

Hello everyone,

The Maine YMCA State Swim Meet is fast approaching.

This is the meet that the team has been working to do well at all season long. The meet will be held at the University of Maine on February 28, March 1 and 2. The schedule of age groups is listed below. Each swimmer on the Sharks will swim up to three events in the meet. The coaches will be placing them in the events that they will do best in so the swimmers will not need to sign up. What we do need to know is if anyone will not be able to attend the meet. The meet entries are due on Feb. 20 and can not be changed after that date so we must know by Feb. 14 if anyone will not be able to swim in the meet. It takes time to put the team entry together and advance notice will help make it easier to do the entries. We want and actually need everyone at the meet in order for the team to the best it can. Seven of the last ten years we have placed second behind the Long Reach Swim Club of the Bath YMCA and we would like to place 2nd place again but we need the participation of all the swimmers on the team that have swam in three meets. The list of swimmers who have swam/not swam in three meets is posted at the pool. There are still three more Y meets to get the required three meets in.

The meet is divided into sessions that usually take about 3 - 4 hours to complete including warm-up, so most swimmers will not need to be there very long unless they have a brother or sister swimming at another time. The MDI Y Sharks is given the task of having three timers per session plus a person to handout ribbons to the heat winners. We are very lucky because our jobs are very low labor intensive but we need to have parents do our jobs or we will be liable for a fine plus we will hear over and over from the meet announcer 'will the MDI Timers please report to the timers meeting'. The last few years it was very hard to find seating in the stands so being on deck would be a great way to make sure you can watch the meet.

Swimmers need to be on time for the meet. That means they need to be there for the assigned warm-up time. It is important that the coaches know who is there so they can make changes to the relays if someone is not coming. It is also important for the swimmers to get used to the pool before the meet starts.

The meet will go on no matter what the weather is like.

There is no way to postpone the meet and hold it at another time or date so the meet will go on and we hope to have all of our swimmers there.

Each swimmer who swims in the state meet will get a free MDI Y State Meet T-shirt which comes from the concessions account. These shirts help identify Shark swimmers and also show team unity at the meet. An order form is available w/this email. We need t-shirt sizes for all Shark swimmers so please fill out order form or just send an email w/sizes. Parents/others can also purchase a shirt with the order form for \$10 each.

The Y League will provide some information for meet in the upcoming days. I will send it out all when I receive it, this will include meet info and parking restrictions.

A sheet is posted at the pool bulletin board for timers and heat

winner presenters for each session of the **meet**.
If you have any questions about the **meet**, please email.

These are the probable times, we will notify all the week before of any changes to the schedule below.

Friday, February 28				
13-14/Senior Boys	warmup	3:45pm	meet	5:10pm
Saturday, March 1				
Age Group	Warm-up		Meet	
9-10 Girls		7:15am		8:40am
9-10/11-12 Boys		11:15am		12:4pm
13-14/Senior Girls		3:45pm		5:10pm
Sunday, March 2				
Age Group	Warm-up		Meet	
8 & Under Girls		7:15am		8:30am
8 & under Boys		10:30am		11:30am
11-12 Girls		1:00pm		2:10pm

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