

ORCA MENTOR PROGRAM

Our mentor program puts together newer and/or younger swimmers with an Orca who is more accustomed to the flow of a meet. This form is to explain what will be asked of the mentors and to determine if you would like your child to be a mentor or be placed with one.

All swimmers, whether they are mentors or not, joined the Orcas to swim, reach personal goals and have lots of fun with teammates and friends. Mentors are NOT expected to take a parents place and parents will ultimately be responsible for their own children.

The goal of the mentor is to help the younger swimmer to succeed in meets. This is done in many ways. Making sure the swimmer is lined up properly for his/her event is key - that often includes helping parents to find them! Also, a mentor can double check that the swimmer knows what stroke he/she is swimming and give tips to improve his/her time and avoid disqualifying. The mentor is in many ways an assistant coach, a cheerleader, and a familiar face to a new Orca member. Not every child needs a mentor and not every seasoned swimmer needs to be a mentor. It is a personal choice and you know best what works for your swimmers.

You should consider placing your child with a mentor if:

This is his/her first or second year on the Orcas
He/she plans on swimming in meets and is unsure how they are run

You should consider signing up your child to be a mentor if:

He/she feels confident he can mentor another swimmer and still manage his own events at each meet
He/she would enjoy helping a younger swimmer thru the meets

Family Name _____

I would like the following swimmer(s) PLACED WITH a mentor:

Name	Age
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I would like my swimmer(s) TO BE a mentor:

Name	Age
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My swimmer (s) will not be participating in the mentor program this season

Name	Age
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