



The Mission of Princeton Piranhas Swim Team is to promote excellence, both in the pool and in our community through discipline and commitment. We live by our mission everyday in our actions and practice habits. Below is an outline of what being a Piranha is all about from the current Piranha parents and swimmers. Read it to help determine if you have what it takes to be a Piranha!

SWIMMER FOCUSED

- The focus is on individual improvement on various aspects of the race, not just winning and the final time
- Coaches get to know each swimmer and what it will take to motivate and engage each of them
- Accomplishments are not only measured against time, but against their own attitude, effort and improving what is being focused on at practice
- The swimmers are taught how to handle failure and use it to reach success
- Decisions are made that benefit the entire team. If something is what is best for the team, it will also benefit your child.



WE ARE A TEAM

- We are a family
- All Piranhas stay until all the Piranhas are done swimming for that session. This allows the swimmers to cheer each other on and bond as teammates. It also means that your swimmer will never be swimming alone.



DISCIPLINE

- Misbehavior or unsportsmanlike behavior is not tolerated
- High expectations are set and it is expected that every member of the team will hold themselves accountable
- The code of conduct sets the tone of superior sportsmanship
- There is mutual respect between the swimmers and between the swimmers and coaches
- It is a privilege to be a part of this team, not a right

EXPECTATIONS

- Swimmers enter the pool area with all of their gear and get themselves ready to swim in the pool area, regardless of age, with assistance from the coaches if necessary



EXPECTATIONS CONT.

- It is the swimmers' responsibility to have everything they need for swimming
- Coaches are tough on the swimmers when they are training and expect them to give it their all, but kind and patient when they are struggling
- Swimmers learn time management skills that will be beneficial throughout their lives. ie get homework done, so you can come to practice on time.
- At swim meets, Piranhas do not write on themselves to know their heat and lane, coaches teach them to learn how to read the heat sheet and monitor when they should go up to swim

