



The Athens Bulldog Swim Club

—a USAS Registered Swim Team at the University of Georgia

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. Our pool rental fees continue to rise. 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 Super Pups, Dawgs and Seniors do the entire amount. Superpups, 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 by the due date (November 26th). 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 11th from 4 to 6 pm. 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 family is asked 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. And remember, donations are tax deductible! As always, the better the participation, 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 Coach Mike (mike@athensbulldogs.com). We look forward to another great Swim-a-Thon and encourage you all to help the club by taking part.

Sincerely,

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Level 1. \$150

ABSC Swim-a-Thon T shirt & Practice Cap

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

Level 2. \$250

The Level 1 Prize

plus

A Party at Rush Athens (all ages are eligible to participate)

Level 3. \$350

The Level 1 Prize and Level 2 Prize

plus

Your chance to have a Night with Champions

Autographs and Pictures with UGA and ABSC Olympic and National Team Members

Swimmer's Name _____ Parents' Name _____

Contact Phone # _____ Contact Email _____

Date _____ Total \$ _____

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