

FAQ INFORMATION FOR TEAM TRAVEL

12 and under swimmers usually average 1 chaperone for every 6-8 children (majority female and we have male chaperones attend whenever possible). The chaperone, swimmer ratio is reduced for teenage swimmers and varies with the demands of the meet..

The hotel is requested to have the swimmers' rooms positioned as close as possible to the chaperones' rooms.

The children receive and are required to sign the Rules of Etiquette form, which explains the expected behavior while travelling with the team.

All acting chaperones are required to go through a vulnerable sector police screening and is done through the York Regional Police.

12 and under swimmers' are not allowed to go anywhere without chaperones' supervision and permission.

The following is an example of the travel experience for the London meet which is often the first travel meet swimmers experience

At the meet, the wake up call for 12 and under is @7:45 am, breakfast at 8:00 am - sharp.

Usually we have hospitality room where we prepare and serve breakfast and snacks. (Breakfast usually includes a variety of muffins/toast/ bagels/ bread/ croissants/English muffins/jam/ cheese/ butter/ honey/ variety of cereals/ milk/ juices/ hot chocolate/ yogurt/ fresh fruit/etc.)

After breakfast the 12 and under swimmers have free time till @11:00 am, they can play, in their room, bond with their team mates, read, or possibly doing their homework.

Hand held games or movies are primarily for use on the bus only and not for use in the hotel and may be confiscated by a chaperone if they interfere with the lights out schedule.

The meal plans are, besides breakfast and afternoon snacks which is served in a hospitality suite, at either the hotel restaurant or other pre-arranged locations.

At 11:15 am they have lunch (full lunch meal for example: pasta/potatoes/rice/meat / juices/vegetables), after lunch the younger swimmers travel by bus to their swim session with lots of FAST swimming

They usually return from the afternoon swim session about a 5:30-6:00 pm when they go to the restaurant and have dinner, (a full meal plan).

After the dinner, they may have free time (if pool is at the hotel, they might go to play and swim with the chaperones' supervision, or they do just variety of activities as mentioned above)... 8:00-8:30 pm, LIGHTS OUT!!

Older swimmers are up very early as they attend an early morning swim session and evening finals with more FAST swimming. After their lunch they are all required to have an afternoon rest in their own rooms.

After their rest they will have a snack in the hospitality suite (yogurts, puddings, fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese and crackers, etc.) before leaving for the evening finals session.

They will have dinner immediately upon returning to the hotel and then proceed to their rooms for lights out.

If you feel your child is not ready to participate in a team travel meet feel free to wait another year, or until the next travel meet.

We suggest and recommend that parents do NOT stay at the same hotel with the expectation of seeing your child as your swimmer will not be allowed to leave the chaperones supervision during the meet.

After the meet is finished parents have the option of having their swimmers return home with them provided they sign a release form.

Please talk to your child about the travel meet experience, the co-operation from both sides will be very much needed and appreciated...

If your child has a food allergy which requires accommodations please advise the team travel director in writing at least 3 weeks in advance.

NO JUNK/SNACK FOOD is allowed on the trip with the exception of snacks for swimmers with food allergies requiring a special diet..

Swimmers will NOT require additional money during the trip.

Chaperones bring a variety of juices, drinks, snacks and additional food to the pool.

Thank you for involvement in The Newmarket Stingrays' Swim Club and feel free to inquire about joining our chaperoning team.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
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