

Proposal 2015-3

Proposal for Special Needs Swim team for the city of Huntsville

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Sponsored/Hosted by Greenwyche Swim Team

Greenwyche Club would be willing to sponsor a Special Needs Swim Team to foster support for these children. These children want to be recognized as part of a team, and need the physical and social interaction that being on a swim team would provide. The proposal would involve having a swim practice 2 hours a week (thinking 4-5 Monday or Tuesday and Thursday during normal stroke clinic times. Participants would pay a fee of \$40.00 for first child, \$30 for subsequent siblings needing special needs swim team time.

During our home meets (and hopefully eventually away meets) these special needs swimmers would swim a 25 yard exhibition free style for the first event of the meet. It wouldn't have to be on the heat sheet. We would provide the super swimmer ribbons for these swimmers. It would add approximately 7-10 minutes to the total time of the meet. We think there are about 10 swimmers total that would be interested this first year.

These swimmers/families would not have to be members of Greenwyche Club as they are only using the facilities 2 hours a week during normal swim team times. We would provide the facilities and 1-2 coaches for the practices.

In addition to being good for the community, this is a great opportunity for our children to interact with special needs children who are at different levels in their development, foster a sense of community, increase awareness of the needs of these children and families, and take away some of the stereotypes and misconceptions about special needs children.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal
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