

Murphey Candler Park Marlins Swim Team

2017 Season

Welcome to the Murphey Candler Park Marlins. Our season runs from June 1 – July 9. We will have a total of 5 meets; 4 dual meets against Briarwood and 1 mock meet which also functions as our time trial. Swim team party to be scheduled the week of July 10.

Our volunteer coaches are: Denver Smith, who has been with the Marlins for 5 seasons; Sam Wilson, who coaches with Dynamo; Helene Peters, who coaches the beginner Marlins; Annie Harris, who coaches the 10 and under age group.

Expectations

Parents - provide kids with support:

- Logistics - get them there on time.
- Administrative - registration, facilitate meet sign ups.
- Volunteer - 3 events
- Cheerleader - be your child's biggest cheerleaders! Let the coaches do the rest.

Swimmers:

- Respect –Coaches, Parents, volunteers, opponents, each other.
- Attitude – Show up ready to listen, learn and work hard.
- Have Fun!

Equipment and Uniform

Each swimmer is required to have goggles and fins for practices and a blue Sporti Light Wave team swimsuit and Marlins t-shirt for swim meets.

- The team t-shirt and swim caps will be available for sale through the Marlins.
- **You can purchase team swim suits and fins through our online store at <http://www.swimoutlet.com/mcmarlins>** . Please note that our suit color is blue.
- If you opt not to purchase the team suit, your swimmer should have dark colored (dark blue or black) racing suits; one piece suits only for girls.

Practices

Practices are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Swimmers 10 and under practice 6pm -7pm and swimmers 11 and over practice 7pm -8pm. Please arrive 15 minutes before practice start time.

Only swimmers that are with a coach during practice are allowed to be in the water. There will not be any play-time in the shallow end of the pool.

Social

Every Thursday after practice, until 9:00pm, there will be a social at the pool. We will fire up the grill, order pizza as a group or whatever. Plan of dinner at the pool every Thursday after practice. More info soon.

Meets

Meets are held Saturday mornings. Please arrive no later than 8:30; warm ups will begin shortly thereafter. Home team warms up first followed by the visiting team. The meet will begin promptly at 9:30am. If the meet gets rained out, we will reschedule the following Monday at 6pm. If the make-up meet is rained out, the meet will NOT be made up.

MCP Marlins acquired a new meet management system. RSVPs to the meets are required this season. No later than midnight the Wednesday before the meet. RSVPs are done through <https://mcpmarlins.swim-team.us/>. You may RSVP for all of the meets at one time. It's better to RSVP if there is a chance that you will swim. No RSVP, no swim.

With the exception on the Mock Meet, each swimmer will swim in 3 events and at least one relay. Some of the young swimmers may swim 2 events only (depending on their ability). Coaches will assign all events and relays.

Date	@Home Team
June 4	Mock meet MCP Marlins
June 11	MCP Marlins
June 18	Briarwood Barracudas
June 25	MCP Marlins
July 9	Briarwood Barracudas

You will receive your swimmer's event confirmation by Friday evening so you will be able to mark you swimmer properly on Saturday morning. Heat sheets will be sold at the meets for \$2.

Swimmers are expected to stay in the team area during the meet. Please ensure they have their towels and goggles

See attachment: Preparing for a swim meet.

Volunteering

Each family is expected to volunteer a minimum of 3 times this season. Our organization and its success cannot exist without volunteers. To volunteer at the meets, log into your <https://mcpmarlins.swim-team.us/> account. Click on calendar, click on the V button on the date of the meet and simply sign up for the role that best suits you. See attachment: Volunteer positions and descriptions.

Weather Updates

We will send out weather updates via group texts through our new software. **As you register online, be sure that the boxes labelled email and text next to the primary email and primary cell, respectively, are checked.** This will ensure that you will receive both text and email communications. If you are unsure if you did this, log back into your account to double check.

Weather updates will also be posted on the website and on our Facebook page.