



The Athens

Bulldog

Swim Club

Dear ABSC Swimmers & Parents,

It is time once again for our annual Swim-a-Thon. This has always been an important fundraiser for our team, but this year it is even more essential that all members of ABSC participate. Let me take a moment to explain why. We at ABSC are fortunate in that our home pool is one of the premier facilities in the country, but such access does not come without associated costs. Over the past few years our pool rental has doubled. We have been able to offset much of the increased cost through swim meets and sponsorships, but to keep from raising swimmer dues further, we must have an effective swim-a-thon.

In the Swim-a-Thon each athlete is asked to gather pledges from neighbors, family, and friends. Pledges can either be based on the number of laps swum (with a maximum of 200) or set for a fixed amount. On the day of the Swim-a-Thon, the entire team gathers at the Ramsey Center where they have two hours to complete their laps. Gups generally swim as many laps as they can in the time allotted, Pups are encouraged to swim a minimum of 100 laps, while Dawgs and Seniors do the entire amount. Pups and Gups need to supply a counter (usually a friend or a parent) who sits in the stands and keeps track of the laps swum. After the Swim-a-Thon is complete, participants collect their pledges and turn the money in. Prizes are awarded to all who participate and top fundraisers will receive a special awards package.

This year the Swim-a-Thon will be held on Sunday, November 1st from 4 to 6 pm and be followed by a team dinner at Stevi-B's Pizza. If a swimmer cannot attend that day, there will be a make up day for each group which will be announced at a later date. As in the past every swimmer is required to raise a minimum amount of \$150 in pledges. Those who do not will be assessed the difference to cover costs (but not to exceed \$150 per family), so we encourage swimmers to go out and gather pledges for at least the minimum amount. The better the participation, though, the more we will be able to offer as a team, and the more fun our athletes will have in garnering a great lineup of prizes.

If you have any questions about the conduct of the Swim-a-Thon or the manner in which solicitations should be made, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to another great Swim-a-Thon here ABSC and encourage you all to help the club by taking part.

Sincerely,

Harvey Humphries
Head Coach, ABSC

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ABSC Swim-a-Thon Prize Sheet

Please circle the prize that applies and turn in with your Swim-a-Thon money.

Level 1. \$150

ABSC Team Cap, Team Tee Shirt

(please circle size Youth M, Youth L, Adult S, M, L, XL 2X)

Level 2. \$250

The Level 1 prize

plus

\$25.00 Gift Certificate to Friends Unlimited SWIMshop

plus

**An invitation to a Q&A and photo session UGA Head Swim Coach,
Jack Bauerle, Mary Descenza, and Neil Versfeld**

Level 3. \$350

The Level 1 prize

plus

\$50.00 Gift Certificate to Friends Unlimited SWIMshop

plus

**An invitation to a Q&A and photo session UGA Head Swim Coach,
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Level 4. \$500

The Level 1 prize

plus

\$100 Gift certificate to Friends Unlimited SWIMshop

plus

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Swimmer's Name _____ Parents' Name _____

Contact Phone # _____ Contact Email _____

Date _____ Total \$ _____