

November FISH of the Month Gareth McClellan



Congratulations to Gareth McClellan on being named FISH of the Month for November! Gareth is 11 years old in his second year with the FISH and he swims at Audrey Moore in Age Group. This has been a breakout year for Gareth, who has been working hard at practice to improve his technique, speed, and strength. His hard work paid off at the Swim & Rock Invitational in the middle of November, where he qualified for his first Finals swim and his first Junior Olympics all in one meet! Way to go Gareth!

Swimming in his favorite event, the 100 Breaststroke, in prelims at the Swim & Rock Invitational, Gareth posted a new best time of 1:22.69 which qualified him for Finals that evening. Later that night, swimming in Lane 8, Gareth dropped 5 more seconds to post a Junior Olympic-qualifying time of 1:17.96 ... and moved all the way up to 4th place! His Finals experience at Swim & Rock instantly became his favorite FISH memory. We're looking forward to seeing Gareth race for The FISH in many more Finals to come!

Outside of the pool, Gareth has a number of other interests. He is a talented musician with a passion for the violin. He enjoys playing basketball, solving puzzles, hanging out with friends, playing video games, and having fun with his siblings. He has already had the experience of living abroad in multiple countries, so Gareth truly is an interesting kid! If you see Gareth on deck, make sure to say hi and congratulate him on being named the November FISH of the Month!

Quick Questions with Gareth:

- 1. Does pineapple belong on pizza? As long as it's not on my pizza!
- 2. Gatorade or Powerade? Gatorade, I've never tried Powerade before.
- 3. Favorite subject in school? *Math*
- 4. Favorite place you've lived? Shanghai, I made a lot of friends when we lived there.
- 5. Cake or pie? Pie. Blueberry pie!