

Swim-A-Thon June 25, 2019

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is a swim-a-thon? The swim-a-thon is a fundraiser where swimmers ask for sponsors to donate money to them. Each swimmer will swim continuous laps (as many as they can in the allotted time) and then collect the money from their sponsors. The swim-a-thon is held during normal swim practice times. Swim-a-thon donation sheets will be provided in the family folders. You can get more forms and information go to the Tigersharks website.

Who do I ask for pledges? Ask your friends, family members, neighbors, relatives, parent's co-workers, and anyone else you might know to sponsor you.

Who do checks get made out to? Checks for the swim-a-thon can be made payable to "Orangevale Tigersharks". Cash is great too!!! We thank you for your support.

Why do we have a swim-a-thon? It is a great endurance exercise for the swimmers as it teaches your body to use oxygen more effectively and therefore swim faster. It is also our biggest fundraiser for this summer so we need everyone to participate and help support our team. It will be held on Tuesday, June 25th and envelopes should be turned in by Monday, July 1st.

What if swimmer cannot attend the Swim-A-Thon? Swimmers are still encouraged to participate by collecting pledges and winning prizes. Just collect flat donations instead of per lap donations. Remember we can only meet our team goal with all our swimmers participating and helping out.

What if I get sick or have a flat tire on the day of the Swim-A-Thon and miss it even though I have collected pledges? If you have any per lap pledges we will average the laps of your age group to get possible number of laps you might have swam. Then you will give that number to those who have pledged to you and collect your money.

When do I collect the money? You can collect it anytime. Any per lap pledges can be collected after the event. Don't wait to collect. Some people take a while to send in their donation. Envelopes should be turned in by Monday, July 1st and prizes will be presented at family relays in July.

What do I say when I call people? Hi, this is _____. I am on the TigerSharks swim team. I am participating in a Swim-A-Thon and was wondering if you would be willing to sponsor me. You can just pledge a flat amount or a per lap amount for each lap I swim. I am hoping to swim _____ laps. Thank you so much!!!

When do I start? Start now. The earlier you start the higher your potential is and the better your prizes will be.

How many laps do you think I can swim?

Here are average lap ranges per age group swam in the past:

6 and Unders – 20-32 laps

7-8's – 20-68 laps

9-10's – 54-104 laps

11-12's – 68-111 laps

13-18's - 81-124 laps

What are the prizes? We have family and individual prize levels. Decide whether you want to combine the envelopes for all the swimmers in your family or have each swimmer collect individually. Prizes include Golfland Sunsplash mini golf and lazer tag, Sky High passes, Sunrise Rollerland passes, In-N-Out gift cards, and more.

How much are we trying to raise? The team goal is \$8,500. If we make our team goal the team will have the opportunity to throw water balloons at Family Relays.

What does the money we raise help fund? The Tigersharks are responsible for fundraising and the management of significant amount of team expenses associated with running a swim team. This includes most swim related equipment including computer meet tracking, stopwatches, popup tents, social events, rewards and recognition for swimmers. We would also love to put it toward a scoreboard for the team this year.

Who can I contact if I need help or have more questions? Please contact either Becky Milton becky.milton@alfchurch.org or Kristin Hurd ovtspresident@gmail.com

What is the day of the Swim-A-Thon like? The swimmers will be swimming, with volunteers counting the laps. In the morning they will be rewarded with pancakes after the swim. Afternoon swimmers will get a nacho bar.

What other parent help is needed? *We will need lap counters*, and people to bring and serve treats on the day of the event.

For forms, envelopes, prizes go to the [Tigersharks website](#).