



Get ready to swim because it's time for the 2008 Dolphin-a-thon!

When is it? December 17 and 18 during your regular practice times. December 21 for all clinic swimmers.

What is it? The annual Dolphin-a-thon is the Montclair Dolphins swim team's largest fundraiser.

New in 2008, we will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the **YMCA Strong Kids** campaign, which helps children in need by providing safe places, caring and trained staff, and programs that teach life skills. We will also continue to donate to the Special Olympics of New Jersey.

How does it work? Each year our swim team members swim laps and collect pledges for each lap they swim! Swimmers go out and solicit sponsors who either pledge a flat donation or a "per lap" amount for each lap the swimmer swims (max 200 laps). Each participant then chooses one of the specified days listed to complete their laps. Then the swimmer collects the pledges from their sponsors and hands them in by **January 7th**.

What is our goal? We recognize that the economy has affected many families this year and understand that collecting pledges may be more difficult than in the past. So instead of having a dollar goal, we're asking for **100% participation** from our swimmers. We'd like the Dolphins to come together as a team, have fun swimming and contribute whatever possible to the Dolphin-a-thon.

New in 2008-- For those swimmers who are able to raise \$100 or more the coaches will be throwing a pizza and pool party at the YMCA in mid-January!

All the details you need can be downloaded:

For more detailed information about the event please download the **Dolphin a thon letter 08**

To keep track of the pledges you collect download the **Dolphin a thon Sponsor Sheet 08**

To look at the incentives download the **Dolphin a Thon Prize List 08**

If you have any questions after you have read the materials, feel free to contact either Molly Severson at 973-746-8062, mollysev@comcast.net or Liz Ruvo at 973-509-2468, wruvo296780@comcast.net

Thanks for your support!