

Welcome to the 2026 Summer

Marlins Swim Team

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This packet includes:

- Summer Information Sheet (keep for reference during the season)
- Meet Schedules

Complete the following forms online:

- Family Information Sheet (1 per family): <https://forms.gle/PY3BhxC3zhnhvXdo8>
- Meet Sign-Up (1 per swimmer): <https://forms.gle/zGUzZZCYxnMjJAV26>

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: Emily Holliday

Secretary: Kylee Moody

Treasurer: Kyle Holliday

At-large Members: Meghan Dicke, Chad Dicke, Alexis Stoller, Kyle Smith, Katie Drerup,

Kristen Pollock, Eric Muhlenkamp

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Coaches: Katie Drerup vanwertmarlins@gmail.com
Miriam Owens
Eric Muhlenkamp

Tentative Practice Schedule:

May 5 - May 28: **Mon. - Thurs. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

June 1 - July 9: **Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.**

Practice Equipment:

- 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. **Everyone will be provided with a team cap, however it is to be used at meets only.**
- 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 and goggles with them at meets in case of emergency.

Dues: \$150 payable to Van Wert Marlins Parent Booster Club.

- **All fees need to be paid in full by June 1.**
- 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.
- Cash, check or Venmo (@VanWert-Marlins) accepted

Enrollment:

Parents must submit enrollment information for each swimmer by the first day of practice (May 5). Use the following link to submit information online: <https://forms.gle/PY3BhxC3zhnhvXdo8>

Communication:

- SportsYou App: Group code: T2WRYMR4



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 **Katie** 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.
- Most meets have concession stands, but you are welcome and encouraged to pack healthy food and drinks for your swimmer.
- 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.
- Attendance at swim meets is strongly encouraged. In order to participate at Championships, a minimum of 2 meets (and swim at least 3 events) must be completed. 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.

Suits

- Every swimmer should have at least **2** suits. These suits should stay separate so the meet suit doesn't wear out as quickly and is tight on the swimmer.
 - Practice suit
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 - Meet suit - same as practice but must be blue or black
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- Anyone with hair long enough to get in your eyes should have 2 swim caps. (The provided team cap may only be used at meets)

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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) - it gets cold when the sun goes down

2026 Marlins Summer Swim Meet Schedule

Please complete this form online at <https://forms.gle/zGUzZZCYxnMjJAV26>

This sheet is for your reference

Reminder: Simmer MUST swim 2 meets to be eligible for the championship meet.

Date/Location

Plan to Attend?

June 8 - Home vs Kenton	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
June 11 - Dual Meet @ Wapak	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
June 15 - Dual Meet @ Westside	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
June 18 - Dual Meet @ Findlay	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
June 25 - Tri Meet @ Bluffton	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
June 29 - Home vs Ada	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Friday, July 10 - CHAMPS at Kenton	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Saturday, July 11 - CHAMPS at Kenton	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Pool Locations

Westside: 235 N Eastown Rd, Lima, OH 45807

Ada: 426 S Park Dr, Ada, OH 45810

Bluffton: 205 Snider Rd, Bluffton, OH 45817

Findlay: 231 McManness Ave, Findlay, OH 45840

Kenton: 920 W Franklin St, Kenton, OH 43326

Wapak: 106 Hamilton Rd, Wapakoneta, OH 45895