

Spokane Waves Swim-A-Thon

Battle of the Waves

Hello Spokane Waves!

As you all know our Swim-a-Thon is set for May 7th, 2011! There have been some questions presented to the Swim-a-Thon committee, and we would like to take this opportunity to answer them. We will be sending a more detailed letter next week. There have been questions on where the Cheney group will do their laps for the Swim-A-Thon. The Cheney swimmers are more than welcome to swim their laps at EWU, but we highly encourage them to come to Whitworth to swim with the Spokane swimmers. Many of us noticed the great connection between the Spokane and Cheney swimmers at the 14 and under Junior Champs. The swimmers from Cheney and Spokane got to know each other and swim together. Friendships developed between the two groups, and there was a sense of unity. Towards the end of the meet, there were no longer "Cheney" or "Spokane" SWAT swimmers, but one SWAT team! Because of how well the two groups hit it off, we want to continue to do events and activities together. For this reason, we would like to have both groups together at the Swim-A-Thon. This year it is at the Whitworth pool on a Saturday morning. We know that this is a drive for the Cheney group, but believe that it will be worth it for the swimmers.

The Swim-A-Thon is an annual fund raising event required by the USA swimming organization, but we try to make it a fun and social event for all the SWAT swimmers. This year we have divided the swimmers into 4 separate groups, each with a team "Wave" name: Team Tsunami, Team Tidal Wave, Team Breakers, and Team Pipeline. The Cheney and Spokane swimmers are evenly distributed among the four teams. Each swimmer will receive a swim cap with the color and name of their "Wave" team. The swimmers will be obtaining pledges/donations that will help their team's total tally. Collections and tallying of pledges will be done every two weeks during the 8 week pledging period. Every two weeks, there will be fun rewards for the team that brings in the most pledges/donations, for example the winning team not only gets to wear their swim "Wave" cap every day during that two week period, they get to dress their coach up on the day the winning team is announced. Yes, depending on what is in the dress up chest....the winning team coach has to wear his/her new attire for that practice! The same will happen at the EWU site.

On the Swim-A-thon day, there will music, socializing, pizza and drinks for the swimmers. The swimmers will do their laps with their friends and fellow team mates. There will be a prize for the top contributors, and frequent door prizes for the swimmers through the duration of the Swim-A-Thon! At the completion of their laps, the swimmers will receive prizes. Later, the USA Organization will send certificates & pins to the swimmers who complete 100 laps to 200 laps.

Packets will be distributed March 1st at both locations! We will send out another letter next week with more information! If there are any questions feel free to email me @ simba1965@aol.com.

Thank you, Pamela Court (Swim-A-Thon committee)