

On the Dry Side: News from the Secretary's Desk October 2023

Greetings, 757swim!

Information has been <u>posted</u> for our December travel meet to Cary, NC. The booking deadline is November 16, so do not wait until the last minute!

If you have questions about team suits or spiritwear Christina Scordo, one of our directors, will be available in the aquatic center lobby on Mondays (excluding the last week of the month) from 4:30-5:30pm and Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm to answer questions or help with orders and sizing.

Truth be told, I had the newsletter done, and after the first day of the IMR/IMX meet, deleted and rewrote this section. I was blown away today...by the older swimmers helping in the later session, swimmers cheering for their teammates, and swimmers participating in events that put them outside their comfort zone. For those not aware, events included distances of 100, 200, 400, and in some cases 500 yards.

This brings me to October's value, Growth. Today I watched a swimmer complete the 500 free for the first time. Two teammates rushed to meet her, and lift her up in a bear hug after she got out of the pool. Her mom had tears in her eyes. I am sure there are many more stories like this one. This is what 757swim is about.

Growth is a journey. Fail forward.

"Don't be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try." - Michael Jordan

-Evie Burnet, Secretary

Team Towels LAST CALL!!!!

For those wanting to order a team towel *this is your last chance for the season*! Orders will close October 10th. The holidays are coming, and personalized towels make the perfect gift, so order towels <u>here</u>!

Volunteers, WE NEED YOU!

We count on parents to do many of the important tasks at 757swim. We can't do it without you. For more information on group volunteer requirements <u>Click Here.</u> If you have questions, reach out to our volunteer coordinator, Lora Long at <u>volunteers@757swim.com</u>.



Swim-A-Thon

Our annual Swim-A-Thon has launched! This year's theme is Beach Party and we are excited to see our swimmers earn fantastic prizes! <u>Click here</u> for more information and a link to each group's Swim-A-Thon requirements.



USA Swimming Provided Prizes

- 100-200 laps swum = 100 Lap Bag Tag
- 200+ laps swum = 200 Lap Bag Tag
- \$400-\$599.99 = Silicon Swim-a-Thon Cap
- \$600-\$799.99 = White Swim-a-Thon Sunglasses
- \$800-\$1099.99 = Tie-Dye Swim-a-Thon Bucket Hat
- \$1100-\$1399.99 = Reflective Swim-a-Thon Fanny Pack
- \$1400+ = USA Swimming Foundation Bluetooth Headphones

757swim Provided Prizes



- Raise \$250 more than your required amount Receive \$125 in Family Fundraising Credit and a Limited Edition Event Tshirt in addition to the USA Swimming Provided Prizes
- Raise \$500 more than your required amount and receive \$250 in family fundraising credit a limited edition a Limited Edition Event T-shirt and 757swim flannel pants in addition to the USA Swimming Provided Prizes

Top 3 Overall Earners

FIRST PLACE picks any of these three items, SECOND PLACE chooses next and THIRD PLACE place receives the remaining award

Private Lesson with Coach Morgan Design a practice set for your swim group

Pizza Party for you and 4 friends





Applause for a Cause Gala

Our first Applause for a Cause Gala on January 19 at 6pm at Colonial Heritage will truly a night to remember full of laughter and fun. Guests will enjoy a 3 course steak dinner as well as 4 bottles of premium wine per table, while friends battle it out on the stage in the ultimate lip sync competition.

As part of our Gala we will hold a live auction. Our Gala team is in search of live auction and raffle items, with all donations being tax deductible. If your donation is selected as a live auction item and sells for at least \$500, you will receive family fundraising credit up to your family's full requirement. Contact Nicole Hass for more information at hasholdof4@gmail.com.

Shop With a Scrip

We are excited to see more parents than ever earning credit to their 757swim account with Shop with a Scrip and the Raise Right app. For details on how to sign up <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Most Scrip gift cards are electronic, but there are a few that offer actual hard plastic cards. These are only available in bulk when ordered through the team. We will be placing a bulk order in November prior to Black Friday. Stay Tuned for more details!

Scrip Success Story of the Month: Erika Kurowski earned BIG when she used Disney gift cards purchased through scrip to pay for her upcoming cruise! Way to go Erika!

Social Media

Please remember to use the following form to help us identify all successes within 757swim.

Facebook Swap and Swag

Be sure to like the 757swim Shop and Swap page on Facebook. This is a great resource to buy/sell/giveaway gently used swim gear.

Papa John's Dollars for Dough

The next time you place an order with Papa John's Pizza apply promo code 757swim and 10% of your order will be donated back to our club!

<u>Mega Auto Spa</u>

Visit our sponsors at Mega Auto Spa and enter fundraiser code 9043 and a portion of your wash will be donated back to 757swim!



Upcoming Dates

- October 14: Top Banana developmental meet#1 (Copper Prep and Copper), BMAC in Newport News
- October 27 to 29: Fall Fiesta (Bronze and above), 757swim
- November 4 to 5: Rising Star developmental meet #2 (Copper Prep and Copper), BMAC
- November 10 to 12: Carl Warner Open (Bronze and above), Hampton AquaPlex
- November 18: SwimAThon

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