



Corvallis Aquatic Team - 2017 CAT-A-THON

The CAT-a-thon is coming soon! The CAT-a-thon is a very important part of the CAT budget: funds raised are used to keep monthly dues reasonable by assisting with funding coaching costs, equipment, team events, and other expenses. All of our swimmers benefit from the money earned through the CAT-a-thon, and it is an opportunity to help raise money by doing what we do best—swim!

We ask that all swimmers participate in the CAT-a-thon to the best of their ability. You may either collect pledges per lap that you swim at the CAT-a-thon swimming event on Saturday, April 29 from 8-10 am – or you may simply ask for donations to the team. No donation or pledge is too small!

You may start asking for pledges at any time. After spring break, swimmers will be provided with preprinted envelopes which can be used to collect and turn in CAT-a-thon donations made by checks or cash. For those swimmers who like to use a pledge sheet, there is one attached and it will also be printed on the envelope. The envelopes will also allow money to be turned in to the dues box and be credited to the correct swimmer.

If donors are interested in making a credit card donation to the team, there is a link on the home page which takes you directly to the Pay Pal donation site. There is also a link to a page which explains more about the fundraiser to prospective donors.

Here's what you need to do to participate!!

- **Have your swimmer start asking for pledges or donations from friends and family members.** Be creative! Successful pledge gatherers in the past have written letters to family and friends asking for a pledge or donation and included a picture of the swimmer in their swim gear. Using email and/or social media may also be a powerful way to reach donors. If your child chooses to ask people in person, make sure they understand the purpose of the fundraising; and if they are going door-to-door or asking people they do not know, please be safe. Young children should be accompanied by an adult or older child, and older swimmers should be with a partner. A sample letter, one-page informational flyer, and pledge sheet are attached to assist you in your efforts.
- **Swim!!!** Show up at the pool on April 29 and be ready to start swimming at 8:00 am sharp. Each swimmer must have a parent or other adult to count their laps. Swimmers don't have to swim continuously, but should stay in the water except for quick bathroom trips. They are allowed to use kickboards, pull buoys, etc. if they wish. Even if you aren't gathering pledges per lap, please join us for the fun! If you aren't able to make it on the 29th, ask your coach about doing your laps during practice or at another time.
- **Collect pledge money and turn in to the CAT-a-thon organizer or dues box.** Watch your email for several dates during the month of May that a volunteer will be in the lobby to collect money. You may also drop your money in the CAT dues box at any time, provided it is in the preprinted CAT-a-thon envelope. **Please do not give the money to the coaches!!**
- **Turn in prize order form.** Your swimmer will be awarded prizes based on the 2017 CAT-a-thon prize pyramid, which will be available soon. When they turn in their money, they will be given their participation prize, and a prize order form for other prizes if applicable. The due date will be clearly marked on the order form and can be put in the file labeled CAT-a-thon in the lobby.

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