



# Swim-a-thon 2009 Information



## AAA Swim-A-Thon Goal

Our team's goal for the 2009 Swim-A-Thon is to raise \$4500.00 to purchase new touch pads.

## Pledge Gathering

When seeking pledges, remember to be polite and wear your team shirt or jacket, if you have one. Be sure to tell the donor what we are working towards, and thank them for anything they can pledge. It is often the best policy if the donor pledges a certain amount, rather than an amount per lap. This way there are no surprises at collection time. Please gather pledges from family, friends, parents' co-workers, and neighbors. For your safety, we strongly encourage you to take an adult with you when you go out to get pledges or collecting the money.

## Pledge Thermometer

AAA has made a pledge thermometer, so that we can visualize how close we are to reaching our Swim-A-Thon goal of \$4500. The pledge thermometer will be located in the pool side, office window. Our designated parent volunteers will be modifying the pledge thermometer as the pledges come in.

## Prize Coupons

We have enclosed two colored pledge prize coupons into each of the Swim-A-Thon packets. These coupons will enter you for a team prize. The first pledge tally coupon is colored blue. Each swimmer is to complete the blue pledge tally coupon and return it on or before October 7, 2009 with the total pledged amount they have at the time. Our parent volunteers will separate the blue coupon by novice 1, novice 2, juniors and seniors. The swim group with the highest number of pledges by that date will be rewarded with a fun day October 8, 2009.

The second pledge prize coupon is colored green. Each swimmer is to complete the green pledge tally coupon and return it on or before October 14, 2009. Our parent volunteers will again separate the green coupon by novice 1, novice 2, juniors and seniors. The swim group with the highest number of pledges by that date will be rewarded with an ice cream social on October 15, 2009.

## Swim Day

On October 22nd, swimmers will swim as far as they can with a lap counter at each lane for the Novice and Junior Groups. Novice swim 30 minutes (5:15-5:45pm), Juniors 1 hour (4:05-5:05pm) and Seniors 2 hours (4-6pm). If you can't make it that day, talk to your coach for a make up day. We will need **3 lane counters** from 4:05-5:05 and **9 lane counters** from 5:15-5:45pm. We will have sign-up sheets or you can let a coach know now, if you can help.

## Collections

When collecting pledges, remember to use your manners and offer them a tax receipt. If the donator requests to have a tax receipt, make sure that you write their name and the amount they donated. The donor can fill in their

address. We have provided one tax receipt in each Swim-A-Thon packet. (If you want additional tax receipts you can print as many as you need from the AAA web site [www.albanyaquaticassoc.com](http://www.albanyaquaticassoc.com). Go to the team website, then to...AAA Events... Swim-a-thon (first event on list)...then click the tax document at the bottom and print.)

All pledge packets and money need to be turned in on or before October 29, 2009 to your Coach. Any pledge packet or money received after 6 pm on October 29, 2009 will not receive their prizes at the Award Bowling night which will be November 5, 2009.

## Bowling and Prizes Night

We will be acknowledging the swimmers for their hard work with free bowling at Lake Shore Lanes from 5:00 to 7:00pm. We will also be handing out the prizes to each swimmer for their total pledge money collected. The location of Lake Shore Lanes is 5444 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany. Dinner can also be ordered from concessions or from the adjoining eatery Favorite Mistake.

### Prizes

Pledge collection total	Prize
\$25-\$50	Key Chain
\$51 - \$80	Team Cap or \$5 Coupon (to their choice of either *JD Pence Swimwear company, or **Superstitches, for team apparel )
\$81-\$125	\$10 gift card to your choice of the following companies(JD Pence, Superstitches, Heritage Mall, or Regal Cinemas)
\$126 - \$200	\$20 gift card to your choice of the following companies (JD Pence, Superstitches, Heritage Mall, Regal Cinemas or Costco)
\$201 +	\$30 gift card

\*JD Pence will be at our November 6-8th swim meet at our pool. They sell everything swim team oriented and can size you for a suit. Team suits (remember NAVY blue by any manufacturer, is our team suit)

\*\* Superstitches is the company that embroidery sweat jackets, bags, shirts, hats, parkas, towels, chairs and more with a team logo and/or name...you can buy what you want embroidered or have her find it for you. And you can choose exactly what you want done.