



Montclair YMCA Dolphins 2008 Dolphin-A-Thon Fundraiser December 17-18. December 21 for all clinic swimmers.

What is it? The annual Dolphin-A-Thon is the Montclair Dolphins swim team's largest fundraiser. The bulk of the money raised helps with the swim team's finances. It is essential for running our team as it makes it possible to buy equipment such as the Colorado Timing System, lane lines, record boards, caps for swimmers and other necessary team supplies.

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.

As well, we will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the **Special Olympics of New Jersey**. Matching funds and corporate sponsorships at work for the Montclair YMCA or the Special Olympics can help us reach our goal, too.

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 and have the coach sign the Certification Sheet verifying the total # of laps they swam. 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 raising pledges might 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. 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 prizes are listed on the Swim-A-Thon Incentives sheet. And, again this year, we will be awarding private coaching lessons with a coach— a fantastic incentive for your swimmer!

**Help your swim team,
the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign
AND
the New Jersey Special Olympics!**

Dolphin-A-Thon Details:

Where: Montclair YMCA

Lap swim dates: December 17 and December 18. December 21 for all clinic swimmers.**

Pledge Collection: Immediately following lap swim.
Checks should be made out to the Montclair YMCA

Pledges Due: **Wednesday, January 7, 2009**
All pledges should be handed in at the Montclair YMCA front desk and flagged for Jon's attention, or mailed to Molly Severson at 114 Westview Rd., Montclair, NJ 07043 No cash, please—only checks.

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** These are only the specified dates. However, if you are unable to do it on either of these dates, you can do it any day that week. Just be sure to have the coach sign the verification sheet the day you swim the laps.

Please do not hesitate to call Molly or Liz with any questions!

Remember, our team goal is 100% participation. No
contribution is too small!

**We can't do it
without you!**