



TRI-CITY CHANNEL CATS

• 2018 Swim-a-thon Q&A's •

WHY ARE WE HAVING A SWIM-A-THON?

To raise money for our team AND your family!

WHAT DOES THE MONEY WE RAISE GO TOWARDS?

- 5% goes to the **USA SWIMMING FOUNDATION** (which provides swim lessons to those who can't afford them)
- The next \$200 goes towards your family's **ANNUAL DUES OFFSET OBLIGATION** (\$200/year/swimmer)
- For every \$100 earned over the \$200 Annual Dues Offset Obligation, \$25 will be credited to your family's account (the following September).
- The remaining money you raise goes towards the **ANNUAL TEAM GOAL**. This year the team goal will be split 80/20 (80% for a "Covered Pool" Fund and 20% for a "Future Team Needs" Fund)

WHAT IS THE "COVERED POOL" FUND?

We'd love to either 1) have more indoor pool space (which means partnering with one of the local cities to cover an existing pool) OR 2) build a pool to help control training together as a team, solve air quality/chemical issues, and have a "home" facility (in the Tri-Cities) to host swim meets and not have to travel out of town. Either option will take a significant amount of money and is something we need to start saving for now.

WHAT ARE "FUTURE TEAM NEEDS"?

"Future team needs" are things we need to train, host a swim meet and provide the best opportunity for our kids and their families to have a positive and successful experience. This takes equipment — lane lines, starting blocks, pool covers, pace clocks, backstroke flags, paddle boards, office equipment (computers, printers, etc)...just to name a few. And we all know that things eventually wear out, break, are used up, or become obsolete...so we want to plan ahead for when the time comes and money is needed. If we don't plan ahead, and a need arises, the money will have to come from somewhere and we'd rather not have to raise dues to come up with money.



HOW MUCH DO SOME OF THE "FUTURE TEAM NEEDS" COST?

- **LANE LINES:**
 - 25 yard lane lines (starting around \$400-550/each)
 - 50 meter lanes lines (approx. \$1,000/each)
 - Reels (approx. \$1,500/each) and Covers (\$150) help protect the lane lines.
- **STARTING BLOCKS** (\$1,300-\$3700/each)
- **SCORE BOARDS** (\$1,500-\$3,000 individual sections...and we could use 8!)





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WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE FOR OUR FAMILY?

Let's give you a few examples:

1) You have one swimmer and your family earns \$500 in donations. You can expect the following:

TOTAL DONATIONS RAISED	\$500.00
5% for USA Swimming Foundation	- \$25.00
Annual Dues Offset Obligation *	- \$200.00
BALANCE	\$275.00
25/100 Credit to Family Account *	- \$50.00
FINAL BALANCE (PUT TOWARDS ANNUAL TEAM GOAL)	\$225.00

2) You have one swimmer and your family earns \$2,000 in donations. You can expect the following:

TOTAL DONATIONS RAISED	\$2,000.00
5% for USA Swimming Foundation	- \$100.00
Annual Dues Offset Obligation *	- \$200.00
BALANCE	\$1,700.00
25/100 Credit to Family Account *	- \$425.00
FINAL BALANCE (PUT TOWARDS ANNUAL TEAM GOAL)	\$1,275.00

3) You have two swimmers and your family earns \$1,000 in donations. You can expect the following:

TOTAL DONATIONS RAISED	\$1,000.00
5% for USA Swimming Foundation	- \$50.00
Annual Dues Offset Obligation *	- \$400.00
BALANCE	\$550.00
25/100 Credit to Family Account *	- \$125.00
FINAL BALANCE (PUT TOWARDS ANNUAL TEAM GOAL)	\$425.00

* DUES OFFSET OBLIGATION = \$200 per swimmer/year

* 25/100 CREDIT = For every \$100 earned over the \$200 Annual Dues Offset Obligation, \$25 will be credited to your family's account (the following September).