

TEXAS TERRAPINS SWIM TEAM



Our 6th Annual Texas Terrapins Swim-A-Thon will be held on
November 18-19, 2009!!

What is a Swim-A-Thon, you ask? It is a FUNdraiser in which TTST Swimmers earn money for their team by swimming lengths of the pool. Blue Group Swimmers have a 30 - 45 minute period to swim a maximum of 10 lengths. Green Group Swimmers have a 1 hour period to swim a maximum of 100 lengths. Bronze, Celestrium and Gold Group Swimmers have a 1.5 hour period to swim a maximum of 200 lengths.

Participants get pledges from businesses, family members, neighbors, etc. prior to swimming. The pledges can either be a set amount or can be a certain amount per length. There is even a simple way to have out-of-town friends and relatives pledge their support. TTST provides sample letters and pledge forms that can be mailed out and returned. This is a USA Swimming supported event, thus 95% of all FUNd\$ raised go directly to the Texas Terrapins Swim Team! USA Swimming collects only 5% of the FUNd\$ raised.

Schedule: Fairfield Athletic Center (FAC) HEATED Pool

November 18, 2009 - Gold & Celestrium Groups - 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

November 18, 2009 - Silver Group - 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

November 18, 2009 - Bronze Group - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Schedule: Cy-Ranch Natatorium

November 19, 2009 - Blue Group - 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

November 19, 2009 - Green Group - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

November 19, 2009 - Green Group - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Bronze Group swimmers - please note - this is a Wednesday Night at the FAC Pool.

*If you can't make it on Nov. 18, 2009 - please plan to come on Nov. 19, 2009.

Why hold a Swim-A-Thon, you ask? Texas Terrapin Swim Team is a 501(c) not-for-profit, parent run organization. What does this mean? All dollars that come in to TTST go directly to the operating, maintenance, and the expansion of our facilities and programs. No one individual or group of individuals is making a profit from TTST. FUNdraising helps our swim club do the extra things that our monthly training fees just do not cover, while keeping monthly training fees as low as possible. This FUNdraising event is 1 of 3 opportunities throughout the swim season for swim families to reach their \$100 minimum contribution. *The FUNd\$ raised this year will go towards the lease of our pools - especially our new location - the Cy-Ranch Natatorium!!*

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How do I get pledges? Ask, ask, and ask! Use the enclosed letter samples for friends and family that live far away. A pledge form is included, as well as a sign up sheet for those who want to support TTST. Handy supplies from USA Swimming will be available too.

How do I collect the money? Money is collected both before and after the Swim-a-thon. If people pledge a flat fee, like \$50.00, you may collect it on the spot or go back after your swim and collect the money. *Always thank them for their contribution to TTST.*

When someone pledges per lap, you will need to collect the pledge money after the Swim-a-thon. ie. \$.50 per lap - swim 100 laps = \$50.00 or swim 200 laps \$100.00. *Thank them for their contribution to TTST.* All checks should be made out to TTST. *Thank them for their contribution to TTST.*

Money is due by 12/15/2009.

Swim-A-Thon Volunteers: *We need parents to volunteer to be lap counters! We have 13 lanes at the Cy-Ranch Natatorium and 6 lanes at the Fairfield Athletic Center (FAC) pool, and there will be several swimmers in each lane. We need a minimum of 2 lap counters for each lane!* ALL Lap Counting "jobs" have been posted on our website under the Swimathon Event. We also need volunteers to facilitate Food & Prizes. To reward the swimmers' hard work, we will be providing pizza, drinks, and goodies for all the participants after their swims! There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, so plan on attending with your swimmer to encourage them, enjoy the fun, and volunteer to help out.

TTST will be awarding prizes for top earners as well as prizes for most laps swam by level. In addition, awards like t-shirts, towels, and bags can also be earned from USA Swimming. This is a sampling of the prizes awarded from USA Swimming:

\$500.00...USA Swimming T-shirt

\$750.00...USA Swimming Towel

\$1000.00...USA Swimming Bag



Swim-A-Thon Packet: Overall, we hope this will be a FUN way to FUNdraise for both the swimmers and their families! What better way to earn money for our Team, than to let our swimmers do what they enjoy the most!

We are excited to have you as part of the Terrapin family! This year is off to a wonderful start - filled with great swimming, great friendships, and great memories!

GO TERRAPINS!!
TURTLES ALWAYS TRIUMPH!

Swim-A-Thon Coordinators * FUNdraising & Social Committees * TTST Coaches

Sample I

Dear Aunt Sally:

Did you know that I'm a swimmer? I swim for the Texas Terrapins Swim Team and I'm getting pretty good. I have been swimming for _____ years / months and my favorite event is _____.

My swim team is raising money by having a Swim-a-Thon® and I'd like you to help me by pledging \$____ for each lap I swim or you can make a flat donation. I will be swimming 200 lengths (I hope). That would be a donation of \$____. Please mail your donations to Texas Terrapins Swim Team, 20819 Twisted Leaf Dr, Cypress, TX, 77433. Please be sure to return the enclosed donation form with your check.

Thank you very much for helping my swim team and me.

Love,

(Name)

Sample II

Dear Grandma and Grandpa:

Remember when I told you that I had started swimming for our local Texas Terrapins Swim Team? Well, it is going pretty well, and I really like it. I have been swimming for ____ years /months and my favorite event is _____.

We just started a new project to help raise money for our team, and I could really use your help. We're having a Swim-a-Thon®. Everyone on the team goes out and collects pledges for each length they can swim within two hours, up to 200 lengths of a pool. I'd like you to help me by pledging \$____ for each lap I swim or you can make a flat donation. I will be swimming 200 lengths (I hope). That would be a donation of \$____. Please mail your donations to Texas Terrapins Swim Team, 20819 Twisted Leaf Dr, Cypress, TX, 77433. Please be sure to return the enclosed donation form with your check.

My goal is to be the top fundraiser on our team, so I'm working very hard to collect as many pledges as I can, and I was hoping that you could make a pledge to help me reach my goal.

95% of the money we make goes directly to our team and 5% goes to USA Swimming to help with all the swim programs out of our national headquarters.

Just think, I'm not only helping myself and my club, but swimmers all over the country!

The way that this works is, you make a pledge to me for each length I can swim with the two-hour limit, and then I swim the lengths and let you know exactly what your donation comes to. You then send a check made out to the TTST Swim Team.

As I said, I'm getting pretty good at this swimming stuff, so I think I can do all 200 lengths within the time limit.

If you would like to sponsor me, please let me know, and if you have any friends that might want to help out, I can always use their support also.

Thanks so much,

[Name]

Sample III

Dear Mr. Jones:

I swim competitively for the Texas Terrapins Swim Team. This year our team is raising money for our youth swimming activities by participating in a Swim-a-Thon®.

The money we raise goes to our team and to USA Swimming to help our swim programs.

There are many reasons to be proud of our team, and many reasons to raise money for team events for the coming season.

Here's how a Swim-a-Thon® works: You pledge a certain amount of money for each length of a pool that I can swim within two hours, up to a maximum of 200 lengths. I'd like you to help me by pledging \$_____ for each lap I swim or you can make a flat donation. I will be swimming 200 lengths (I hope). That would be a donation of \$_____. Please mail your donations to Texas Terrapins Swim Team, 20819 Twisted Leaf Dr, Cypress, TX, 77433. Please be sure to return the enclosed donation form with your check.

Thank you,

(Name)



Swimmer Name _____ Age _____ Club Texas Terrapins Swim Team

1. Please consider sponsoring this swimmer to help raise money for **Texas Terrapins Swim Team** swimming activities which include local and national programs
2. 95% of the funds collected are retained by **Texas Terrapins Swim Team** to help finance the swimming program, while 5% is sent back to USA Swimming to defray expenses and to support grass roots programming.
3. Each swimmer is limited to a MAXIMUM OF ONE CONTINUOUS PERIOD in the water or a MAXIMUM # OF LENGTHS OF THE POOL, whichever comes first.
4. The capabilities of each swimmer is determined by the coaching staff and/or the participating club. The coaches are responsible for the supervision of the swimmers.

A portion of your donation to USA Swimming is tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor for tax implications

Swimmers Name _____

Sponsor Name _____

Address _____

Sponsor Amount \$ _____

Signature _____

Instructions: Print and sign this form and send it with a check made payable to **TTST**. Put the swimmers name in the Memo line. Please mail your donations to **Texas Terrapins Swim Team, 20819 Twisted Leaf Dr, Cypress, TX, 77433**. Please be sure to return the enclosed donation form with your check.

Why this swimmer needs your sponsorship

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Your financial support will support Texas Terrapins Swim Team club and athletes.

