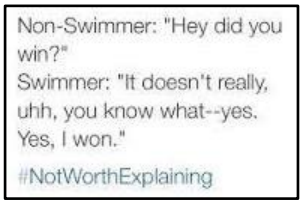
Being a swimmer, we all know the struggles that only we go through compared to other athletes.

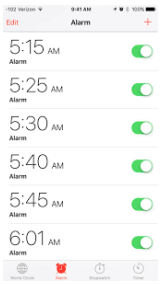
Here are some struggles that only we would know as swimmers:

1. Still smelling like chlorine even after lathering, rinsing, and repeating three times. Sigh, chlorine is our signature scent.
2. Getting rid of that glorious cap and goggle tan in the winter, only for it come right back once summer hits.

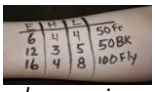
3. Your friends inviting you to a pool party, and secretly not wanting to spend any more time at a pool.
4. The fact that no one cares about swimming until the Olympics rolls around.



5. When people ask if you "won" your competition… it's not that simple! *cries in frustration



6. Setting eight different alarms just to wake up on time for morning practices.
7. Having that heat, lane, event, and stroke tattoo on your left arm the next day at school

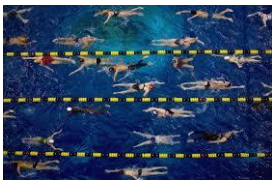


8. Getting into that reallllllllllllllyyyyyyyyy tight race suit.
9. When people ask you what sport you play…"Um, yes I *play* swimming. Yes it is a sport."
10. Having to say no to go out with friends because of swim practice.
11. Having water stuck in your ears and having it just NOT come out.

12. Girls, having that ONE PIECE TAN. UGHHHHHHHH.

13. When there is a thunderstorm an hour before practice, but then it miraculously clears up just in time for practice. great, just great.
14. When you have a conversation with non-swimmers about swimming and the only swimmer they know is Michael Phelps.

15. Chlorine hair and for girls having to put your hair into the swimmer bun quite often.
16. Living in Hawaii, SUN BURNS. That's all I have to say about that.



17. Swallowing 3 gallons of water every practice since water just seems to find its way into your mouth.

18. Swimming butterfly in a crowded lane and pool seemingly turning into the ocean.
19. When coaches are motioning encouragements in a race and you can't help but to laugh at them. Then choking on water because you were laughing with your mouth open.

20. When swimming doesn't get any recognition at school because apparently it isn't an important sport like football or basketball… *scoffs, flips hair, walks away

I hope you enjoyed this article and could relate to some of these struggles us swimmers have to deal with! As much as these problems are extremely frustrating, keep getting through them like you always do!