



Montclair YMCA Dolphins 2006 Dolphin-a-Thon

**When: Monday, December 18*
Tuesday, December 19***

*These are the dates we have selected. However, if you are unable to do it at that time, you can do it any day that week. Just check with the lead coach on deck the day you will swim your laps and he/she will sign the Certification Sheet.

Where: At the **Montclair YMCA**, during practice sessions.

The annual Dolphin – a – Thon is our team’s biggest fundraiser and our goal is to raise **\$14,000.00**. A percentage of our proceeds raised will also go directly to the Special Olympics of New Jersey. The remainder stays to help with Club finances. This money is essential for running our team as it allows us to buy equipment such as the Colorado Timing System, caps for swimmers, lane lines, record boards, and any other items the team needs.

Here’s how the Dolphin-A-Thon works: We are looking for **100% participation** from our swimmers. Swimmers go out and solicit sponsors who will either pledge a flat donation or “per lap” that they swim (maximum of 200 laps). Parents, please check at work about **matching funds/corporate sponsorship** for either the Montclair YMCA or Special Olympics (Your personnel office should provide you with the necessary information and forms.). Once the swimmer completes the laps on either December 18th or 19th and has the coach sign the Certification Sheet, he/she can then collect the pledges from the sponsors.

Timeline for our 2005 Dolphin-A-Thon:

November 29: Dolphin – a - Thon packets are distributed.

December 18: Dolphin – a – Thon!

December 19: Dolphin – a – Thon!

January 5: Dolphin -A-Thon pledges are due.

January 15: Top earners will be announced. Look for this on the Montclair Y Dolphins bulletin board.

What's in your Swim-A-Thon packet?

- ✓ Sponsor Sheets. (Extra sponsor sheets are on the MYM bulletin board.)
- ✓ The Incentive Sheet.
- ✓ Receipts for those sponsors who request one. (Extra receipts are on the MYM bulletin board.)
- ✓ Pens to collect those pledges!
- ✓ A Certification slip

What are Swim-A-Thon Incentives? Swimmers will be eligible for prizes after they raise \$100. Prizes are listed on the incentive sheet enclosed. This year, we will be awarding private coaching lessons with either Brian or Jon--a priceless incentive for your swimmer! Remember, our team goal is to raise at least \$14,000.00 to help meet the financial cost for our 2006-07 season. We need your support!

How do I collect the pledges? Once you have completed your swim, you can collect the pledges. When collecting the pledges, you may wish to show your sponsors the completed, signed Certification Sheet. The **checks should be made out to the Montclair YMCA**. You also have Donation Receipts in your packet if a sponsor requests one. The funds collected should be put in an envelope and filed in the Swim-A-Thon folder. **DO NOT** put cash in the folder. You can either write one check for the cash collected or call Denise Lipman to make other arrangements (see contact information below). Pledges are due in by:

Friday, January 5, 2007

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Denise Lipman, Swim-A-Thon Chairperson, at phone: 973-857-4291 or at e-mail: denise@simlab.net

This is a great way to raise money for our Club
AND
To give to the New Jersey Special Olympics!!!

Let's Go Out and Get Those Pledges!