



Dear Swimmer,

Come on out and join the Sharks YMCA Nationals Fundraising Team! This group's goal is to support the mission of the YMCA by giving back to the community and team while helping defray the cost of participating in YMCA Nationals for qualifying participants. It is an important team building opportunity for all of us. We will focus on four projects this season: the Sharkathon, the Pentathlon, a carwash and an auction. There is an annual fee of \$5.00 to join the fundraising team plus a commitment to participate in all fundraisers.

You may be asking, "What's in it for me?" Through hard work and commitment, achieving YMCA Nationals times and Junior National times is a realistic goal for many of you. Attending these national meets is a rewarding, "once in a life time" opportunity. Short Course YMCA Nationals costs approximately \$1600 per swimmer and Long course YMCA Nationals costs approximately \$800 per swimmer. By joining this group, you will be able to share equally in the funds that are raised should you attend a national meet. If you don't qualify for a national meet this year, you will still be able to take pride in helping a teammate achieve their dream. You will have the additional sense of pride knowing that your efforts will help a family in need enjoy the benefits of the YMCA. And, let's face it, its fun to be at the Y hanging out with your friends!

Our first event will be the Wyckoff Sharkathon. The Sharkathon will be held on October 16th. A portion of the money raised will go directly to the Wyckoff YMCA scholarship fund. This fund helps families in need participate in YMCA programs at a free or reduced fee. Our goal is 100% participation. Afterwards, we have pizza, drinks and prizes. All participants will receive a Sharkathon swim cap, and the top three fundraisers will win a basket of swim goodies!

The WFY Sharks Autumn Pentathlon will be held November 15, 2009. This is a WFY hosted swim meet held at our YMCA for 12 and under swimmers. All members of the Sharks YMCA Nationals Fundraising Team will be expected to help with set-up, admissions, marshalling, concessions, or cleanup. Proceeds from this event will be earmarked for YMCA Short Course Nationals.

Due to the increased size of our Long Course National team and our new USA Swimming National qualifiers, we are initiating a new project in spring 2010, an auction. Our current plan is to hold a silent auction at the spring banquet with all proceeds offsetting the cost of all Long Course National meets.

Perhaps our most fun event of the season will be the carwash. The carwash will be held at the YMCA in the spring. Proceeds from the carwash will help defray the cost of YMCA Long Course Nationals for attending swimmers and a portion of the funds will go directly back to our Y to help upgrade and maintain our facility. Last season, we were able to help the Y purchase new lanelines for the Boye pool.

The Sharks YMCA Nationals Fundraising Team provides a great opportunity to spend some time with your friends and teammates while doing something positive for the community and our team. If you would like to join, please return the attached form with your \$5 check payable to the Wyckoff YMCA by Monday, October 12, 2009.

Coach Kathy

I would like to join the Sharks Y Nationals Fundraising Team. I understand that in order to share in the funds raised, I must: qualify for a national meet, pay a membership fee of \$5.00 and participate in **all** fundraisers.

Swimmer's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Swimmer's Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Please return this form with your \$5 check payable to the Wyckoff Family YMCA to Coach Kathy's folder in the swim team file cabinet by October 12, 2009.