

What to Expect at SMI (Smoky Mountain Invitational Swim Meet)

• General information

- o SMI Board is on site all weekend if you have questions.
- Two day meet Saturday: 11 and older; Sunday: 10 and under
- Meet starts approximately 8:45 a.m. each day; warm-ups start at 7:00 a.m. Team warm-up times and event timeline are in Heat Sheet (which is online only this year).
- Parking is limited. There are signs in the areas designated where not to park. Early teams get good spots. No parking in church on Sunday during church.
- Close to 30 teams on site; 3,500 spectators over two days

• What you should bring:

- Plenty of sunscreen.
- Print a Heat Sheet from <u>flyingdolphins.swimtopia.com</u>/SMI website.
- \circ Cooler with healthy foods, drinks, and snacks.
- \circ $\;$ Lawn chairs, blankets, sleeping bags and games for the kids.
- Team tents will be set up for swimmers and their families. See Tent Map at Entrance.

• What to do upon arrival:

- Check in at your team tent. See team location map on wall across from Information Tent. Team banner should be on your tent. Make sure your coaches know you are here.
- Set up your chairs, coolers, whatever you brought (stake your area).
- The Heat Sheet contains when your child swims, what heat, and approximate time they will swim. Also shows seed times.
- Start stretching and get ready for warmups.
- If you are working, attend Workers meeting in Clerk of Course tent when announced (before meet starts).

• Layout of SMI:

- **Information Tent** right in the middle of the entrance. Heat Sheets, Worker Check In, General Information, and purchase of Swimmer Photos are here.
- Spectator Swim tent and tickets are available at the poolside tent near the slide.
- **Clerk of Course** staging is by the lifeguard office in the grassy area. Two tents... one where all kids congregate and the other where kids are lined up in chairs. Parents are asked NOT to enter or block entrance to Clerk of Course.
- Vendors are on site: Icee distributor, Panera (breakfast).
- **T-shirts** are preorder only this year via SMI website. Teams pickup at Information Tent.
- Scoring and results are posted on a large board near the restrooms. Event results are posted 30 minutes after each event is complete.
- Panera Breakfast open about 6:30 am serving coffee, muffins, bagels, and fruit cups.
- Concessions open around 9 am serving food.

• During the day, what you should do:

- The meet moves very fast, so always be attentive. Announcer is making calls every five minutes. Swimmers should get ready on first call, make their way to clerk of course on second call and be in the tent (with team if relay) by final call.
- Pay close attention to the announcements.
- Keep athletes in the tent if events they are swimming are close. Most swimmers stay in the tent, but some walk around and enjoy the activities at SMI.
- Check in at the Information Tent, if you are working, before your shift starts. Pay attention to worker positions needed, when your shift starts. The meet does not run efficiently without workers paying attention to detail.
- Spectator swims are available during specific times (noted in heat sheet). Credit Cards are accepted. Athletes are not allowed in the pool, until after their events that day. (Rest is important!!!)

• During the day, what your swimmer should do:

- Pay attention to announcements and the tent parents.
- When their calls are made, make their way to the clerk of course staging area.
- After race is swum, exit the deck area as soon as possible.
- Stay in the tent when events are near, and when leaving the tent, be sure the tent parent knows how to find them.
- Swimmers are responsible for getting to Clerk of Course and swimming their event. If they miss, they are scratched and cannot swim in another heat. Heats are full.
- Know the rules of the pool and follow them: no running, stay out of the creek, etc.

• SMI Board

- Directors: Joe Preston, Morgan Everett
- Scoring: Rebecca Preston, Alisa Riser
- Clerk of Course: Stewart Schmidt
- Treasurer: Kate Phipps
- Equipment: Bill Offerman, Gary Grinder
- Merchandise Chair: Amy Jones
- Worker Chair: Shana Schmidt, Jessica Offerman
- Spectator Swim: Jessica Offerman

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If you would like any more information, please go to the official SMI webpage by typing flyingdolphins.swimtopia.com in the URL line of your browser.









