

2016 Jodi Brookhart Award Nomination

Trey Ennis is a 14 year boy who loves the water. In fact, if he is not fishing in it, he is swimming in it! Trey has been on the Five Oaks Stingrays since 2009, and also swam with NCAC for a year.



As the DSSL season began, Trey was excited to reunite with all his Five Oaks teammates, and to (hopefully) have a winning season. On May 20th, he showed up for practice, as usual, in good spirits even when the weather did not cooperate! Too cold and rainy to get in the water, the team headed to the field for land exercises. As we all started to leave for the evening, I looked back to see Trey and a few of his teammates playing basketball with one of our coaches. That night, things suddenly changed for Trey, as he became seriously ill. The next day, we found out that Trey would be unable to practice and compete with the team this summer, as he would be swimming a marathon of his own ... against leukemia.

Although hospitalized for over 6 weeks, undergoing intense chemotherapy at Duke, Trey was determined to come back in time to swim in the last meet of the season. He desperately wanted to be there for his team, and to get back into the water he loves so much.

Unfortunately, Trey was not released from the hospital in time to let him swim on the 25th. However, I am happy to say he is now at home with his family where he continues to get better and stronger. We know this is not the end of his treatment, but only the beginning. Although Trey's marathon is ongoing, he continues to focus on the finish line. His strength and bravery are unmatched!



The Stingrays swam very hard this season for their fellow teammate. Our new Stingrays' mantra became: **"Swimming for Trey"**.

"Flat Trey" comes to our meets and practices.

GO TREY!!!!

