



Greenwich YWCA Dolphins Swim Team
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December 19, 2011

Dear Dolphin Parents and Swimmers:

Once again the time is approaching for our most vital and only team wide fund raising effort, The 2012 Dolphin Derby. This will be our 24th Dolphin Derby and all swimmers participating will receive a special memento of this event at our spring awards gala! The Derby is a two hour swim challenge, where pledges are obtained for lengths swum. For example, The Future Team and FT 56 will have two hours to swim a maximum of 100 lengths; the TAG I level will have two hours to swim 144 (2 miles); the TAG II, TAG III and State/National levels will have two hours to swim a maximum of 200 lengths (5000-yards).

The Derby is a collective pledge swim effort that supports many of our team events, including portions of our National Team trip to the YWCA Jr-Sr Swim Championship Meet in Charlotte, North Carolina in March; our team awards banquet, equipment, publications, awards and prizes.

We have attached a pledge sheet and ask that parents and swimmers come up with a plan which will allow them to participate to the maximum amount possible. The coaches will encourage and remind swimmers daily of the event and we have found that the best plan is to get a pledge a day! This guarantees a great team wide effort.

In the 2010-11 season, our Derby effort yielded just over \$30,000 for the eighth consecutive season, but our team expenses were over \$40,000. We're hopeful we can again make a run at that figure through 100% team participation and have exciting incentive plans to help promote those goals. We suggest the average donation goal of \$300.00 per swimmer. The team will swim their lengths in modified practice slots noted below, to help maximize involvement!

This year we will again offer incentive prizes for fund raising efforts over \$300.00 per swimmer. A swimmer raising between \$300-350 will receive their choice of a **custom team towel or a large mouth custom team water bottle**. Those swimmers with over \$351-500 in pledges will receive (one) their choice of a custom-logo team **Embroidered Team Mini Speedo Back Pack, a Boathouse Supplex Pullover, a Boathouse Supplex Warm-up Pants; a Heavyweight Dolphin Tackle Twill Sweatshirt**. Those raising from \$501-999 will receive a special **Dolphin Speedo Warmup Set** or a **Boathouse Heavy Weight Dolphin Parka** with GYWD on the back and their choice of any other one item. Any swimmer with over a \$1000 in pledges will also receive an **I Pod Shuffle** and **choice of any other item**. All prizes will be presented at or before the team awards banquet on May 4, 2012.

We will e-mail you in mid January to remind you of this important event and check on your progress.

The Derby format for 2012 is similar to '11: **On Thursday, Jan. 12 STATE/NAT will swim their lengths at GHS from 6:30-8:30pm. On Tuesday, Jan. 17, TAG 1 will swim their lengths at the YWCA from 4:30-6:30pm. On Thursday, Jan. 19, TAG 2+3 will swim their lengths at GHS from 6:30-8:30pm and on Saturday, Jan. 21 Future and FT56 will swim their lengths from 1:30-3:30pm.**

Several lanes will be devoted for "make-up" lengths for any one who can't make their assigned slot (make-ups are highly discouraged) in the STATE/NAT session on Mon. Jan. 23 at GHS from 6:30-8:30pm. If you have any questions on the Derby please contact Nick who is coordinating this effort.

Sincerely,

Nick Cavataro
Coach

2012 YWCA DOLPHIN DERBY!

**Thur. Jan. 12 at GHS
STATE/NATIONAL
6:30-8:30pm**

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**Tue. Jan. 17 at GYW
TAG 1
4:30-6:30pm**

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**Thur. Jan. 19 at GHS
TAG 2 & TAG 3
6:30-8:30pm**

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**Sat. Jan. 21 at GYW
FT56 & FT
1:30-3:30pm**

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**Mon. Jan. 23 at GHS
Make-up Date
6:30-8:30pm**

Please return this form with
your pledges by Feb. 20

2012 YWCA DOLPHIN DERBY!

Name _____

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Funds Enclosed _____

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Circle Prize Requested:

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**Team Towel or Team Water Bottle
(\$300+)**

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**Team Mini-Speedo Back Pack or
Boathouse Pullover or
Boathouse Pants or Hooded Fleece
Pullover Sweatshirt with logo:
(\$351-500)**

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**Custom Dolphin Warmup or
Heavy team Sweatshirt with
Tackle Twill lettering:
(\$501+)**

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**I-Pod Shuffle Mini Music Player or
any one item above:
(\$1000)**

**Please indicate Sizes:
YM YL AS AM AL AXL**

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SWIMMER _____ AGE _____

- Sponsors are being solicited to support the Greenwich YWCA Dolphins Swim Team and this swimmer is seeking your pledge to help their cause. **Funds should be returned by February 20, 2012**
- All funds collected will be used to help support the DOLPHINS.
- Each Swimmer will be limited to a maximum of one continuous two-hour period in the water or a maximum of 200 lengths of the pool, whichever comes first. This is a distance of approximately three miles.
- The coaching staff of the Dolphins will determine the capabilities of each swimmer and will supervise and document all swimming.
- **All donations made to the Greenwich YWCA Dolphins Swim Team are tax-deductible and receipts will be available.**

NOTE: We anticipate FT/FT56, TAG 1 swimming 100 lengths; all others 200 lengths.

SPONSORS NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	PLEDGE/ PER LAP	TOTAL AMOUNT

This is to certify that the above swimmer has completed _____ Lengths in a two hour period
Date _____ Coach _____