

Vacationland Swim Club, Sandusky, Ohio

The mission of the Vacationland Swim Club is to embrace all levels of swimmers, providing each and every athlete with the best possible environment and resources that will allow them to progress from novice to the highest levels of competition.

The Vacationland Swim Club was started in 1970 at Perkins High School by legendary coach Joe Groscost. The club flourished during this period with an emphasis on helping swimmers outside their high school seasons. In 1988, VSC switched gears and went to year-round swimming. VSC competed successfully in the Ohio Swimming League (OH). VSC moved to its present swimming district, Lake Erie Swimming, in 1996.

Vacationland has competed well in Lake Erie Swimming, recently finishing 3rd in both Short Course and Long Course championships. Vacationland has a history of excellence, routinely having high point winners at Lake Erie Championship meets and recording district records.

Our Age Group program has had many Top 16 nationally ranked swimmers. VSC has had recent participants at USA Swimming Summer Nationals as well as a past swimmer at 2004 Olympic Trials. Many past swimmers have matriculated to the college ranks. Two recent VSC alumni are NCAA Division I qualifiers Dan Wohl and Kim Routh. Kim was a 2006 All-American at Clemson University in the 1650 freestyle, finishing 5th at the NCAA Championships.

VSC hosts the annual Candy Cane Classic in December, as well as the popular Open Water Challenge at Cedar Point Beach in late June/early July, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2008. VSC membership comes from throughout north central Ohio and has an annual membership of over 100 swimmers.