

The Golden CatTracks Achievement Award

A new challenge to CatTracks team members: Effective immediately swimmers may challenge themselves to earn a "Golden CatTracks Achievement Award". This award is NOT EASY to earn, it is not intended to be. It may even be the most difficult award we've ever had available to earn. You may be thinking well I'm not a very good swimmer, awards always go to other swimmers, not me. Well there are 6 different ways you can earn this achievement and 3 of them may not involve any swimming at all!

Path 1. Trade / Barter / Sell / Help / whatever! Each swimmer will be issued 5 personal badges, any swimmer to turn in 25 DIFFERENT badges that they have collected by Feb 28th earns the award. Be creative, need help on your backstroke flip turn? Offer another swimmer one of your badges in trade for a half an hour help. Maybe you're good at math and could help another swimmer some tutoring help for a swim badge. You can always trade one badge for another or maybe just sell them to raise money for Path 5. Even if you don't want to participate in this path I wouldn't ignore it totally as the badges have value to others who do want to pursue this path. Note: Coaches will also have badges of their own to give out at their own discretion. (Caution: swimmers obtaining badges in dishonest means will be subject to discipline).

Path 2. Earn 1000 points at swim meets, before Regionals, points awarded as follows:

- Participation in a swim meet = 50 points
- Individual "Best Time" earned (no relays), must already have a previous time in the event = 25 points each
- Swim a new event = 25 points each
- Earn a NEW AREA time, must be an event that previously you did not have an AREA time in. = 75 points each.
- Actual Team points earned. = 1 point each

Path 3. Swim 50 miles by Jan. 31st or 100 miles by Feb. 28th. (This can be run in conjunction with the 25/50/75/100 mile challenge)

Path 4. Sponsor 6 New team members to the team. Must be swimmers who have not previously been on the team. New members must be fully registered and paid up members. (NOTE: Also the previous offer from this past Fall still stands, each new swim family sponsored by you is worth \$10 credit on your YMCA swim team account, use it towards meet fee's, swim caps, etc...)

Path 5. Fund raise \$500 to the team. This can be in any manner. Through fundraisers, company donations, however way you wish to pursue. Again, get creative, maybe you and 3 other swimmers want to do a carwash and you earn \$400, then the 4 of you can split the credit at \$100 each. Then on to something else, maybe Dad's company will sponsor you at a couple hundred. The Y can issue tax deductible letters. The team would love to raise \$\$ for apparel, equipment, and things like Olympian swim clinics.

Path 6. Coaches Discretion. Coaches MAY choose to award this award based on other circumstances or a combination of efforts, teamwork, sportsmanship, attendance, practice, etc... etc....

NOTE: Paths CANNOT be combined to earn the award, they must be met or exceeded in totality. For example you will not earn the award if you get 50% of Path 2 and 50% of Path 3 and expect that to be 100%. Must be AT LEAST 100% of a single path. AGAIN, NONE of these are intended to be easy, they all take work. It would be advisable to pursue multiple paths as you most likely do not know which will work best for you. The coaches would love to see many swimmers earn this award, however it may be that none earn it.