

In case you missed the Parents meeting Wed, Sept 21st or just wish you had made notes, here is a brief recap. For greater detail on many items, see Orca's [Swim Meet Cheat Sheet](#) on the Orca's team [web site](#).

The Orca's team is led by [Coach Ausra](#) with [Coach Kristina](#). (links to their full bio's).

[Bring a Friend Day](#), Friday, **Sept 23** was a great opportunity for the kids to have fun. Parent volunteers helped supervise swimmers in the Rose Room while swimmers were eating pizza.

**Team Suit Fitting & Order Day Monday, Sept 26** : 4:30 - 6:00 pm  
Every Orca's swimmer in a swim meet needs Orca Team Swimsuit & Cap.  
Orca Team Towels (\$30, if personalized \$40). Swim caps (new design) are \$14.  
Orca Water Bottles (\$8), Baseball Caps (\$18) & Car Magnets (\$5) will also be available.

**Team Fundraiser "FUNathon" Friday, Nov 4**, instead of regular practice.  
Many Parent Volunteers needed to man the Snack Table, and to be Lap Counters.  
Donations of snacks & drinks needed for swimmers when finished. More info TBA.

**Parents Social Friday evening, Oct 21.**  
Time to leave the kids at home & get to know other parents on the team and the coaches!  
Important to know other families if setting up car pooling for practice or meets.  
Food & beverages will be donated by participants. Can you host this at your home?

### Swim Meets

Please hand in your [Meets Sign-up Sheets](#) ASAP so team entries for each meet can be put together.  
Meets get oversubscribed so later teams' entries are not all accepted..  
Meets usually divided into age groups by session - check the meet announcements for details. (Posted on the bulletin board outside the IT pool, also linked on team web site.)  
Some meets limited to only 8/under or 13/over.  
Parents are needed to volunteer as **Timers** at every meet. Volunteer to be a USA Swimming **Official**.  
[Training opportunities](#) are listed on CT Swimming's [Officials web site](#) (ctswim.org)  
New swimmers must provide copy of Birth Certificates (or Passport) to enable USA Swimming Registration.

### Minimum to Bring to Meets:

Goggles,	Team Swimsuit
Snack (no candy)	2 towels
2 caps	Team T-shirt

### Basics

Parents NOT allowed on the pool deck during practice nor meets  
No swimming before practice  
No coaching your kids

**Orca's Parents Association** assists the coaches to help run the team's activities.

Team Finances - Kathy Hutter	Awards Banquet Organizer - open
Webmaster - Pat Griffis	Holiday Party Organizer - open
Official/Timers - Kate DeSimone	Meet Organizer - open
(USA Swimming Referee)	Pizza Party Organizer - open

Ask the Coaches for details of what the open positions entail.