



# The Boise Y Swim Team

## 2022-23 Aquathon Fundraiser

The Boise Y Swim Team is celebrating 68 years of providing a quality swim team experience to swimmers of all abilities in the Treasure Valley. To insure the team continues to provide a quality program, we have had to initiate a required Program Fee. We are offering swimmers the opportunity of paying their Program Fee by participating in Aquathon and RaiseRight(Scrip).

Aquathon is our Team's only major fund raising activity, held annually each fall. This year, our Aquathon dates will be October 5 through November 12. Money raised during this time frame will be applied toward the required Program Fee of each individual swimmer. Program Fee amounts are based on what practice group your swimmer has been placed in. Any portion of the Program Fee not raised through Aquathon, Scrip, or paid by individual check, will be billed to individual accounts on December 1 and will be due by December 15.

The Program Fee amounts for 2022-23 are as follows:

<b><i>Sockeye,</i></b>	<b><i>\$100</i></b>
<b><i>Bronze, Silver,</i></b>	<b><i>\$200</i></b>
<b><i>Gold, Senior, &amp; National</i></b>	<b><i>\$300</i></b>
<b><i>Family Cap – Maximum Family Expectation</i></b>	<b><i>\$900</i></b>

The Boise Y Swim Team is totally self-sustaining. Our current monthly swim team dues do not begin to cover these expenses, let alone pay for our Swimmer Recognition Banquet, the team retreat, team travel, coach travel, etc. For the 2023 budget year, the swim team will need to raise at least \$85,000 from the Program Fee, home swim meets, private lessons, and other miscellaneous income to cover what monthly dues do not.

Aquathon is one of the few programs where the kids themselves raise the funds which directly benefit them in their sport. Learning how to approach the public and the sense of team spirit derived from participation in a common team effort are added rewards achieved through our Aquathon fundraiser. Your support in this endeavor is essential to both your swimmer and the Boise Y Swim Team in meeting our goals.



# Aquathon Schedule

## October: Packets Distributed

**October thru November 12:** Solicit pledges and donations and turn in any collected money to designated Aquathon volunteers who will be on deck during the week at each Y. Place money in sealed envelopes and write the swimmer's first and last name and only the amount of money enclosed in the envelope on the front of the envelope. The sealed envelope will not be opened by any volunteer, but will be turned over directly to the Team Admin to verify funds. ***Please do not leave money, at the front desk of the Y.*** Prize order forms can be put in envelopes with your money.

**Tomlinson South Meridain Y Volunteer for Money Collection: Coach Linda**

**Downtown Y Volunteer for Money Collection: Coach Vicki**

**Caldwell Y Volunteer for Money Collection: Coach Krista**

**West Y Aquathon Volunteers for Money Collection: Coach Todd**

**November 10–12 - Aquathon Swim Off:** The Swim-Off will be held during practice time at each Y. Swimmers may turn in money collected, as well as their Prize selection sheet (assuming they have turned in enough money to earn a prize).

## Swim Off Schedule

	Downtown	West	Tomlinson South	Caldwell
<b>Tuesday NOV 8</b>	Sockeye 4:00-6:00pm		Bronze 4:00-6:00pm	
<b>Wednesday NOV 9</b>	Bronze 4:00-6:00pm	Silver/Gold 3:45-5:45pm Bronze 5:00-7:00pm	Sockeye 5:00-7:00pm	
<b>Thursday NOV 10</b>	Silver/Gold 3:45-5:45pm	Senior/National 3:45-5:45pm Sockeye 5:00-7:00pm	Silver/Gold 3:45-5:45pm	All Groups 4:30-6:30pm
<b>Friday NOV 11</b>	Make up 4:00-6:00pm	Make up 5:15-7:00pm	Make up 4:30-6:30pm	

**All Aquathon money must be turned in no later than Monday, November 28, in order to avoid being billed for your unpaid Program Fee, which will happen on December 1.**

**December 1:** If enough money has been raised to earn an award, the money and the prize form must be received by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The team's order for prizes will be placed on December 6. No late orders will be made! Families will be notified when their order is in and will be responsible for picking up their swimmer's prize from your swimmer's coach.

**Questions:** Please do not hesitate to contact Coach Todd Marsh 208-377-4886, ext. 426 or email: [Todd.marsh@ymcatvidaho.org](mailto:Todd.marsh@ymcatvidaho.org)

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## What Is Aquathon? – General Overview

Aquathon is a means of collecting donations which can be credited toward your required Program Fee and which will ultimately help fund our swim team. There are four methods of solicitation. You may want to use one or a combination of all three methods.

### Method 1 – Traditional

Swimmers solicit pledges for swimming laps from family, friends, and local businesses. Donations are based upon the number of laps the swimmer does in the team swim-off (i.e. \$.25/lap, \$1.00/lap, etc.) At the end of Aquathon, the team has a swim-off during practice at all facilities (Downtown, West, Tomlinson South Y, and Caldwell) where team members swim for two hours while counting their 25-yard laps (200 maximum). Swimmers then go back to the donors and collect their money which is based upon how many laps were swum in the swim-off.

### Method 2 – Direct Donation

Swimmers ask individuals or businesses for a donation for the Boise Y Swim Team. Here is an example of what you might say, “Good Afternoon, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from the Boise Y Swim Team. The Boise Y Swim Team is a non-profit organization where no child is turned away for the inability to pay. We are asking for a donation to help support our team. Would you like to make a donation today?”

### Method 3 – On-Line Donations

Donors can donate through the team website using a credit card. Each swim team family will be sent instructions on how to set up their Profile Page which can be individualized for your swimmer. Promotion tools are available when using the website to email those people you wish to contact about donating to the team. As donations come in for your swimmer, you will be able to view your swimmer’s total amount raised, who donated, and any comments made by the donor. You can even email your donors a receipt. **Please do not have those giving you a check do anything online.**

### Method 4 – RaiseRight (Scrip)

Buy gift cards get a percent that goes to the team. To set up an account under the Member Only tab. There is a link to website and how to get started. Make sure to add the Team Enrollment code - LLEL6FEC22384

## Who Do You Ask for Donations?

You are free to go door-to-door to any house in any neighborhood to solicit donations. You are also encouraged to let family and friends donate to such a worthy cause! Some people don’t agree with the door-to-door philosophy, and that’s understandable—this is why we have added the option for your neighbors, friends, and families to donate using the on-line system. You can also make personal donations through the system or send a check for your swimmer’s goal amount directly to the Team Admin.

## Rules

Please follow the ground rules for soliciting to be as fair and consistent to all swimmers as possible.

- All wholesale and retail businesses are open and fair game for everyone. However, customers of businesses are not to be approached. Corporations, Banks, and Utilities are not to be approached individually. ☐ No telephone soliciting, aside from relatives and close friends, is permitted.
- When asking for a pledge, it is acceptable, after the pledge is made, to say something like, “If you would like to make the donation at this time, I would not have to return to collect any money after I have completed my laps. I am sure I can swim \_\_\_ laps within a two hour limit.” Doing this can reduce the amount of time spent in collection and is highly recommended. No more than 200 laps will be allowed in the Swim-off.
- Some parents and swimmers may have personal reservations about door-to-door soliciting. This is understandable. It is strongly encouraged an adult accompany swimmers when going door to door.

## Pledge Collection

Each swimmer will be responsible for collecting his or her pledges. Checks should be made payable to the “Boise Y Swim Team” and **should be returned in a sealed envelope to an Aquathon Volunteer**. Although pledges are not taxdeductible, donors should be given receipts if they request them. Receipts are included in your packet.

### General Guidelines and Suggestions

- Parents and Swimmers should discuss safety precautions necessary for door to door soliciting as is appropriate for your individual situation, age group, and comfort level.
- Swimmers should try to wear some article of team clothing such as a team sweatshirt, t-shirt, or jacket to help identify them as a Boise Y swimmer.
- When getting pledges and collections, take a clipboard or some other hard surface to write on. This makes it easier for those trying to write on your pledge sheets and helps keep your pledge sheets neat and readable. Be sure to have a working pen with you.
- When asking for a pledge, tell people the approximate number of laps you think you will be able to swim.
- For younger swimmers, it is suggested parents help prepare a short explanation of what Aquathon is and how it works, along with an estimate of how many laps you think you can swim. This information can also be set up in the on-line system on the swimmer’s Profile Page.
- Important: The first few pledges tend to set the pattern for all subsequent pledges. Try to get substantial pledges down early on your pledge sheet.
- Please remember to **thank** those who pledge and to also **thank** those who do not pledge for taking the time to listen.
- Any money collected prior to the Swim-Off should be turned in to the Aquathon volunteer on deck. **Put the money in an envelope and seal it. Put your swimmer’s first and last names, along with the amount enclosed, on the outside of the envelope.**
- Have checks made payable to: “Boise Y Swim Team”. When you collect your pledge money you may leave a completed receipt (found in this packet) with the donor if they request one. **Most donations are not tax-deductible as your donations will be used to pay your required Program Fee. Only donations which put you above your required Program Fee amount will be considered tax deductible.**
- If you need extra pledge sheets or receipts, you may pick them up from an Aquathon volunteer on collection days or download from the team website (look under Member Only Tab/Aquathon).

## Boise YMCA Swim Team 2021-22 Aquathon/Scrip Prize Order Form

(Separate Form for Each Family Member, Please!) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Downtown West Caldwell Tomlinson South Y (Circle One)

Goal Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Collected and Turned In: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmers who go above and beyond their goal amount by at least \$100 may order from the prize list below. Swimmers who raise \$200 over their goal can order a prize in the \$200 and \$100 category, swimmers who raise \$300 over their goal can order one prize out of the \$300, 200, and \$100 categories, etc. Swimmers who raise \$500 or more can order one prize out of any category. **Only one prize per swimmer can be ordered.** Place an "X" next to the item you would like and size and name, if applicable. A sizing chart for clothing items can be found on the Team Store (Shadows) website. Please print clearly! **Order deadline for embroidered items is December 5. All other prizes must be ordered by December 15.**

I raised my goal but don't need a prize. Please use my prize money for the team! \_\_\_\_\_

### For Raising \$100 Over Your Goal



Team Beanie \_\_\_\_\_

or \$15 Amazon Gift Card \_\_\_\_\_

### For Raising \$200 Over Your Goal

TYR Mesh Backpack \_\_\_\_\_ or \$30 amazon gift card \_\_\_\_\_

### For Raising \$300 Over Your Goal

Team Backpack \_\_\_\_\_ or \$45 Amazon Gift Card \_\_\_\_\_

### For Raising \$400 over your Goal

Embroidered Team Towel \_\_\_\_\_ or \$60 amazon gift card \_\_\_\_\_

### For Raising \$500 over your Goal

Team parka \_\_\_\_\_ or \$75 amazon gift card \_\_\_\_\_

### One prize per swimmer