

ERIC WAANANEN – GROUP COACH



Groups: Silver, Starfish, Hammerheads & Jellyfish

Coach Eric grew up swimming in Northern Virginia for the Solotar Swim Team under some great coaches who later inspired him to turn into a coach. He competed for Oakton High School, West Virginia University and George Mason University and the Patriots Masters team specializing in 100 & 200 Fly. He moved to Arizona in 2002 and started working as the head coach at Seton Catholic HS, then as a site head coach with Swim Neptune for 11 years and most recently for JSwim for 2 years as their head age group coach. Eric spent 6 years in Morenci AZ as an Aquatic Specialist while starting a year-round high school program, taking a team of 13 to 65 with state and sectional qualifiers. Currently he is the head coach at Veritas Prep Academy going into year 3 with a number of PSC swimmers. He has worked with kids as young as 3 up to adults, who are learning to swim for the first time. His love for the sport drives him to keep teaching, hoping that through his coaching others will discover the joy of swimming.

“I’m excited to be joining the PSC family and look forward to working with the swimmers.”