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The Haines Dolphins Swim Team is back in the water!

We are happy to be swimming again with Head Coach Steve Vick and we welcome our new Assistant Coach, Deborah Asper.

This year the **Dolphins are expanding their role in the community** by introducing the Full Spectrum Swim Program, designed to encourage swimming in a broader range of ages. A Masters' Swim is offered to adults, and a Saturday Fun Club for children five and up who aren't yet ready for the team. Due to the pool repairs our program started late and will run from October through April.

The swim team has grown in numbers and experience over the past ten years. The positive energy of the Dolphins comes from skilled coaching, dedicated volunteers, and **generous sponsors like you.**

We are **not funded by the school district or the borough. We are a 501.c.3 non-profit, and your contributions are tax deductible.** Team expenses are covered through dues, inventive and frequent fundraising events, and sponsorships. Expenses include insurance, coach salaries, pool rental, equipment, and costs to attend and host meets. Participating in meets is essential to keep swimmers challenged and meeting their potential. We have worked to keep dues low, so that all kids can participate; scholarships must remain available to those unable to pay the monthly dues. In addition the Dolphins received a grant from SEARHC for \$5,000 to fund the Full Spectrum Swim Program.

Benefits to swimmers are vast - from basic stroke skills, diet, and training to developing life skills such as setting and meeting goals, learning sportsmanship, self-discipline, drug and alcohol avoidance techniques, and time management.

As the primary pool user, the team funds equipment to be enjoyed by all, such as lane lines and reel, kickboards, fins, pacer clock, and locker room needs. We assist with cleaning, plumbing, pool cover repair, and lighting maintenance. **Haines residents have donated hundreds of hours** of volunteer support to keep the pool open, and to make competitive swimming possible.

We need your support to keep the program thriving. For donations of \$100, \$250, \$500 or more your name will be placed on a plaque and displayed at the pool as a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Sponsor.

(If we receive your donation by Dec 15, 2007 you will be guaranteed a place on the plaques hanging in the entry way until Dec 1, 2008.) **More importantly, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you support our local youth and a healthy program that positively impacts the whole valley.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Evenden, Secretary, Haines Dolphins Swim Team

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