

## BOISE YMCA SWIM TEAM

### FEES, FUND RAISING, & OTHER CHARGES FOR FALL, 2010

Becoming a member of the Boise YMCA Swim Team means fun, fitness, and teamwork. It also means a financial obligation to pay your monthly dues and other charges in a timely manner. The following outlines what you can expect to pay as a member of the Boise YMCA Swim Team. At first glance, it may seem as if the swim team is expensive. However, when taking into account the hours of coaching your swimmer receives for his monthly dues, the swim team offers a reasonable team experience designed to promote self esteem, self-discipline, and good sportsmanship.

**YMCA MEMBERSHIP:** Because the swim team is a Boise YMCA program, each Swim Team member must also be a member of the Boise YMCA. The membership fee varies depending upon whether you have a youth or family membership. Arrangements for becoming a YMCA member should be made at the front desk. Your membership allows you full use of both the Downtown and West Boise facilities. Currently, the youth membership is \$20.90, plus tax, per month if paid by monthly bank draft. If you choose not to do the bank draft, monthly dues are \$31.35, plus tax, payable in advance. There is no joining fee required for a youth membership.

**USA SWIMMING:** As the Boise YMCA Swim Team is a member of USA Swimming, all members are required to pay a yearly membership fee. The **annual** fee for 2011 is \$54. This fee is reduced considerably for those swimmers who qualify for free or reduced hot lunch through the school system (letter from school district stating such is required as proof). The USA Swimming membership provides secondary health and accident insurance in case of injury during swim team practice and during swim meets.

**MONTHLY DUES:** Unlike most Boise YMCA programs, the Boise YMCA Swim Team is responsible for paying all program costs including coaches salaries, team travel, financial assistance, and operating expenses. Therefore, the Boise YMCA Swim Team must charge each swimmer monthly dues. The dues are dependent upon the group which your swimmer is placed in and will change as your swimmer moves from group to group. Our current monthly dues effective through December are as follows: Yellow-\$43.00; White-\$45.00; Red-\$48.00; Blue-\$52.00; Pre-Senior-\$65.00; and Senior-\$78.00. **In order to meet our 2011 budget, dues will increase January 1<sup>st</sup> as follows: Yellow-\$50; White-\$52; Red-\$55; Blue-\$60; Pre-Senior-\$75; Senior-\$90.**

A discount will be given at the rate of 90% for a second swimmer, 50% for a third swimmer, and no charge for additional swimmers after three. (The swimmer in the most advanced practice group will be charged 100%, the second highest group 90%, etc.) The discount applies to dues only. Families will receive an invoice via email each month which can be paid by bank draft, credit card, or check.

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

In January, every family will be charged \$24 to cover all relays, credit card and bank draft fees, miscellaneous fees, etc. This fee is pro-rated throughout the year (i.e. swimmers joining the team for the first time in September will be charged \$8.)

**FUNDRAISING:**

Because of the expense of staffing two pools and providing a quality program for up to 250 children, monthly dues are simply not enough to cover the costs involved in running our swim team. Therefore, the Boise Y Swim Team offers two ways for swimmers to meet their fundraising obligation. Each year in January, swimmers can opt to participate in **Aquathon**. The Boise YMCA Swim Team feels Aquathon is a fair and equitable way to have everyone participate in fundraising. Swimmers obtain tax deductible pledges from neighbors, friends, and family for swimming a certain number of laps (max of 200 in 2 hours). Families also have the option of making a tax deductible cash contribution to the team in lieu of participating in Aquathon. **Recommended goal amounts for the 2011 Aquathon are as follows: Yellow and White Group Swimmers = \$100; Red and Blue Group Swimmers = \$200; and Pre-Senior and Senior Group Swimmers = \$300.**

We also have a **SCRIP** program which runs year round. Details on SCRIP are available for our members on the Fundraising Tab of the website.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

Financial Assistance (FA) for Boise YMCA Swim Team monthly dues is available. If you are in need of Financial Assistance, the swim team asks that you apply through the Boise YMCA for assistance with their membership fee. Applications for Financial Assistance are available at the front desk. Once you have been approved for assistance by the Boise YMCA, notify the Administrative Assistant of the swim team. The Swim Team will then grant Financial Assistance at the same percentage and in the same method as the Boise YMCA. **Financial Assistance provided by the swim team is not available for anything except monthly dues.** In addition, families on Financial Assistance are expected to regularly volunteer and to participate in Aquathon. Please direct all financial questions to our Team Admin, Patty Stratton (376-1135).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Because of the size of our team (220 families), it has become more and more difficult to keep track of swimmers who take a leave of absence for a short period of time. In addition, it is extremely hard to prepare an annual budget which takes into consideration the income lost by swimmers who decide to take a leave of absence of any length. Therefore, we have developed a Leave of Absence policy. This policy is as follows: A reinstatement fee of ½ of your current monthly dues will be assessed upon the swimmer's return to the team after the leave. This reinstatement fee will be waived if the following two criteria are met: 1) Prior to the LOA, the swimmer had been an active

member of the swim team for 9 continuous months and 2) the LOA is less than or equal to 3 months. LOA requests must be received no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the leave.

**TEAM UNIFORM:**

There is no requirement to purchase the Boise YMCA Swim Team swim suit, sweats, shorts, or t-shirts. Coaches do ask all members to purchase the team swim cap (\$4.00 each for latex, \$13.00 for silicone) if they are participating in swim meets. The team swim cap is not required to be used during practice. Team sweats are ordered a couple of times a year. For questions about team clothing items, please call Heather Strecker (887-1406).

**SWIM MEETS:**

The Boise YMCA Swim Team hosts 2-3 swim meets each year. In order to run these meets, we need many volunteers. We ask each swim team family to volunteer 3-4 hours of their time during these weekends. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and get involved in your child's activity. Swim meets are also major fund-raisers for the team. Through the sale of t-shirts and heat sheets we generate needed funds to help with our fund raising goals. Because swim meets are fundraisers, whether or not a swimmer participates in a meet, families are asked to pay an \$8/meet hospitality fee. The hospitality room provides food for our coaches and volunteer officials.

Fees are charged to enter any swim meet. These charges include a per event entry fee and a swimmer surcharge. The average meet will cost a swimmer approximately \$20-25 in entry fees depending upon the number of events entered. Swimmers are billed for their entry fees. The team must pay the host club for all entry fees in advance. **A swimmer who enters a meet and does not cancel the entry with Patty Stratton before the check is sent to the host club must pay for his/her entry whether or not he/she ultimately attends the meet.**

**QUESTIONS:**

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to talk to the coaching staff (please do not interrupt practice but contact coaches before or after practice) or any of the following:

Head Coach	Frank Burlison	377-4886 ext 426
Team Administration	Patty Stratton	376-1135
New Members	Nancy Taylor	345-7071