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**The pool is open again! And The Haines Dolphins Swim Team is gearing up for a great swim season** with Head Coach Steve Vick and two new Assistant Coaches, Lexie Conley and Marian Carlson. We kicked off the season with a ten day swim camp – and now we're in full swing with **over 60** Dolphin swimmers in the pool from 3:30 to 5:30.

This year we are proud to have a High School Swim Team, with 6 competitive swimmers being coached by Steve Vick. Last season we successfully introduced the Full Spectrum Swim Program with a Masters' Swim for adults and a Saturday Fun Club to introduce younger kids to our team – which we plan to continue this season. We're very proud to have a growing team that offers so much! The positive energy of the Dolphins comes from skilled coaching, dedicated volunteers, and **generous sponsors like you.**

**The Haines Dolphins Swim Team is a 501.c.3 non-profit, and your contributions are tax deductible.** Team expenses are covered through dues, inventive and frequent fundraising events, borough support and your sponsorships! Expenses include insurance, coach salaries, pool rental, equipment, hosting our winter meet, and travel costs to go to away meets. Participating in meets is essential to keep swimmers challenged and meeting their potential. We raised our dues \$5 per month this season (average dues are \$45 per month.) In an effort that all kids participate in swimming, your donation will also provide scholarships available to those unable to pay monthly dues.

**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, pace 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 Dolphin 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 1, 2008 you will be guaranteed a place on the plaques hanging in the entry way until Dec 1, 2009.)** More importantly, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you support our local youth and a healthy program that positively impacts the whole valley.

For more information about the Dolphins, go to [hainesdolphins.org](http://hainesdolphins.org)! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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