

Timber Lane Tigersharks

Weekly Newsletter

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Timber Lane vs. Foxwood

This **Saturday, May 14th** is our Meet against Foxwood. It is a home meet so we will be at our pool.

PARKING: YOU MAY NOT PARK IN THE PARKING LOT UNLESS YOU HAVE A HANDICAP PLATE, or are an official.

There is not specific designated parking area. Park as you would during practice. **Please do not block trash cans, mail boxes, drive-ways and stop signs.** Police officers will patrol and issue tickets or tow cars that are illegally parked in front of fire hydrants and so forth.

CHECK IN: Be there and check in **promptly at 7:00 AM.** Our Team warm up usually begins at 7:30 AM

and the meet usually begins between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. The meet will last until it last. I would say it should end around 2:00 PM, but it could end sooner or later.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a Canopy if you have one. Bring a chair or something to sit on like a blanket. Bring something to eat and drink or money to buy concessions. It gets hot and you need to stay hydrated. Bring something to entertain you in between events. Sometimes there is a long wait between your swimmers event and you get board. Bring sunscreen and bug spray, you don't want to get burned or bit. Don't forget your swimmers Goggles, and Towel.



Special points of interest:

- Ribbon Ceremony TBA, usually held at Las Ramadas on Cypresswood. Will let you know about the exact day and time later in the week.
- Team Pictures scheduled for Monday, May 23rd @ 6:00 PM.
- Remember NO PARKING along curb in parking lot during practice, it is a drop off zone only.

Important Dates

Practice	5-10
Practice	5-11
Practice	5-12
Practice	5-13
Pool Set-Up	5-13
Home Meet vs. FXWD	5-14
Pool Break Down	5-14
Ribbon Ceremony	5-16

Set-Ups & Break-Down's

When we have a home meet we require assistance setting up the pool area. We ask that you come to the pool at 6:00 PM Friday before the meet, in this week's case that is May 13th.

Please be sure that you sign the sign-in sheet so that you get credit for your set-up. Your volunteer requirements require you to do THREE set-ups and/or THREE break-downs, in any combination like.

After the pool area has been set up to the correct standards then you may leave or set up your canopy so that you don't have to do it in the morning.

A break-down takes place at the very end of the swim meet on Saturday. It requires us to put it all back to the way it was. We are all tired and ready to go home, but we have to put the pool back to normal. For some of you it may require you coming back to the pool after your

swimmer has swam.

Again, when you do a break-down, be sure to sign-in so that you get credit. You may sign up online to volunteer for this, but we also have to have proof you were there, hence the sign-in sheet.

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Clear the Deck!

When we are having a swim meet things get hectic. It is easy to get caught up in the moment and it is understandable that you want to make sure your swimmer does their best. There are a few rules to adhere to though.

Though it may seem tough, the Stroke and Turn Officials, or any official, can tell you to leave an area or not do something. In some cases, due to league regulations, your actions can cause your child to be disqualified in an event. You can recognize the officials by their uniform. An official is required to wear the NWAL sanctioned white polo shirt and navy blue shorts or pants, they will also have a 'badge' with their name and official status on them.

It is not easy being an official sometimes, we have to disqualify our own kids and we have to deal with upset parents and coaches occasionally. When we notice a swimmer has done something incorrect that

merits disqualification, we do our best to tell that swimmer what they did wrong so they can work on not doing it again.

We ask that anyone that is not an official or working the ready bench or a swimmer up for their next event not be in or on the deck, the starting block or the ready bench. The deck is the area where your swimmer is standing or sitting ready for the next to event to end so they can swim theirs. The starting block is the area where the kids literally are standing on the blocks waiting for the buzzer to jump in. The ready bench is the area where your swimmer is called to to prepare them for their next event.

You are more than welcome to yell and cheer and encourage your swimmer as much as you want, just please make sure you are staying out of the way. The more interruptions we have the more it delays the meet. We don't want you getting in the way of the timers and them

messing up swimmers times. At our pool there is a roped off area, you are not allowed inside that roped off area for any reason.

Also parents of young children, please do not allow you children to run around too much around the pool area. Young children are hard to see sometimes and we don't want them tripping anyone.

Thank you.

