

SPECIAL EDITION

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RACE SWAMI'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



2017 was a wildly successful year for Race Swami, with many exciting new developments happening within the program. The Enrichment Program has continued to blossom, offering every Race Swami swimmer a number of educationally focused services including an extensive tutoring program, a test-taking “best practices” workshop, an essay writing workshop, an ACT Prep Course, and for the second consecutive year—Race Swami’s Summer Book Club. There have been many success stories already, including one SWAMI who took advantage of the tutoring program and went from having a D grade in math to finishing the school year with an A.



The SWAMIs have been excelling in the water as well! The team finished 9th overall (the Girls team finished 6th) at the Utah Long Course State Championships held in July. Many of Race Swami’s athletes finished in the Top 8 in their respective events, including three 2nd place finishes. Head Coach Matt Finnigan was voted Utah Senior Coach of the Year in 2017. He had five swimmers who qualified for USA Swimming’s prestigious Western Zones Championships.

Perhaps the biggest news of 2017 was Race Swami’s team travel trip to Santa Barbara, CA in June. The team took 40 swimmers — all of whom raised the money diligently for many months in order to compete in the 47th Annual Semana Nautica Invitational. 2017 was a memorable year for sure!



2017 IN REVIEW

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2017 offered many new experiences to the SWAMIs, including a team trip to Santa Barbara, CA for the 47th annual Semana Nautica Invitational swim meet.

SWAMI's tutoring program took off in 2017! Tutoring covered many school courses including math, science, writing, and Spanish. SWAMI's tutoring staff is versatile and experienced—helping our SWAMIs improve their grades and master their learning.

The SWAMIs were involved in many service projects including the Road Home's Candy Cane Corner, raising money for the team trip to Santa Barbara, serving as tutors for the younger SWAMIs, and making sleeping mats for the homeless.

The Enrichment Program hosted several activities in 2017, including a test-taking “best practices” workshop, an Engineering Day at Zaniac in Sugar House, and a six week ACT Prep course.



Top: The SWAMIs pose before boarding for Santa Barbara at the Salt Lake International; **top left:** Tutoring has become an integral part of the SWAMI Enrichment Program; **right:** Yoga is a year round dryland activity that our SWAMIs love.





More than 30 SWAMIs were involved in our second year of the SWAMI Summer Book Club, which features several weeks of reading and book discussion, as well as a book exchange event after the final course.

Race Swami remains one of the most culturally diverse swim programs in the West, with nearly 70% of our swimmers being either Latino, Asian, Polynesian/ Pacific Islander, or African American.



The SWAMIs displayed huge strides in the water—placing 9th overall at the Utah Long Course State Championships, a 2nd place finish at the Semana Nautica Invitational in Santa Barbara, and 1st place at the 2017 Día de los Muertos Classic.



Top: SWAMI's 10 & Under Boys' relay hang out with Coach Pam at the Utah Age Group State Championships in March 2017;
bottom: SWAMIs congregate over books this summer at the Marmalade Library for Race Swami's second annual Summer Book Club Book Exchange.

In 2017, 44 team records were broken, and several SWAMIs finished in the Top 5 at the Utah Long Course State Championships.

The Enrichment Program comes at a very low cost to the Race Swami program since all the tutors and instructors volunteer their time.



Because of the generosity of our donors, SWAMI raised more than \$120,000! The donations help our families so that children can participate in a quality USA Swimming program that is safe, nurturing, and educational. Your donation helps pay for athletes' monthly dues, training equipment, and meet fees. Thank you for helping us Make a Difference!



Clockwise from top left: Our SWAMIs are a close-knit community renowned for their culturally rich makeup; in 2017, the SWAMI Enrichment Program offered a test-taking "best practices" workshop to our swimmers; Emily "bites down" on the medal she earned for placing 2nd in the 200 Butterfly at the state championships; SWAMI athletes' swim bags are adorned with "Swami Bells," professing the Race Swami mission. **On the front page:** Joaquin and Miguel ham it up at the Engineering Day; team hike above Salt Lake City; Ashleigh and Alondra in front of Chipotle Restaurant to raise money for SWAMI.

