



Blue Dolphins

Swimming since 1972

Dear New Team Member:

On behalf of the "Blue Dolphins" it is my pleasure to welcome you and your family to the team. I hope you will find being involved with Florida Swimming's #1 team will be an enjoyable and lasting experience.

The success of any age-group competitive swimming program is not an accident. It is a well planned, well organized series of developmental stages, organized within, and toward a clear set of objectives, and administered with a sound and consistent philosophy. Those programs which are most successful, the winning programs, are those which have not stopped short of meeting all the above requirements. The Blue Dolphins have such a program.

Our program is founded on the belief that Age Group competitive swimming offers an exciting and valuable experience in a young person's life. It can be learned and enjoyed by those with little or no ability as well as those of Olympic caliber. Its values go far beyond that of just learning to swim fast. In a well planned and directed program every participant can gain from his or her experience, whether or not he or she ever wins a single race. It is for this reason that the following team objectives have been adopted:

To provide opportunities for social and emotional development

To furnish a wholesome physical and recreational outlet

To provide opportunity to learn sportsmanship and be aware of team cooperation and pride

To provide opportunities to learn good health habits.

To provide the highest level of training and competition for all swimmers

To provide the opportunity to gain self-esteem and worth by making a commitment to excellence in this great sport

And finally, to learn well a sport activity they can enjoy the rest of their lives

Parents must understand that they also must have a strong commitment to their swimmer and the team. They must support and take a genuine interest in their child's major sports activity. Over the years the Dolphins have been "family", and it is this bond that has made the team successful. Let me close with these fine lines by an unknown author--

"There is a bond that makes us brothers
No one goes his way alone
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."

Again, welcome to the Blue Dolphins team. Have a sunny day!

Head Coach Charlie Rose

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