



Blue Marlins Swim Team

Parent Handbook

2018

Introduction

Welcome to the Amity Athletic Club Blue Marlins Swim Team. We are part of the Berks County Swimming Association. Our pool is located at the Amity Athletic Club located at 55 Amity Park Road, Birdsboro, Pennsylvania.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Amity Blue Marlins Swim Team is to develop self-confidence, teach the values of good sportsmanship and teamwork and have fun through the sport of swimming.

Swimmer Expectations

1. Have fun
2. Practice good sportsmanship
3. Show respect for your fellow swimmers, coaches and parents

Parent Expectations

1. Encourage your swimmers to have fun
2. Set an example of good sportsmanship for your children
3. Show respect for your fellow parents, coaches and swimmers
4. Volunteer at all home and away meets as needed

Swim Team Board Members

Chairperson: Russ Bozenhard (Email: rbozenhard@amityac.org)

Secretary: Becky Coyle

Treasurer: Kathy Bozenhard (Email: kbozenhard@amityac.org)

Volunteer Coordinator: Crissy Fiorani

Concession Coordinators: Sandra Marchiano and Crissy Fiorani

Members at Large:

Patty Duffy

Joe McClelland

Lisa Schafer

Nancy Newland

Kelly Keiffer

Coaches

- Chris Breedy

Chris has been coaching at various levels of USA Swimming, YMCA, and high school since 1982. She has coached many district, state, and Middle Atlantic champions. She is also a certified member of the American Swim Coaches Association and United States Swimming. This is Chris' third year as Head Coach of the Amity AC Blue Marlins.

Chris was also a past competitive swimmer which included 4 straight years as a PIAA champion, National High School and American record holder in the 100m backstroke. She received a full scholarship to the University of Florida. In addition, she was a NCAA National Champion and a member of the US National Team from 1976-1980. Chris also was a gold medalist at the World University Games in 1979.

- Gregg Kuder

Gregg is a retired teacher of 35 years from the Boyertown school district. He has been coaching swimming for the past 12 years with several teams including the Boyertown YMCA and Boyertown High School and Antietam pool summer team. Gregg enjoys working with all age groups with motivating swimmers and helping to improve their swimming techniques. This is his third year as Assistant Coach of the Amity AC Blue Marlins.

- Amy Demberger

Amy is a lifelong swimmer, starting at age five. She has been an assistant coach on the Pottstown YMCA swim team for the last three seasons. Amy is also a lifeguard and a lifeguard instructor. When not coaching or teaching lifeguards, she is busy being mom to her 13 year old son. This will be her first year with the Blue Marlins and is looking forward to a great season.

Communications

The Swim Team board and coaches will use several platforms to communicate with families including email, Facebook, the team website, pool communication boards and the DICK's TSHQ smart phone APP. Communication Boards

Swim Team has two communication boards at the pool. One is in the main entrance of the pool.

The second board will be out during practices in the pavilion area or near the lap pool fence.

- Amity AC Blue Marlins Swim Team Website

<http://www.amityacswimteam.org/>

- Facebook Page

<https://facebook.com/AmityACSwimTeam>

- Email - Swim Team Board Email

swimteam@amityac.org

- Email - Coaches

coaches@amityac.org

- DICKS TSHQ Smart Phone App

The Blue Marlins will be also be using the Dick’s Sporting Goods, DICK’s Team Sports HQ (DICK’S TSHQ) Application for Smartphones. This app contains Team Rosters and Schedules and allows coaches and parents to stay connected during the season.

APP instructions can also be found on the Swim Team Website: <http://www.amityacswimteam.org> under Important Documents.

Registration and Fees

- Pool Registration

All members of the swim team must be members of the Amity Athletic Club Pool. Registration information for the Pool can be found on the Amity AC Pool website.

<http://www.amityac.org>

- Team Registration

Swim Team registration must be completed online at <http://www.amityacswimteam.org>.

2017 Fee Schedule:

First Swimmer	Second Swimmer	Third Swimmer	Each Additional
\$105.00	\$105.00	\$95.00	\$90.00

- Team Suit

Swimmers are encouraged to order a team suit.

Start to Finish Sportswear will once again be providing our team suits. There will be two fittings prior to the start of the season. At these fittings swimmers can try on suits to get the correct sizing and order directly from the store. Suits ordered at the fittings will be delivered to and distributed by the team.



Dolphin Fracture: Girls \$55.00



Dolphin Fracture: Boys \$35.00



Dolphin Fracture Racer: \$30.00

	Date	Time	Location
Fitting 1	April 25, 2018	6:00PM-7:30PM	St. Paul's UCC Weavertown Rd.
Fitting 2	April 29, 2018	3:00PM-5:00PM	St. Paul's UCC Weavertown Rd.

If you are unable to make one of the scheduled fittings, you can order directly from the store. We will not be able to guarantee the reduced pricing if you order direct.

Start to Finish Sportswear
5 S. Centre Avenue
Schoolside Plaza
Leesport, PA 19533
610-916-6277
www.starttofinishsportswear.com

Sponsorships

Swimmers and families are encouraged to request sponsorships from local businesses. The sponsorship form and details are attached to this packet.

Details can also be found on the Swim Team Website: <http://www.amityacswimteam.org> under Important Documents.

Fundraising

Throughout the season the team will be participating in several fundraising events. These fundraisers are used to pay for things such as pool fee, team equipment and team activities.

- May 31st 2018 – Rita's Water Ice

Encourage your family and friends to come out and enjoy a refreshing treat at Rita's Water Ice in Birdsboro. Rita's supports The Blue Marlins swim team by giving back a portion of the sales from this evening to the team.

- June 9th 2018 – Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

The Swim Team will be hosting a pancake breakfast on June 9th at Applebee's in Exeter. You will receive tickets to sell at the swim suit fittings or during the parent meetings at the beginning of the season. We encourage all team members to sell as many tickets as possible to friends and family. If you need extra tickets please contact us through the swim team email address: swimteam@amityac.org. Payment from ticket sales can be handed in at one of the parent meetings, given to Russ or Kathy Bozenhard or mailed to Russ Bozenhard at 702 Green Meadow Drive, Douglassville PA 19518. Please make sure checks are payable to *Amity AC Swim Team*. Tickets will also be available for purchase on the day of the event at the restaurant.

- Gift Card Basket Raffle - Season long - Awarded at team picnic in August

A basket of gift cards for local restaurants and businesses will be raffled off during at the swim team picnic. Tickets for the raffle will be provided during the parent meetings at the beginning of the season. Additional tickets will be available throughout the season by contacting a member of the Swim Team Board.

- Make the Coaches Pay – Season long - Awarded at team picnic in August

Do you have a coach you would like to see take a dip in the pool or do crazy stunt? Throughout the season, you will be able to show your love for the coaches by donating your loose change. Each coach will have a coin bucket at practice. Just place your change in the bucket of your favorite coach. At the end of the season, the coach with the most wins! (or loses).

- Redner's Save-a-Tape

When shopping at Redner's Market, use your Pump Perks card. Save your receipts and drop them off in the receipt folder on the bulletin board or hand them into a board member. The team can redeem your receipts for up to 1% of the total amount. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Bozenhard at kbozenhard@amityac.org.

Concessions

During home meets, the swim team operates a concession stand independent of the pool's snack bar. This is a great way for the team to earn money and one of our biggest fundraisers. All proceeds directly support the Amity Blue Marlins Swim Team. Parents are asked to donate a food or drink item for each home meet to support our concession sales. If your schedule does not allow time to bring an item to the meet, then we ask that you donate \$10.00 per home meet (paid prior to each meet). Your support is greatly appreciated.

Spirit Wear

Amity Blue Marlins Team wear will be available for purchase from Amity Shirt Factory. Get your team T-Shirts, Towels, Polo Shirts and other great items. Check out the website or look for an order form on one of the team bulletin boards.

Attendance Policy

- Practices

Early season practices will be held Tuesday through Thursday in the evenings. Once school is out for the summer, morning practice times will be available Monday through Friday. Swimmers are recommended to practice at least three times per week; however, they are welcome to practice every day.

Practice Times:

Mornings: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Evenings: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

- Meet Attendance

There are five dual meets during the season. All dual meets (home and away) start at 6:00 PM. Swimmers are expected to arrive at 4:30 PM for home meets. Arrival time for away meets is 5:00 PM. During the meets, swimmers are expected remain within the swim team in the designated team area.

Swimmers are expected to attend each meet and will be scheduled as such. The Blue Marlins understand the value of family time and appreciate that families will take vacations in the summer. If you are unable to attend one of the regularly scheduled meets please make every effort to let the coaches know through one (or both) of the following methods:

1. Hey Coach forms for absence.

Hey Coach Forms can be downloaded from the team website: <http://www.amityacswimteam.org> under important documents. Complete the form and turn hand it in to a coach after practice.

2. DICK's TSHQ App for absence.

The DICK's TSHQ App has an RSVP selection for swimmers under the Event Details of each meet in the schedule. Swimmer attendance is marked as CONFIRMED by default. If you cannot make it to a meet, please select the X to indicate the swimmer will not attend that meet. Selecting absent only applies to the particular meet you are looking at in the schedule. If multiple meets will be missed, a selection must be made for each meet.

Practice or meets will be cancelled if:

Water temperature falls below 65 degrees.

Air temperature below 70 degrees on an overcast day with no thunder or below 65 degrees if sunny.

Thunder/Lightning Policy:

All activity is to stop and the pool is to be cleared immediate for a period of 30 minutes when thunder is heard. Activity may resume after 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard.

If Lightning is visible, the area is to be cleared immediately and evacuation to shelter is mandatory for a period of 30 minutes after each lightning occurrence.

County and Silver Championship Meets

Swimmers will be automatically entered in Silver Champs or Counties if qualification standards are met. Please let the coaches know as soon as possible if you will not be able to attend either meet, an absence could impact a relay lineup.

Invitational Meets

Invitational meets are encouraged but not required. All invitational information will be posted on the bulletin boards and the team website. Please make note of the entry deadlines. If your entries and payment are not submitted by the entry deadline, your swimmer will not be entered into that invitational.

Volunteering

Volunteer signups will be managed through the Signup Genius website. You will receive an email from the volunteer coordinator each week with the volunteer needs for the next meet. Parent involvement through volunteering is critical for a successful swim meet. These are the jobs that are needed in order to have a successful home meet:

Setup – Prepare the pool and the area for the home meet

Cleanup – Clean up the pool area after each home meet.

Concessions – Sell food and drinks at home meet, coordinate 50-50 raffle.

Timers - One for each lane and a backup timer

Place Judges – Record order of finish of the swimmers for each heat

Official - Starter and at least one stroke and turn official. (Must be trained)

Scorer's Table – Enter times and order of finish into the scoring computer, meet announcer

Zookeepers - Zookeepers are parent helpers who organize the younger swimmers to ensure they are at the starting blocks prior to their scheduled events. (One for each age group boys and girls: 8 and under, 9-10 and 11-12). Swimmers 13 and older are expected to be listening to the meet and be prepared to swim at the time of their event.

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas please feel free to reach out to any member of the board.

GO BLUE MARLINS!!

Sponsorship Opportunities

A great way to help save money on your Swim Team registration fee while at the same time raise money for the swim team collect sponsorships.

Sponsorships can be collected from local businesses, family members or friends. The advantage of collecting sponsorships is that they can be used to reduce your registration cost. No refund/money will be awarded beyond the original registration fees paid.

Sponsorship levels:

- For every \$50.00 Bronze Medal sponsorship the swimmer collects, swimmers earn \$25.00 refund on your registration fee. Four sponsorships would equal a \$100 refund.
- For every \$250.00 Silver Medal sponsorship swimmers collect, swimmers earn a refund of one (1) FREE registration.
- For every \$500.00 Gold Medal sponsorship swimmers (families) collect, swimmers earn a refund of two (2) FREE registrations if applicable.

There are two types of sponsorships available (Individual and Team). In order to receive a refund, please select Individual on the attached sponsorship form and indicate the swimmers name(s) on the form. If no selection is made or if Team is selected, no refund will be awarded. This option may be preferred by businesses wishing to support the team as a whole.

Amity Athletic Club Blue Marlins Swim Team Sponsorships

The purpose of the Amity Township Athletic Club is to promote amateur athletics, enhance the physical and emotional health of all participating children and develop and encourage sportsmanship.

The Mission of the Blue Marlins Swim Team is to develop self-confidence, teach the values of good sportsmanship and teamwork and have fun through the sport of swimming.

Your generous donations enable the swim team to offset the costs of supplies, equipment and pool repairs needed to run a successful program. We offer three great ways to support this amazing organization with a great mission. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

-Thank You-

Sponsorship levels

Bronze Medal Sponsorship: \$50 Donation

Your company's name will be included on our team t-shirts, which will be worn proudly by both swimmers and parents alike. Your company's name and business card will also be posted at the main entrance of the Amity AC Pool.

Silver Medal Sponsorship: \$250 Donation


In addition to the Bronze Medal benefits, your company name, logo (if provided) and web address will be displayed on the Amity AC Swim Team website. www.amityacswimteam.org and our Facebook page. You will also have your choice of a team sponsorship plaque or a banner* to be displayed at the pool all summer long.

Gold Medal Sponsorship: \$500 Donation

Includes Bronze and Silver benefits, as well as a banner* with your company's logo will be on display throughout the summer at the Amity AC Pool.

* A banner can be provided or the swim team will create a 2.5 X 4 foot banner with a logo you provide.

For more information contact: Russell Bozenhard at swimteam@amityac.org

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Please detach this portion and return with your check made payable to **Amity AC Swim Team**:

Sponsorship type: Team Individual

Sponsor Level (Circle): Bronze (\$50) Silver (\$250) Gold (\$500)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Business Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email your logo or company artwork to: swimteam@amityac.org for banner design.

If you chose to make a donation in honor of an individual swimmer, please include their name

Amity Swimmer Name: _____



BLUE MARLIN'S ORDER FORM



PARENT NAME :	
SWIMMER NAME :	
EMAIL ADDRESS :	
PHONE NUMBER :	
GRAND TOTAL :	
# OF ITEMS :	

COTTON TEE SHIRT

ITEM : ABM00301SS WOMANS CUT AVAILABLE



\$10

ADDITIONAL COST
2XL - ADD \$3.00
3XL - ADD \$3.00
COLOR : LIGHT BLUE

SIZE : YOUTH S, M, L
ADULT S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
PERSONALIZATION AVAILABLE

SPORT-TEK POLO DRI-FIT SHIRT

ITEM : ABM00304PDF WOMANS CUT AVAILABLE



\$35

ADDITIONAL COST
2XL - ADD \$3.00
3XL - ADD \$3.00
COLOR : POND BLUE
EMBROIDERED LOGO

SIZE : YOUTH S, M, L
ADULT S, M, L, XL, 2XL
PERSONALIZATION INCLUDED

COTTON LONG SLEEVE

ITEM : ABM00303LS



\$15

ADDITIONAL COST
2XL - ADD \$3.00
3XL - ADD \$3.00
COLOR : LIGHT BLUE

SIZE : YOUTH S, M, L
ADULT S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
PERSONALIZATION AVAILABLE

BLUE MARLINS POOL TOWEL

ITEM : ABM00306T 35" X 62"



\$45

ADDITIONAL COST
2XL - ADD \$3.00
3XL - ADD \$3.00
COLOR : TEAL
EMBROIDERED LOGO

PERSONALIZATION INCLUDED

HOOD SWEAT

ITEM : ABM00305H



\$25

ADDITIONAL COST
2XL - ADD \$3.00
3XL - ADD \$3.00
COLOR : LIGHT BLUE

SIZE : YOUTH S, M, L
ADULT S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
PERSONALIZATION AVAILABLE

NOTE : IN MOST CASES, YOUTH SIZES COME IN LIGHT BLUE. HOWEVER, IF THE IT DOES NOT, WE WILL REPLACE WITH CAROLINA BLUE. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

ITEM NUMBER	QTY	SIZE	SEX	COLOR	PERSONALIZATION (PRINT NEATLY - ADD 5.00)	TOTAL
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*THESE ARE MADE-TO-ORDER ITEMS,
RETURNS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE CHECK YOUR
ORDER CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING*

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
AMITY AC SWIM TEAM
GIVE ORDERS TO YOUR COACH BY JUNE 8TH**