

2017 ENDLESS SUMMER BEACH SWIM

SHORELINE 1 OR 2 MILE O.W.S.



USMS Sanction #:

Welcome to the Munster Masters Association 2017 1 or 2 mile shoreline open water swim!

When: Saturday, August 19th, 2017. POSITIVE Check-ins starts at 7:00 a.m. C.S.T.-Required SAFETY meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the start line before the start of the event.

Where: Marquette Beach, 1 North Grand Boulevard Gary, IN 46403 Pavilion 4 (Lake Michigan)

Who: All USMS swimmers, both beginners and high level competitive swimmers, or those wishing to train for the upcoming big shoulders event. Bring your families to cheer you on and stay for the after swim picnic and beach activities. The event registration is only open to the first 200 swimmers who mail in their entries. Entry deadline closes August 12th at Midnight.

Eligibility: Event is open to U.S. Masters registered swimmers 18 years and older or Masters Swimming members of a FINA member federation. To register for the event, you must provide proof of current membership or purchase a One Event registration (OEVT). You may take care of membership registration during your event entry process.

Cost: \$50.00 per swimmer, mail in entries only.

Seeding: Swims are seeded fast to slow using your submitted time. Seeding is by waves with 25 swimmers per wave. Each wave will be required to wear a color coded swim cap. Swimmers will be marked with registered swim number on one arm and one leg at Positive Check in

Timing: Timing will be done by chip.

Swim along the shoreline of the beautiful southern Lake Michigan. This is a perfect swim for those doing their first Open Water Event (weather permitting) as you can swim close to shore in waist deep water. The more competitive swimmers can swim in the deeper and faster waters 50 feet off shore. This is a perfect family and spectator event as your cheerleaders can walk along the beach to motivate the swimmers. Choose either a 1-mile or the 2-mile straight line course. The average water temperature at this time of the year is between 70-80 degrees with air temps 80-85 degrees. After the swim stick around as we will grill out in the park for all swimmers, family and friends. We will also have beach volleyball nets set up and other great activities for the family. All swimmers who entered will receive an event Tee-shirt! This is also a great warm-up to the Big-Shoulders event in Chicago!!!



PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Masters Swimming, Inc. ("USMS") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any USMS sanctioned or approved activity, including swimming camps, clinics, and exhibitions; learn-to-swim programs; swimming tryouts; fitness and training programs (including dryland training); swim practices and workouts (for both pool and open water); pool meets; open water competitions; local, regional, and national competitions and championships (both pool and open water); and related activities ("Event" or "Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (the "Agreement");

1. I hereby certify and represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Events; and (ii) I have not been advised of any medical conditions that would impair my ability to safely participate in the Events. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Events.
2. I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of swimming. I understand that my participation involves risks and dangers, which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and death (from drowning or other causes); loss of or damage to personal property and equipment; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect water conditions; water and surface hazards; facility issues; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations established by USMS, including any safety regulations. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Events.
4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USMS, its members, clubs, workout groups, event hosts, employees, and volunteers (including, but not limited to, event directors, coaches, officials, judges, timers, safety marshals, lifeguards, and support boat owners and operators); the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation; USMS Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSCs); the Event organizers and promoters, sponsors and advertisers; pool facility, lake and property owners or operators hosting the Events; law enforcement agencies and other public entities providing support for the Events; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees, and volunteers (individually and collectively, the "Released Parties"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.
5. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance, or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements, or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Sex (circle) M F	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)
Street Address, City, State, Zip				
Signature of Participant				Date Signed

EXPECTED START LINE

PARKING FOR EVENT REGISTRATION



PARK MAP

- 01 Marquette Park Pavilion**
Marquette Park Pavilion was designed by George W. Maher in 1921 in the Prairie School Italian Renaissance Revival style. It is the architectural show piece of the park.
- 02 Father Marquette Monument**
In the 1930s the Gay Park Board commissioned Henry Hering to design a sculpture in honor of the park's namesake, Pere Jacques Marquette.
- 03 Picnic Pavilion**
The Picnic Pavilion and grounds are a designed picnic and grilling area which may be rented for outdoor events. The building contains restroom facilities.
- 04 Patterson Island, Bridges and Fishing Overlook**
Patterson Island, a man-made island, was constructed during the Great Depression and connects the Marquette Park Pavilion to the Picnic Pavilion grounds via two historic bridges.
- 05 Marquette Beach**
Marquette Beach is the park's designated swimming beach with lifeguards on duty from dawn to dusk, Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- 06 Special Events Area**
The special events area is the park's main stage area for large festival type gatherings.
- 07 Picnic Areas**
Three designed picnic areas are located within the Special Events Area with two small covered shelters #07a and #07b and one large picnic shelter #07c.
- 08 Marquette Beach Concession Building**
The Marquette Beach Concession building includes a concession stand, restroom facilities, a drinking fountain and an outdoor dining area.
- 09 Marquette Kids' Park**
The playground is located within the Special Events Area and contains play structures, swings, spinner, bouncer, rock climber and a dressing fountain.
- 10 Marquette Beach Parking Lots**
The Marquette Beach Parking Lot includes the event lot with 128 parking spaces and the west lot with 54 parking spaces. The west lot is regulated for the greenhouse from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- 11 Multi-use Area**
The large lawn area is used for unprogrammed park activities, overflow parking and temporary outdoor concerts / venues.
- 12 Marquette Drive and Oak Avenue**
The large lawn area is a one-way stop with a shared bike lane walking trail. On street parking is available at designated locations along Marquette Drive and Oak Avenue.
- 13 Lake Street Beach**
Lake Street Beach offers a quiet beach experience with a connection to the National Lakeshore. The beach includes one lifeguard station and two dog beaches. The beach is not a designated swimming area.
- 14 Lake Street Parking Lots and Boat Launch**
Lake Street Beach includes an active boat launch for small motorized or non-motorized watercraft. The two lots include 42 boat trailer parking spaces and 113 parking spaces.
- 15 Lagoon**
The lagoons are the backbone of the Grand Calumet River. Recreational facilities around the lagoons include fishing overlooks and tree benches for non-motorized watercraft, including kayaks and canoes.
- 16 Dune**
Marquette Park's dune landscape is unique and unique with dunes up to 75 feet high. The dunes are a globally significant ecosystem and are home to sensitive and threatened plant and animal species.
- 17 Oak Savanna**
Marquette Park is home to approximately 54 acres of oak savanna and dry oak woodland, another globally significant ecosystem within the park. Park users can enjoy the oak savanna by spruce and natural area trails.
- 18 East Shoreline**
The east shoreline beach extends from Montgomery Street along the north perimeter of the residential neighborhood to County Line Road. The beach is not a designated swimming area and no lifeguards are on duty.
- 19 Aquarium**
The Gay Farming Beach Aquarium, designed by George W. Maher & Son in the neo-classical style, was constructed in 1921 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Legend

- Project boundary
- Restroom facilities
- Dock
- Dune
- Oak savanna
- Native planting
- Wetland
- Lawn
- Ornamental planting
- Water
- Natural area trail
- Concrete trail
- Asphalt trail





HOPE TO SEE EVERY ONE HERE!!!!!!