire, opportunity, and training) with our three teams. The swimmers provide the desire. The parents provide the opportunity. The coaches provide the training.

Leadership by example of parent volunteers sends a strong message to the swimmers that we as parents are not only community team players, but have an active interest in our swimmers and what they are striving to accomplish. Without parent volunteers, there is no program.

For the Marlins championship team, practices and home meets will be held at the Sendero Springs Pool. The maintenance and developmental or M&Ms workouts will be held at the Creekside pool. It is very important to be on time to practice. All swimmers are expected to have a good attitude and good attendance at practice and at the meets. There will be dry land warm up and stretching 15 minutes before the water time. The coaches will divide the Marlin team into the four practice times and the M&Ms into 3 practice times. If you have old swim fins that no longer fit, we ask that you donate them to the team for "recycling."

For the Marlins, both beginner and veteran swimmers start off the season with no time or NT. We will have a practice meet May 27th during each workout time for parents and swimmers to practice stroke judging, timing, etc. and to record some unofficial times. These times and/or times recorded by the coaches during practice will be used to get the team started in the first two dual meets. The coaches will rotate all swimmers through the events in the first four dual meets. In the fifth dual meet swimmers will pick their own events. The M&Ms will have the option of attending a practice meet in the last week of each session.

We will not be concerned with point scoring in the dual meets. We will focus on getting a time for all swimmers in each event and then improving on that time. It is very important to understand and reinforce the concept that we do not win by beating others. We win by improving ourselves.

In the Marlin dual meets, focusing on self-improvement allows every swimmer who beats their own time to get a time improvement ribbon no matter how many other swimmers there are. When a swimmer puts all their effort into doing the best that they can, they win and the team improves. Look for and promote each red, white and blue time improvement ribbon as a personal "world record" victory celebration.

The culmination of our 10 week season is the divisional championship meet. It is here that we celebrate the accomplishments of our swimmers and field the strongest team possible. It is very important that we bring our whole team to this recital/graduation/championship celebration meet on July 17th! Please plan your vacations accordingly.

This will be my fifth year of guiding the Marlins in our pursuit of excellence. I look forward to continuing our journey together. "Swim practicing excellence every day because you get good at what you practice."

Christopher Kjeldsen, Head Coach

Team Guidelines

- Swimmers must be at least 5 years of age as of September 1, 2010.
- Swimmers may not be older than 17 years of age as of May 1, 2010.
- Swimmers age category is determined by their age as of May 1, 2010.
- Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool by May 22, 2010. Coaches will determine if the swimmer's ability meets minimum standards and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- All swimmers must compete in at least 2 meets during the season or forfeit the opportunity to participate on the Marlins the following year.
- All swimmers are expected to be present and checked in for the meets at the assigned arrival time and will be expected to be ready for warm-ups at the assigned time.
- 50% of the swimmer's fee is refundable until May 14, 2010. The remainder is non-refundable.
- No refunds are given for lack of swimming ability after May 15, 2010. As required by our contract with the Brushy Creek MUD, each swimmer is required to pay a pool usage fee. This fee is included in the price shown.
- A coupon for a \$15.00 discount for a swim tag will be given for each registered swimmer. Swim tags are purchased from the Brushy Creek MUD.
- Parents are required to sign their children up for each weekly meet no later than the preceding Monday. Instructions regarding meet signup will be provided after registration. ***You are encouraged to sign up for all meets in advance and make changes as needed. If your children have not signed up by the Monday that precedes the meet, it is assumed that your child does not intend on participating in that week's meet and your children will not be placed in any events.***
- At least one parent must volunteer to work at each meet in which their child swims.

May Practice Information

The Marlin Season begins May 13, 2010. The first two days of practice, May 13th and May 14th are set up for NEW MARLINS and ALL 6 year olds and under. Returning Marlins begin practice at their assigned times May 17, 2010.

May 13th-14th

3:45 - 4:45 pm all swimmers 6 years and under

4:45 - 5:45 pm new Marlins only - 7 and older

After school practice is organized initially by age and experience. Practices are held every day, Monday through Friday. In the event of heavy rain or lightning, there will be no practice. Each person should have been given an initial practice time at registration. The age groups for the practice are a starting point for breaking the practices into about 60 swimmers per practice time. During the first few weeks, the coaches will be assessing the swimmer's ability and will move them into the practice that they feel will best meet the needs of the swimmer. Please be flexible during this transition time. We have a large team and we want to give the best training possible to each swimmer. The following is subject to change but will give you a general guideline for after school practice times:

May 17th - June 7th

3:30 - 4:45 pm swimmers 6 and under

4:30 - 5:45 pm swimmers 7-9

5:30 - 6:45 pm swimmers 10 - 12

6:30 - 7:45 pm swimmers 13 - 17

We understand that during the month of May there are many other activities going on. However, we ask that the swimmer make as many practices as possible in the 2 1/2 weeks before our first swim meet on June 5th! **It is especially important to attend the Time Trials on Thursday, May 27th.** This will give swimmers an initial seed time for the first meet and allow them to earn time improvement ribbons at that meet. The coaches will have an attendance notebook at the entrance to the pool that should be signed daily and noted when your child is not able to make practice.

Once school is out, the schedule is planned as follows:

June 8th- July 16th 7:30-12:00 pm

Practices times age slots will be determined by coach

Again, please understand that all practice times will be assigned to the swimmer by the coaches taking into account relative ability levels and a 60 swimmer per workout limit. If there is a reason that the swimmer needs to come at a different time for a particular day, it must be approved by the head coach in advance. Please do not put the coaches in an awkward position by asking them to make an exception for your child.

Swimmer responsibilities

- Swimmers should arrive 15 minutes before practice. The coaches have allowed 15 minutes of warm-up time prior to getting in the water.
- Arrive prepared. Wear your swimsuit rather than change at the pool. Bring a bag that includes towel, goggles, cap, fins and a water bottle. **LABEL ALL YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS!**
- Keep coaches informed of your illness. **IF YOU ARE ILL, DO NOT PRACTICE!**
- If you will be missing a practice, sign the notebook located at the entrance to the pool. Please include your name, dates of practice missed and reason.
- Come prepared to work hard and have fun. However, horseplay will not be tolerated. Respect for fellow swimmers, coaches and parents are expected at all times. Swimmers who choose not to listen to the coaches will be asked to sit out for the remainder of the practice. Repeated disciplinary issues could result in dismissal from the team.
- Please do not disturb the coaches during practice. They will allow time before and after practice to answer any questions you may have.
- It is everyone's responsibility to ensure safety of the children. If you see unsafe practices, please tell a board member and/or coach.

Practice Equipment

Essential equipment is required for practices. For your convenience, swimsuits, caps, fins and goggles will be available for purchase through Lane 4 Swim Shop at the pool during selected practice sessions. Please add the swimmer's name to ALL items as soon as they are purchased. Each year we acquire quite a collection of very similarly appearing items with no identifiable marks. All unidentifiable items left over at the end of the season are donated to charity.

Team Attire

The Marlins have selected a team suit that will be available for purchase at registration or through Lane Four Swim Shop. If you choose not to purchase a team suit, we do ask and require that the swimmer wear a solid black suit at the meets. All girls must wear a cap at practice and at the meets. Depending on hair length, guys may be required to wear one as well. We ask that you wear the new Marlin royal blue cap, a solid black cap or the Brushy Creek Marlin Invitational cap at meets. Swimmers are not to wear caps from other swim teams.

SWIM TEAM AND POOL RULES

Please review with your child

- Only practicing swimmers and coaches belong on the deck. All parents and siblings must sit under the shade patio, gazebo or in the park, away from the swimmers and coaches. It is very distracting to the coaches to have parents and other children standing over them.
- No parent coaching from the sidelines during practice.
- Swimmers should be in the water only during their practice time. They may not enter the water prior to their time and must exit the pool immediately at the end of their practice.
- Please wait until practice is over to discuss an issue with the coach. They are more than willing to answer your questions and concerns, but during practice they must be watching the swimmers.
- **The baby pool is off limits to everyone.**

Other Information for Parents

The coach's job is to teach swimming technique, to constructively criticize the swimmer's performance, and to motivate the swimmer to perform well in competition.

The swimmer's responsibility is to attend practice regularly, listen to the coaches, follow directions, and do his/her best at all times.

Parents supply the love, recognition and encouragement necessary to give their swimmer confidence and motivation to have fun swimming.

To have a successful program there must be an understanding and cooperation among parents, swimmers, and coaches. The progress of a swimmer depends a great deal on this relationship.

Be Enthusiastic! Positive enthusiasm creates an environment, which promotes the swimmer's improvement. Be enthusiastic about taking your swimmer to practices and meets, participating in fundraising projects, gatherings, etc.

Website - The Brushy Creek Marlins Website: www.bcmarlins.com is our primary means of organization and communication and is your 24/7 source for the most current news and events. Use the Marlins Website to sign up to attend swim meets and select your volunteer shifts at those meets. If you need assistance at any time please contact the Site Administrator via the Contact Us button.

The proper place to complain: The coaches and board members want you and your swimmer to have a positive and enjoyable swim team experience. When something is not going well for an individual, or group of people, bring it to the attention of the Head Coach or the President of the Board. Please do this by scheduling a time that is suitable for the Head Coach so that he may take the time to address a problem appropriately. During practice is not an appropriate time. Any issues that the Marlin Board needs to be aware of must be put into writing and signed. Only complaints that are signed will be taken seriously.

Volunteers

As with any other youth sport, we need volunteers to fill positions during swim meets and other activities. Swimming needs more staff than most other sports. In all, about 100 parent volunteers from each team are needed to run a successful meet. Volunteering is vital to the Brushy Creek Marlins Swim Team. If you have a swimmer participating in a meet **at least one parent** is required to work at least one shift at that meet. Generally, adult volunteers join a volunteer team (see descriptions below) upon registration of their swimmer(s) with the Marlins. Positions on the various teams are filled on a first-come basis, so it is recommended that you choose your preferred volunteer position promptly. If you have not been assigned your volunteer position you must contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Rosa Bolger 388-3203 or bolgerrosa@yahoo.com. All parents are strongly encouraged to join a volunteer team. It is **mandatory** that each family has at least one adult volunteer registered. **Note: Your child will not be permitted to swim with the team until AT LEAST one parent has signed up.**

If your child is swimming a meet and you have not been scheduled to work on a specific team, you must sign up as being available. If a team that you sign up for is for home meets only (i.e. Concessions, Parking, Social) you may be asked to work in another area at the away meets. A volunteer team leader will coordinate his or her team's shifts. Please cooperate and return phone calls and emails to your team lead.

Signup for weekly meets for volunteers and swimmers takes place on the Marlins website www.bcmarlins.com in a password protected Marlins-only area. You will receive your personal login information soon after joining a volunteer team. Please request your preferred shift by the swimmer sign-up deadline for each meet (the Monday before). On the day of the meet, parents must check in at the gate with the Volunteer Coordinator to confirm their volunteer status. If you find yourself suddenly unable to work your scheduled shift due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., illness, emergency), it is crucial that you inform your team leader or the Volunteer Coordinator as soon as possible so that a replacement may be found. (Also see Emergency Contacts page 2.) We take volunteering very seriously. Failure to meet your volunteer commitment at a meet will result in your child not being permitted to swim in the following meet.

Volunteer Teams

Computer - We use Meet Manager computer software. Team members help input times and print labels. (4 volunteers)

Concessions - Help pick up supplies before the meet. Set up concession stand and operate it throughout the home meet. At the end of the meet, clean up and store equipment properly for use at future meets. Deliver water to volunteers that cannot leave their areas. (40 volunteers)

Head Timer - Organizes and briefs the lane timers of their duties prior to the meet and is in charge of the lane timers throughout the meet. The Head Timer has the authority to remove and replace any lane timer, with the approval of the home Meet Director. The head timer, when assigning timers to a lane, avoids having all three timers in any given lane associated with the same club. The Head Timer shall run two watches for use as backups during each event. (1 volunteer)

Lane Timers - Keep an accurate time of the swimmer in the lane to which they are assigned. There are three timers per lane. Record all three times on the event card and verify that the event card is correct for that swimmer, event and lane. (40 volunteers)

Merchandising - Help set up and sell items at pre-season picnic, first two weeks of practice and at meets. Organize and distribute t-shirt orders. (4 volunteers)

PA/Sound System - Help set up and take down sound system for home meets. (2 volunteers)

Parking - Direct and control traffic in designated parking areas to assure safety as swimmers are dropped off. Monitor parking around pool area and streets during meets. (10 volunteers)

Public Address Announcer - Responsible for calling the event number, age group, sex and event name, so that swimmers know when to report to the ready bench. Announcer calls the "first" and later the "final" call for each age group pair of events in coordination with the flow of the ready bench. The Announcer must anticipate the calling of events based upon the number of swimmers, the stroke, the number of lengths to be swum, and the age of the swimmers. (3 volunteers)

Ready Bench - Organize swimmers from both teams into heats and lanes on the benches. During this process the Ready Bench workers may reassign a swimmer to an earlier heat if there is an open lane. Such changes should only be initiated when they will result in fewer heats. If there are very few swimmers in two events (older age groups) then they may combine the swimmers into a single heat. Ready Bench workers then move swimmers to the starting block area and then to the blocks. (24 volunteers)

Ribbons and Scoring - Review and average times, organize event cards in placement order, and deliver to Computer area. Post results. Place labels on ribbons and place in family file folders following meets. (20 volunteers)

Runners - Obtain the completed event cards and DQ slips for each race from the Timers and Judges. Deliver the cards and DQ slips to the scoring table. (24 volunteers)

Set-Up and Take-Down - The night before a home meet, set up tents, lane lines, starting blocks and other items necessary to conduct the meet. Assist the meet director in last minute preparations for the meet. Stock and clean bathrooms the night before home meets, and after the meet has taken place. Take down tents, remove lane lines, remove trash and store items in preparation for vacating the pool immediately after the meet. Note that team members are expected to do BOTH set-up and take-down. ALL SWIMMERS AND PARENTS are expected to help clean up the entire pool area. (20 volunteers)

Social Committee - Organize and lead fun activities for the team. Organize tent of the week at swim meets. Purchase snacks and craft supplies; hand out snacks and lead craft activities during practices for Fun Fridays. Organize food, organize and initiate games & activities at the pep rally, family picnic, banquet and any other social activities for the team. (10 volunteers)

Starter Announcer - Starts each event with the announcement of the age and stroke and the words "SWIMMERS TAKE YOUR MARKS", then pauses to make sure all swimmers are motionless, and then gives an electronic sound or blast of a whistle. The Starter is the sole judge of FALSE STARTS and all false starts are restarted. The Starter signals a false start with repeated blasts from the starting device. One false start is tolerated by any individual and charged to the field. A false start by any individual on the second attempt to start an event results in their disqualification from that event. (3 volunteers)

Stroke Judge - Work in pairs on each side of the pool with one member being from each team. Monitor starts, strokes and finishes during events and relays in compliance with NWSC rules. Judges only rule on infractions on their side of the pool. Complete warning/DQ slips when infraction of a rule occurs. Attendance at annual Stroke Clinic is required.\

Exchange Judge - Required for all relay events and are positioned at each corner of the pool. One Exchange Judge from each team is positioned at each corner of the pool. These Exchange Judges are responsible for observing exchanges during relays. Attendance at the annual Stroke Clinic is required. (20 volunteers, combined with Stroke Judge)

Team Parents - Supervise children in age group tents. The Team Parents receive all event cards for their age group prior to the start of the meet. Team Parents need to report all absentees to Head Team Parent 15 minutes before the meet starts. The Team Parents listen to the Announcer and begins locating their swimmers about 2 events prior to the "first call" for their event, then distribute event cards to the swimmers at the time the Announcer calls "first call". Younger swimmers are to be personally escorted to the Ready Bench for each event to prevent them from getting lost or losing their card. This job is for the duration of the meet for the age group you are working with. (25 volunteers)

Training is provided for all volunteer positions

Team Fundraiser

The Marlins lap-a-thon is the team fundraiser. Come and join the fun, show off your endurance and help raise money for the team. This money is used to buy large-scale equipment for the team. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the annual lap-a-thon since it is during regularly scheduled practice time. Donations can come from friends, relatives and neighbors, but the Marlins do not advocate going door to door to seek donations. You will receive lap-a-thon forms, as well as additional information prior to the event. All checks should be made payable to the Brushy Creek Marlins. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Those swimmers 6 and under who complete 50 laps, 7-8 year olds who complete 75 laps, and 9 and older who complete 100 laps will receive a medal. Volunteers will be needed during the lap-a-thon, as well as to help with breakfast following the event.

Please remember, this is a fundraiser. A minimum of a \$10.00 donation is needed to offset the costs of the lap-a-thon (medals, certificates, food, etc.) All donations are tax deductible and a receipt is available upon request. If you have any questions regarding the lap-a-thon, please call the fundraising chair.

Family File Folders

The primary way the Brushy Creek Marlins distribute ribbons and written materials is through the “family file”. Each family will have a folder, sorted by last name, in one of the two large plastic bins at the pool. Information on upcoming meets, events, fundraisers, newsletters, notes from various sources and miscellaneous communications will frequently be added to you family file. In addition you may place information to the board members and coaches in appropriate files. Everyone is strongly encouraged to check his/her family file regularly, try to make it a daily habit!

Meet Sign-Up

- All swimmers are required to swim in **at least 2 meets** during the season. Failure to do so will result in your child not being permitted to sign up for the team the following season.
- Swimmers must attend 3 out of 5 practices during the week to be eligible to swim in the meet. Exceptions will be made for excused absences (camp, illness, and vacations).
- Online meet signup for swimmers is accessible through parent volunteer signup and will close on the **MONDAY** afternoon preceding the meet. Changes in meet signup status made after that time must be made by the Head Coach. **In an emergency** (such as a sudden illness) please call the Head Coach, Meet Director or Marlins President. (See emergency contact numbers, page 2.)
- **If you have not signed up, it will be assumed you are not swimming. Please verify your status before the deadline for each meet.**
- Our coaches endeavor to enter swimmers in all events at least 2-3 times this season. That means swimmers will not always swim only what they think is their best and/or favorite event. Summer league is an introduction to competitive swimming and there have been many cases of discovering a new favorite stroke or event. If your child wants to swim an event that they have not yet swam, or is close to an invitational time in an event, you may leave a friendly note in the coach’s file. Please do not ask to change events once they have been assigned.
- Swimmers/parents must check the meet location, arrival time, warm-up time and events prior to the meet. This information is available at www.bcmarlins.com and at the pool by Thursday or Friday before the meet.

What to Bring to the Meets

- **LABEL EVERYTHING!!!** Many children have identical items. This includes T-shirts, goggles, and game boys.
- Wear your team swimsuit and weather appropriate clothing. The first meet or 2 can be quite chilly at 6 A.M.
- Bring a bag with a towel or 2, goggles, cap, sunscreen, hat, water bottle and a blanket to sit on. The tents can get crowded with 25-30 swimmers, so we discourage chairs for the swimmers. If your child brings a chair, be advised that it will not be placed under the tent.
- Bring plenty to drink. It is important to stay well hydrated. Water or sport drinks are recommended (not soda). Glass containers are not permitted at any pool.
- Bring plenty of healthy snacks. Suggestions include: bagels, fruit, granola bars, cereal, and sandwiches.
- All meets have a concession stand that sells food and drinks. For all teams, this is a major source of revenue to operate the team. You may want to pack food and drinks, or feel free to support the teams at the concession stand.
- There will be periods of time between events, so bring activities to occupy the time such as books, Game Boys or CD players. Please label all items and remember that the tent area can get wet and dirty.



Meet Day

- Meets usually last 5-6 hours. Get a good night sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive on time. This is usually at 6:20 AM. Swimmers must check in at the gate with the check-in volunteer. If you have not checked in by the time warm-ups start, it will be assumed that you are not present and relays will be adjusted.
- Swimmers who have not checked in by the time warm-ups start may be taken off their relay for the current meet. Swimmers who are “no shows” for the meet will not be put on a relay for the next meet.
- Swimmers should go directly to their age group tent and wait for warm-ups. Swimmers warm up with their age group.
- Purchase a heat sheet and note your swimmer’s events.
- Encourage your swimmer to set personal goals and try to improve on previous times. Be positive and encouraging. This is a FUN competition. If your child gets a disqualification slip or D.Q.’d, use this as a learning opportunity for improvement.
- **Parents, please check in at the gate with the Volunteer Coordinator** to confirm your volunteer status. If you are not already signed up for a particular area, you will be on the “available” list. Parents scheduled to volunteer should check in at their volunteer area 15 minutes before the start of the shift. It is embarrassing and frustrating to delay the meet looking for volunteers. Please do your part. The meet cannot happen without you.
- Once the meet has started, do not disturb the coaches. If needed, speak to the coach before or after the meet.
- Bring any meet issues or concerns to the attention of the Meet Director.
- If one swimmer on a relay team is not present for the event, the entire relay will be scratched. Please do not leave the meet until you have checked in with the team parent. Last minute substitutions for relays may occur once the meet has started. Your child may be asked to fill in on a relay.
- All swimmers must remain in the tent area (especially 10 and under). The time between events is a fun time for the swimmers to socialize and bond as a team. If the swimmer must leave the tent area, they need to inform the team parent. It is not the responsibility of the team parent to search the pool area for swimmers who have left the tent area. If you do not stay in the tent area, you are responsible to keep track of your events and to return to the tent area before “first call” to line up for the event.
- At the end of the meet **EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAVING THE POOL AREA CLEAN AND FREE OF TRASH.**

The swim meets are a fun competition. Be respectful towards fellow teammates, parents, volunteers and coaches. Show good sportsmanship. Any Disciplinary issues will be brought to the meet director and parent’s attention and may result in dismissal from the team. Brushy Creek Marlins abide by the Code of Conduct of the NWSC.

Shift 1 Volunteers Assemble

<i>Event Number</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Event</i>
1	6 & Under	100 Mixed Free Relay
2-3	7-8	100 Medley Relay
4-5	9-10	100 Medley Relay
6-7	11-12	100 Medley Relay
8-9	13-14	200 Medley Relay
10-11	15-17	200 Medley Relay
12-13	6 & Under	25 Freestyle
14-15	7-8	25 Freestyle
16-17	9-10	25 Freestyle
18-19	11-12	25 Freestyle
20-21	13-14	50 Freestyle
22-23	15-17	50 Freestyle
24-25	9-10	100 IM
26-27	11-12	100 IM
28-29	13-14	100 IM
30-31	15-17	100 IM
32-33	6 & Under	25 Backstroke
34-35	7-8	25 Backstroke
36-37	9-10	25 Backstroke
38-39	11-12	25 Backstroke
40-41	13-14	50 Backstroke
42-43	15-17	50 Backstroke
44-45	6 & Under	25 Butterfly
46-47	6 & Under	25 Breaststroke

Break Shift 2 Volunteers Assemble

<i>Event Number</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Event</i>
48-49	7-8	25 Breaststroke
50-51	9-10	25 Breaststroke
52-53	11-12	25 Breaststroke
54-55	13-14	50 Breaststroke
56-57	15-17	50 Breaststroke
58-59	7-8	50 Freestyle
60-61	9-10	50 Freestyle
62-63	11-12	50 Freestyle
64-65	13-14	100 Freestyle
66-67	15-17	100 Freestyle
68-69	7-8	25 Butterfly
70-71	9-10	25 Butterfly
72-73	11-12	25 Butterfly
74-75	13-14	50 Butterfly
76-77	15-17	50 Butterfly
78-79	7-8	100 Free Relay
80-81	9-10	100 Free Relay
82-83	11-12	100 Free Relay
84-85	13-14	200 Free Relay
86-87	15-17	200 Free Relay

Brushy Creek Marlins Awards

Marlin swimmers have an opportunity to earn awards throughout the year and at the end-of-year banquet. **All swimmers will receive a trophy at the end-of-season banquet.** Other awards and the award criteria are listed below.

Invitational Awards:

As individual swimmers reach the qualification times for the Invitational Meet, they will receive recognition as follows:

- An Invitational award item will be presented to all qualifiers at the first practice following the date the qualification was achieved. Qualifiers will only receive the award item after the first qualification - if they qualify in more than one event, or on a subsequent date, no additional awards will be provided.
- Recognition in Marlin Media (Newsletter and Email)

Record Breaker Awards:

Swimmers breaking Marlin records will receive recognition in Marlin Media and the records will be prominently displayed at all home meets.

- A permanent plaque will display the name and time for each record holder. The plaque will be on display at all Marlin events.
- A framed certificate or a plaque will be presented to each new permanent record holder at the banquet.
- In the off-season, the permanent plaques will be displayed at the Brushy Creek Community Center.

Time Improvement Awards:

Time Improvements will be accumulated throughout the year, beginning with the Practice Meet through Divisionals. In addition to receiving time improvement ribbons, Marlin swimmers will be eligible to earn rosette ribbons to be presented at the end-of-year banquet according to the following criteria:

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- 10 - 11 Time Improvements - White Rosette
- 12 - 13 Time Improvements - Red Rosette
- 14 or more Time Improvements - Blue Ribbon

All others:

- 12 - 14 Time Improvements - White Rosette
- 15 - 16 Time Improvements - Red Rosette
- 17 or more Time Improvements - Blue Rosette

Most Improved Awards:

A trophy will be presented in each age group (one male and one female) for the swimmers who accumulate the greatest time improvement as measured from the Practice Meet through the Divisional Meet.

Marlin-of-the-Year:

The Head Coach/Coaches will select one male and one female swimmer as "Marlins-of-the-Year". Criteria will be based on a combination of participation, team spirit, and "above-and-beyond" activities. Participation in practices and attendance at dual meets and the Divisional meet will be highly considered.