

Welcome to the 2022 Summer

Marlins Swim Team

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This packet includes:

- Summer Information Sheet (keep for reference during the season)
- Health Information Form (complete & return by first day of practice)
- Meet Schedules (keep one copy; complete, sign other copy & return by May 26)

Who are the Marlins Swim Club Boosters?

“The purpose of the Booster Club shall be to support, through programs and other activities, the Van Wert Marlins Swim Club and competitive swimming and diving generally in the Van Wert, Ohio area.”

“The parent(s) or guardian(s) of a swimmer or diver participating in Van Wert Marlins Swim Club programs shall become and remain a Booster Club member.”

President: Anita Smith

Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Kylee Moody

Treasurer: Danni Chiles

At-large Members: Adam Houg, Mary Kramer, Matt Kramer, Emily Holliday, Meghan Dicke, Chad Dicke, Alexis Stoller, Kyle Smith

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Coaches: Danni Chiles 419-771-9564 vanwertmarlins@gmail.com
Jeff Rex 419-233-2548 jeffreymichaelrex@gmail.com

Practice Schedule:

May 2 - May 26: **Mon. - Thurs. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

May 31 - July 7: **Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.**

Practice Equipment:

- Snorkel (best prices are on swimoutlet.com; center mount with a purge valve, any brand)
- Girls MUST have one piece suits.
- Boys MUST have swim trunks – no cut offs. It is recommended boys wear a knee length “jammer” competition suit or a “speedo” style suit. Regular swim trunks are allowed but slow.
- Every swimmer should have 2 pairs of good goggles.
- Anyone with hair long enough to get in your eyes should have 2 swim caps.
- Do not machine wash (and NEVER machine dry) competition swimsuits. Hand wash and line dry.

Meet Equipment:

- Team suit: *any solid or print in royal, navy and/or black*
- Every swimmer is provided with a team cap that should be worn to swim at every meet.
- It is recommended that every swimmer have back up suits with them at meets in case of emergency.

Dues: \$135 payable to Van Wert Marlins Parent Booster Club.

Give to Danni Chiles, Treasurer/coach by **May 26**. Swimmers must also be YMCA members (The YMCA offers scholarships for memberships for financial hardships.) Included in summer dues is the team cap, an ad for each child for the Championship Heat Sheet and a Championship Meet T-shirt if they attend the meet.

Communication:

- Remind App: www.remind.com/join/dc3gg3 or text code @dc3gg3 to 81010
- Google Calendar:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=dmFud2VydG1hcmxpbmNAZ21haWwuY29t>
- Email: vanwertmarlins@gmail.com
- Facebook: Van Wert Marlins (like our page)
- Sign up Genius (signupgenius.com) – meet volunteer sign ups. **ALL PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HELP AT MEETS AND DONATE CONCESSION STAND ITEMS FOR HOME MEETS.**

Misc. & FAQ:

- Attendance at all practices and meets is not mandatory. The more you practice, the better you will swim.
- **Meets begin at 6. Home warm ups are at 5. Away warm ups are at 5:30.**
- Parent help is crucial for swim meets. Please do your share. We need to supply timers and officials at **all** meets, and at home meets there are lots of additional jobs. Jobs are easy, and make the meets go faster.
- Swimmers should sit as a team at swim meets. This makes it easier for coaches and makes it more fun for the kids.
- Notify Danni as soon as possible if you have a schedule change for a meet. Meet lineups are due several days in advance of meets and if your child is in a relay it is very difficult to change those lineups.
- There will be a 6U age group for the 25 free and 25 back at all meets.
- Outdoor meets can get chilly once the sun sets. Send sweatshirt/pants, extra towels and a blanket to outdoor meets.
- Most meets have concession stands, but you are welcome and encouraged to pack healthy food and drinks for your swimmer.
- If your child needs transportation to practice or meets, please ask around. Everyone is willing to help.
- The Marlins swim in the Western Ohio Aquatic League (WOAL) for summer swim and all meets are governed by WOAL League Rules. If you have a question/complaint/issue relating to a rule, official call, scoring, etc. you are required to speak to your pool reps to the WOAL: Julie Burenga or Mary Kramer.
- At Championships, the scoreboard results are NOT OFFICIAL RESULTS. Do NOT under any circumstance approach the computer tent, officials tent or timing system area at Champs. If you have questions regarding results you must go through either your coach or your pool reps.
- **Must attend 2 meets** (and swim at least 3 events at each) to compete at Championships. Champs is a two day meet Friday & Saturday. You do not have to swim both days. You can choose both or one. Both days are encouraged and a ride can be found, if needed.

Swim Meet Packing List - suggestions:

- Extra gear: goggles, swim suit, caps, towels, etc.
- Blanket & chairs
- Small games and things to keep the kids entertained
- Healthy snacks and drinks
- Sharpies, highlighters and pens
- Cash for heat sheets and concessions if necessary
- Dry clothes including warm clothes (sweatshirt, sweatpants)

2022 Marlins Summer Swim Meet Schedule & Signature Page

Please check yes / no for your participation in the following meets and **RETURN to Coach Danni by May 26.**

Keep a copy for your reference.

Swimmer's Name _____

Date/Location	Plan to Attend?	
June 9 - Van Wert @ Kenton	_____ Yes	_____ No
June 13 - Findlay @ Van Wert	_____ Yes	_____ No
June 16 - Van Wert @ Bluffton	_____ Yes	_____ No
June 20 - Van Wert @ Wapak	_____ Yes	_____ No
June 23 - Shawnee @ Van Wert	_____ Yes	_____ No
June 27 - Westside @ Van Wert	_____ Yes	_____ No
June 30 - Van Wert @ Ada	_____ Yes	_____ No
Friday, 8th - CHAMPS at Wapak	_____ Yes	_____ No
Saturday, 9th - CHAMPS at Wapak	_____ Yes	_____ No

Please initial each item below and sign to complete.

_____ I give permission to the Van Wert Marlins to use pictures of my child for advertising/recognition including local print /online media outlets and social media platforms such as Facebook.

_____ I have read and understand the information packet provided.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Health Information Form

Van Wert Marlins

Swimmer First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Age as of June 1, 2022 _____ Birth Date _____ Gender _____

YMCA Membership Type _____ Shoe size _____ (child or adult size)

Parent/Guardian First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____ Text? _____ N _____ Y

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Emergency Contact Authorization

The following people should be contacted in case of an emergency, only if the parent/guardian cannot be reached, and are authorized to pick up the child:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

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Do you carry family medical/hospital insurance? _____ N _____ Y

Carrier _____ Policy/Group # _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization

Some YMCA Programs may include physical activity that have inherited risk. As parent/guardian of this child, I recognize the inherent risk and agree to hold the YMCA, Van Wert Marlins Parent Booster Club, employees, and volunteers harmless from any and all claims. In the event my child needs medical attention for injuries received while participating in a YMCA program, I authorize YMCA staff to give my child reasonable first aid, and to arrange transport of my child to a health care facility for emergency services as needed. I hereby acknowledge that the YMCA will assume that either parent of child may pick up the child at any time during the program unless there is pertinent court documentation on file at the YMCA that indicates otherwise. I hereby release all pictures of my child taken by the YMCA for promotional purposes and programming materials including the YMCA website. I also support the YMCA Sports Philosophy, which is based on participation, fun, physical fitness and health, skill development, teamwork, fair play, family involvement and volunteer leadership. *YMCA includes Camp Clay Facility

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____