



Dear DDD Families:

We get to have a Swim-A-Thon this year!

The DDD Swim-A-Thon is a special fundraiser in which swimmers earn money for our team by swimming lengths of the pool during a set period of time. This year's event will take place on Wednesday, June 23 8:30 am - 12:45pm during regular practice times at Union Mine High school. The Swim-A-Thon is our only big fundraiser this year. When you have finished your laps you can hula hoop or play basketball. There will also be some fun competitions as biggest splash and silliest jump at the end of your practice time. Every child who participates gets to pick a prize from the prize table and they may pick two prizes if they swim more than there required laps. This year we have lots of fun prizes and gift certificates. The age group who has the most participation gets an ice cream party the following week at practice.

This year due to Covid restrictions parents are not allowed on the pool deck unless you are a volunteer who signed up to be a lap counter. Swimmers must come swim their laps at their practice time. You must exit the pool at the end of your practice time.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for the swimmers and families to come together, build confidence and teamwork in our athletes, and cheer one another on. This fundraising effort is especially important to DDD as we receive no support from public funds. DDD is a 501(c) nonprofit and is solely dependent on program fees, swim meet revenue and contributions from local businesses, family and friends. Funds raised during our Swim-A-Thon support the club by helping us keep registrations costs low amid rising pool rental fees.

Our Swim-A-Thon goal this year is \$5,000. Thank you in advance for providing this generation of swimmers and those of the future with an opportunity to pursue swimming with Dry Diggins Dolphins. Thank you to our sponsors who donated prizes: Knotty Pines Lanes Pollock Pines, RIYO Frozen Yogurt Lotus, Action Whitewater Lotus, Green House Café Placerville, Swim Labs El Dorado Hills.

Sincerely,

Dry Diggins Dolphins Board and Coaches

SWIM-A-THON

How It Works

1) **Get Sponsors and Collection Donations**

2) Email your friends and family!

- a. Donate at Venmo: Ann Owen@GRAdrydigginsdolphins

Make sure to put your swimmers first and last name that you are donating for

Collect donations in the attached envelope and turn in at or before the swim-a-thon.

- b. Mail letters, email or text friends and family requesting them to mail in a check, Venmo.

A sample letter is attached to this packet.

- Please bring all collected donations to the registration table on the day of the Swim-a-thon.

3) **Swim Your Heart Out**

On June 23th come and swim your heart out for the team.

4) **Parent Involvement**

- **Parents are needed to help count laps done by children (preferably other than your child). You can sign up for this as a volunteer job on the website.**
- **We also have other parent volunteer positions that need to be filled on the website for this event.**



Dear _____,

My summer swim team, the Dry Diggins Dolphins, is hosting a Swim-A-Thon on Wednesday, June 23 to help raise money for our program. In the past several years we have “swam enough laps” to reach Hawaii. This year we decided to have some fun in the hot sun! Of course, for the Dolphins, that means swimming as many laps as possible.

The Dry Diggins Dolphins Swim Team has been a part of our community for over fifty years. During that time, thousands of kids like me have learned to love the sport of swimming through their participation on the team. We have also learned important life skills such as sportsmanship, goal setting, discipline, teamwork, family bonding, the value of friendship and physical fitness through our daily practices and weekly swim meets. This season we have more than 188 swimmers, ages 4 through 18, taking part in this wonderful summertime activity. You can learn more about our team by visiting our website at www.drydigginsdolphins.com.

Our annual Swim-A-Thon is the primary fundraiser for our team. Money raised by this event will go toward awards, team functions, facility use, scholarships, equipment and more. It also helps the team keep our participation fees affordable for families in our community. I hope that you will consider making a contribution to our Swim-A-Thon. A donation of as little as \$10.00 would be very beneficial in helping my team reach our goal, though any donation would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to send donations by the Swim-A-Thon date, don't worry! We are hoping to receive donations by as late as July 30, 2021. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

The Dry Diggins Dolphins Swim Team is a program of Gold Rush Aquatics, Inc., a 501©(3) non-profit public charity, EIN #27-1327498

I would like to make a contribution to the Dry Diggins Dolphins Swim Team 2021 Swim-A-Thon on behalf of _____(swimmers first and last name),

in the amount of \$_____.

Name of Donor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please enclose the bottom portion of this form along with a check or money order made payable to:
Gold Rush Aquatics, Inc.

Thank you for supporting the Dry Diggins Dolphins Swim Team

DDD SWIM-A-THON PRIZES

Swimmer Name _____

Circle one donation amount incentive prize from below based on your donation level this is per family.

\$50 Donation **A DDD Water Bottle filled with candy**

\$125 Donation **2 person gift certificate for breakfast or lunch at Greenhouse Café Placerville**

Donations over \$250 will be put in a raffle to receive the following prizes!

\$250 Donation **4 Attraction birthday package for 10 kids**
“Knotty Pines Lanes Pollock Pines”

4 Person rafting trip with Action Whitewater

\$500 Donation **Swim labs Swim lesson or Swim Analysis**
Gift basket from Swim Labs

Swim Length Incentives:

Age Group	Laps Swam to Earn Basic Prize	Laps Swam to Earn Advanced Prize
6 and under	20	20+
7 - 8	30	30+
9-10	55	55+
11-12	80	80+
13-14	100	100+
15 and up	120	120+

Coach For a Day – the child with the highest laps, per age group, will get to be **“Coach For a Day.”** The swim workout will need to be approved by your coach prior to the swim day.

Age Group Incentive:

The age group with the highest percentage of participants at the Swim-A-Thon will receive an ice cream party the following week Wednesday June 30, 2021 at the end of swim practice.

To be considered for the incentive prizes, all monies need to be turned in by the Swim-A-Thon. Prizes will be handed out the first swim meet on July 10, 2021.

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