

Hello Stingrays!

As you are all aware, the annual SWIM-A-THON is under way! We have about 1 month to go for our crucial fundraising efforts for our team. This year, we are doing something special in conjunction with this fun and important event. We are having a **TEAM – WIDE ICE CREAM PARTY CONTEST!**

Every Stingrays swimmer has been assigned to 1 of the 4 Lead Coaches' personal team or "Country". Each Coach's Country will compete throughout the fundraising period of the Swim-a-Thon (through the end of November) for the chance to win a special **ICE CREAM PARTY** for their country team after the Swim-a-Thon. The country with the most funds raised total **WINS** the Ice Cream Party!

Throughout the fundraising period leading up to the Swim-a-Thon week (November 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>), you will receive update emails regarding the Swim-a-Thon. Each of these newsletters will also have a **"Presidential Address"** from your Lead Coach (aka your Country's Ruler). This notice from your Coach will serve to inspire you and your teammates / countrymen in the fundraising efforts to WIN the war for the ICE CREAM PARTY. Please be sure to read the newsletters and stay in touch with this fun competition!

This first newsletter's Presidential Address names each swimmer in their assigned country as well as gives a brief description of your Country (creatively designed by your Country's Coach / Ruler). You'll find this description includes the name of your country, a history of your country, and your Country's official Flag color (depicted by the text color shown in the letter). There may be hidden inspiration as to how your country was founded based on this information (see if you can figure that out!) as well as some inspiration for you as a citizen as you embark on this fundraising journey!

Please look below for your name under your assigned country, read through the description of it by your Ruler, and **GET EXCITED** for a GREAT fundraising competition!

\*Note: Siblings may or may not be assigned to the same country team; however, the total funds raised by the family will be applied to any and all siblings individually for their country.

## **Which COACH'S COUNTRY are YOU a CITIZEN of?**

### **COUNTRY 1 = "FLORIN"**

#### **Coach Andy aka "Viscount Baer"**

**Tucked away at the foot of the Great Pyrenees, this small nation is rich in tradition, history, and significance in world events. It was here that Humpty Dumpty fell off his wall! It was the long standing strife between Florin and Guilder that inspired Tolstoy to write "War and Peace", and everyone knows of their most famous citizen, Barry Manilow, after all he DID write the songs that make young girls cry!**

**Little known, are rarely remembered, it will stand out as the quintessential over achiever and underappreciated. Florin stands to dominate the talk in any potential competition, before most certainly being dominated, humiliated, and thoroughly thrashed.**

**We Florinites stand tall, and proudly challenge all comers!**

## FLORIN CITIZENS:

### CAC:

Tyler Harper	Mary Beckwith	Kelli Croft	Channing Hans	Thomas Kelley
Kailey Austin	Lila Claire Best	Maryellen Newton		Carter Long

### MVAC:

Lauren Brewer	Alyssa Chvasta	Anna Hemmati	Cara Metts	Sarah Nastasi
Emily Stone	Luke Bennett	Julienne Harrison	Payton Remick	Rebekah Address
Erin Buckner	Andrew Daw	Mattison Frank	Azita Hemmati	Rachael Horne
Matthew Kiel	Caroline Kopf	Nic Lew	Madison McCarthy	Allison Nettles
Ben Prestel	Taylor Stoddard	Kayleigh Wientraub	Sam Yun	

### CCAC / EAGLE WATCH:

Adamson, Brent	Bridges, Christian	Callaway, Katie	Daniels, Lilly	Fortin, Ashley
Hockey, Jamie	Johnson, Dever	Kleidysz, Adam	Libert, Vevey	McMahan, Brooke
Mueller, Maddie	Ortega, Sarah	Pepin, Malorie	Powell, Adie	Springer, Ava
Turner, Abby				

### ECST:

Andie Abernethy	Alysha Bold	Marissa Cooley	Riley Kate Christopher	Dylan Walkley
Ravnoor Gujral	Cameron Dembski	Emery Dembski	Sheyas Gupta	Grace Werkheiser
Kaitlyn Holtzclaw	Khushi Kothari	Jaina Kothari	Drew Landefeld	Gracie Landefeld
Jacob Lyons	Hannah Newbold	Kyle Rex	Nishita Sripathi	Jacob Schwebel
Booke Sproat	Marissa Tempel	Isabelle Bellott-McGrath		

### AMBERTON:

Gabby Barge	Bennett Baer	Tory Bartlett	Hayden Burwick	Gabby Campbell
Kendall Cleveland	Daniel DeCarlo	Miriam Donovan	Forrest Ellis	Lilt Flail
Jake Guest	Brooke Hansbrough	Raahim Islam	Kristen Hooten	Jamison Leahy
Colin Mabry	Abby Mason	Max Nolan	Anna Kate Okraski	Dylan Rafferty
Bennett Robertson	Juliet Sieland	Piper Serenci	Andrew Stark	Liberty Thompson

## COUNTRY 2 = “OOSASSASA”

### Coach Pike aka “Redd The Odious, Czar of Oosassasa”

Nestled in the fertile mountains of Futilia, Oosassasa is a peaceful and quiet country surrounded on all sides by feckless barbarians...The Bratwurst clans in the north, the Mailmen of the East, the Limies of the West and the Seafarers in the South.

The Oosassasans have maintained their peace and tranquil lives by keeping a well-armed border against marauding bands of thieves and pirates who would like nothing more than to overthrow the land and lay waste to this resources-rich country. Sadly, such an eventuality took place when Baer III (the youngest son in the Bratwurst clan), in the now infamous Spring 1970 coup of the then popular, successful, handsome and intelligent leader Reddeford (Redd the Odious' father), deceived the Oosassasan gatekeepers and ascended the throne.

However, it was for a very short duration...Reddeford's son, Redd, snuck into the castle on October 8th, 1970 with 3 of his most trusted helpers. Upon raiding the kitchen they took the largest keilbasas and hit each of the Baer boys over the head, rendering them unconscious. Redd's crew then put them in barrels, rolled them down the street and showed all the barbarians that they could not be beat!

#### OOSASSAN CITIZENS:

##### CAC:

Jack Gunning	Chase Brown	Alexandria Ham	Elizabeth Murray	Emma Murray
Madison Grace Bristow	Josh Horne	Belle Barry	Connor Maggio	

##### MVAC:

Julie Brophy	Alex Edwards	Ansley Hutcheson	Maggie Murray	Brian Oktavec
Ivan Stavrev	Morgan Boyd	Jose Key	Aidan Sherlock	Emma Balevic
Amy Cataldo	Juanita Delgado	Rachel Gellar	Will Halloran	Will Horton
Sammi Kiel	Austin Kral	Luke Loubser	Edgar Moreno	Cedric Pfeiller
Guy Purvis	Emily Streck	Justin Yap	Parmida Jamshidi	

##### CCAC / EAGLE WATCH:

Almy, Taylor	Brothers, Avery	Callaway, Katie	Drost, Lizzy	Green, Libby
Hoffstetter, Alex	Kallbreier, Abbie	Lamm, Billy	Logan, Madison	Modlinski, Abby
Nicholls, Marina	Pepin, Eve	Pepin, Sofia	Powell, Makayla	Springer, Isabel
Utendorf, Georgie				

##### ECST:

Nikarta Aeinehchian	Justice Benjamin	Riley Bos	Michael Clark	Laura Cormier
Sophia Dietz	Jose Espinel	Amelia Hamilton	Aubrey Hamilton	Alex Iacono
Reese Kelly	Cameron Kight	Lilly Levy	Sophie Levy	Derek Madaris
Luke O'Malley	Emmie Riley	Grace Schlichting	Henry Schlichting	Jadyn Stanley
Denis Veller	Cecelia (Rose) Young	Ryan Young		

##### AMBERTON:

Kuron Barnhill	Olivia Baer	Daniel Beck	Mackenzie Bond	Kirstyn Burwick
Chris Castaldo	Anna Coleman	Griffin Dunn	Ahnika Estes	Jake Gleeson
Emily Hotinger	KC Harper	John Jardin	James Hopkins	Carson Maggio
Emily Mabry	Will Moore	JeLeah O'Connor	Katie Pendleton	Gabby Ramey
Lizzie Robertson	Charlie Scaglione	Nisha Shakya	Clay Stoker	Fawzi James
Darius White				

## COUNTRY 3 = "GENOVIA"

### Coach Kim aka "Princess AND President of Genovia"

**Straight from the Diaries of your Princess and President, Coach Kim, comes this Notice of Awesomeness:**

**Date:** Today      **Time:** Right now

**Dear Diary,**

I woke up this morning with a great sense of superiority as well as a deep craving for ice cream. In the night, under the stars of the Mediterranean's moon lit sky, my precious country of Genovia slept peacefully and tranquilly. We are a country of sweet dreams because we have every reason to rest assured of daily victory given our past history of awesomeness. Also, our country's

National Fruit, the Pear, gives us all a good night's rest because of its nutritiously full serving size of fruit as well as its yummy flavor that satisfies our sweet tooth (further sweetening our sweet dreams of rest each night).

Our country color is Lime Green (in honor of The Pear), and we reflect our Green spirit by also recycling our unused pears as snow balls (made out of over-ripened pears) to throw off our castle gates at any and all threats approaching our land. The explosion of these pears, while almost yummy, is also messy enough to keep intruders from bothering us. Our country's fruit serves us in many other amazing ways as well. Who knew pears could be so awesome?! Such a realization of the hidden awesomeness in unexpected places also gives our Genovian citizens a peaceful night's sleep every evening as well. We wake up each day with a sense of knowing that what we might think is ordinary is going to prove quite extraordinary.

Last night were especially sweet dreams for me as I dreamt that our great country was entrusted to an important and honorable mission: To fight a war for something sweeter than Pears..... ICE CREAM.

When I woke up from dreaming, I realized this dream had come true!

**Countrymen and women of Genovia: We are about to embark on a battle we will not lose. Get ready to BE AWESOME in the coming days that lie before us. This Swim-A-Thon may seem ordinary, but we will make it extraordinary.**

### **GENOVIAN CITIZENS:**

#### **CAC:**

Landon Bennett	Katie Larkin	Caitlyn McHugh	Gabriel Bellott-McGrath	David Yap
Kirby Prestel	Rebecca Justus	Maggie Layde	Garrett Layde	

#### **MVAC:**

Allie Browne	Madeleine Franchi	Parag Kalay	Allie Nastasi	Lalin Ozyazgan
Hannah Andress	Anna Daugherty	Hannah Percher	Sarah Sorensen	Amelia Beebe
Molly Christopher	Sydney Fauss	Hampton Gucky	Addie Hamilton	Sonali Iyer
Kennadi King	Zarek Lacsamanna	Brynne Lowe	James Morris	Denton Pfeuffer
Hunter Remick	Sebastian Trueba	Jillian Yanes		

#### **CCAC / EAGLE WATCH:**

Billings, Abigail	Brothers, Emily	Clements, Madison	Edwards, Brock	Helms, Marshall
Holman, Carter	Keith, Jackson	Libert, Brigitte	Logan, Makenna	Morris, Nate
Noggle, Tyler	Pacini, Bella	Portis, Carson	Prisock, Lauren	Stefano, Jami
Willet, Ben	Zamorano, Robert			

#### **ECST:**

Jason Anderson	Leah Berkeley	McKenzie Buie	Jack Coleman	Simon Daugherty
Molly English	Austin Garner	Jessica Harper	Anna Hauenstein	Sujit Iyer
Aanya Khurana	Aarya Khurana	Meghan Lister	Dillan Lott	Ella Medlin
Jessica Rainbow	Trey Rucker	Braydn Salmon	Skyelar Salmon	William Streck
Ashley Voeltner	Shyla Chahal			

#### **AMBERTON:**

Emily Blom	Alison Bengston	Richard Borowski	Gracie Byerly	Matthew Castaldo
Paige Cook	John Donahoe	Allie Dykstra	Mary Allia Endredi	Anna Farley
Hannah Gordy	Allison Hunter	Ella Hasty	Allison Howell	Cameron Martin
Walker Manuel	Izzy Morin	JeNai O'Connor	Madison Parker	Patricia Rangel
Abby Robertson	Chloe Scholl	Regan Skedgell	Stephen Suto	Hannah Wagner
Audra Zumbach				

## **COUNTRY 4 = "MAETA"**

**Coach David aka "David The Great"**

The country of Maeta, pronounced (MY-A-TA) was originated by then a carpenter by the name of Mae, pronounced (MY-A or Miah). It is located just off the coast of Rome, Italy.

Maeta was a small island that broke away from the Roman Empire during the time when Orange Julius ruled. Mae believed that if you worked hard and dedicated yourself to your goals and dreams they could come true, not just because of what family you belonged to or were born into. Mae believed that all people could reach their dreams if they were disciplined, loyal, honest, respectful and showed dedication. Orange Julius laughed at Mae when he talked about this idea and outcast him to what is now known as Maeta. When the Roman Empire fell under Orange Julius, Maeta was a place to live with the idea that reaching excellence is possible with hard work and dedication.

Maeta to this day is still known as the country that uses a team first approach. All Maetaians believe that if you put the team (Maeta) first, nothing can stand in the way of excellence. This ideal is still strived for today.

#### MAETAIAN CITIZENS:

##### CAC:

David Edmonson	Katherine Glover	Erin Valle	Nathon Burwick	Lauren O'Malley
Taylor Weiss	Sarah Margret Locke	Andy Strausberger	Mark Keaveney	

##### MVAC:

Micaela Campagna	Melanie Hammond	Anna Lofton	Kevin Nastasi	Mary Kate Rogers
Nuna Bamatraf	Zack Franklin	Anna Prestel	Andy Yap	Nicole Berman
Lauren Donohue	Sammi Fleming	Elizabeth Harrison	Nicholas Hong	Lindsey Johnson
Anna Caroline Kirkland	Alex Le	Melissa Leutgers	Annaliese Mundt	Hailey Preast
Shanzeh Sheikh	Diego Trujillo	Shannon Yanes		

##### CCAC / EAGLE WATCH:

Billings, Finley	Cabana, Celine	Daniels, Lillian	Faile, London	Hendrickson, Ben
Hunnings, Sam	Kirby, Brooke	Libert, Gisele	Miller, Amber	Morrow, Connor
Ortega, Samantha	Pappas, Ari	Portis, Macie	Smith, Emily	Taylor, Caroline
Zamorano, Lilly				

##### ECST:

Alexander Apostolakos	Wylie Bingham	Patty Cash	Will Cook	Stephanie DeForge
Lorel Golden	Jillian Green	Addy Hollaran	Audrey Holshouser	Shrusti Joshi
Sarah Krakowski	Sara Lionberger	Amy Lu	Lauren Luetgers	Sofia Nase
Nathan Rariden	Alizeh Sheikh	Davis Soto	Emma Spencer	Katherine Sundvik
Lorenzo Wagemaker	Grace Ward	Reagan Ward		

##### AMBERTON:

Ben Barger	McLain Brogdon	Kendall Byrd	Nicholas Charles	Tony Derado
Kevin Donahoe	Cassie Ellis	Tim Endredi	Katie Ferrell	David Gray
John Hairston	Emily Holden	Max LaRocque	Lauren McCartney	Austin Marsh
Allie Murphy	Josiah O'Connor	Colby Pritchett	Luke Renier	Mollie Robertson
Miles Scott	Lily Soergell-Harris	Trey Thomas	Avery Watson	Jessica Zumbach
Halli Watson				