



Maple Hills Marlins

The Local Youth Swim Team

All the Information you need to know.....

Hello Maple Hills,

Did you know that Maple Hills has it's own youth swim team? You may have seen the pool closed for meets and then filled with families from both teams.... you may have heard the announcements and cheering from the pool... you may know all about it... you might be wondering what it's all about. We have partnered with the Maple Hills Marlins Swim Team Board to bring you all the information you need to decide if swim team is a good fit for your family.

The Maple Hills Marlins is a competitive youth swim team for ages 5-18. It operates between May and June each year. The team operates under the Midlakes Swim League. The team has coached age level practices daily and swim meets Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Does that sound good? Great! First things first.... ask yourself "is/are my child(ren) a competent swimmer(s)?" If they are able to do all four swim team strokes (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly), one per length of the pool (even if it's not pretty) then they qualify for the swim team and you should read on. If they are not able to do that YET, swim team is not the place to learn but never fear, there are still options for them.... the MHMC pool offers swim lessons and the Mini Marlins which is a primer for those swimmers who are working towards the goal of being on swim team. That information will be sent out later in the spring/summer, so be on the lookout.

If you answered yes, this is something we want to do, continue reading. The swim team spots often fill up quickly... we are committed to bringing the information to the MHMC members so that you have an excellent chance of getting a spot. Here's what you need to know:

1. Swim team is a family affair. Adults of swimmers are required to participate in volunteer commitments during the swim team. This can range from, but is not limited to, making bake sale items, snack shack work, timing races, or helping with fundraising.

2. Practice is daily by age group, even on swim meet days which are twice a week.

3. The cost this year is *estimated* to be \$220 per swimmer for MHMC members.

4. More information like possible schedules, rules, expectations can be found on the Maple Hills Marlins website : <https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/recmsmhwa/page/home>. Please note that the team is in the process of finalizing coaching and schedules so when that is available, it will be updated.

If all that sounds like something you want to do, registration is open on 3/1. Registration is open in waves with the first wave being returning swimmers and MHMC members. There are limited spots in each age group so that the already long swim meets are not prohibitively long. SO, what does that mean? It means, if you want to secure a spot for your competent swimmer, set an alarm for early (like 6am) on 3/1 and get in and get it done. Trust me when I say you don't want to delay. I have done this in years past while on vacation in Aruba at the crack of dawn so that my returning swimmer got a spot.

If you have questions about the Marlins, you can contact the Marlins registrar, Christina Vovakes at vovakesfamily@gmail.com. If you have questions about the Mini Marlins, you can email poolmaplehills@gmail.com.



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