



# Hammer Head Swim Club December 2013

## HHSC NEWS BITES

### NI LSC TOP 10 SWIMMERS

The league posts the Top 10 swimmers by age bracket and event every month on their homepage at [niagaraswim.org](http://niagaraswim.org). As of November 30th HHSC has **three** swimmers on that list:

Women 11-12

**Grace Mroczka**– 200 Back

Women 13-14

**Riley Drummond**– 100 Back, 200 Back, 200 Breast,

Men 13-14

**Matt Zevenbergen**– 1650 Free

### CONGRATULATIONS SWIMMERS!

### SWIM CAPS & CLOTHING ITEMS

Our new swim caps make a great stocking stuffer item. They are \$10 each. If you would like to purchase one, please email Erin at [Mroczka@fredonia.edu](mailto:Mroczka@fredonia.edu).

For those that ordered HHSC clothing items for gifts, everything should arrive by Friday, December 20th. We will send out a email about pick-ups.

### HHSC Website

Our team website is up and being updated often with meet directions. It also has important information about Learn to Swim and our season calendar. Check it out at: [www.hammerheadswimclub.org](http://www.hammerheadswimclub.org)

## DECEMBER NEWS

### Calendar Updates

December 5

Sign-up for 12/14 Olean Meet due on deck.

December 6th

Practice at Dunkirk High School on Marauder Drive.

December 7th

Meet at East Aurora (1005 Center Rd. East Aurora) 11:15 warm up with 12pm start.

December 9th

Meet registration for 12/27-12/28 Holiday Swim for Time meet in Towanda due. Forms available at the HHSC website

December 14th

Olean Meet (401 Wayne Street, Olean) 9am warm-up with 10am start.

December 23rd

Registration for the Regional Qualifier at Eden due. Practice at Dunkirk High School from 10:30am to 12:30 pm

December 24th-25th

**There will be NO swim practice 12/24-12/25.**

December 26th -27th

Practice DHS from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

December 27th-28th

Holiday Swim for Time meet hosted by Titans at the Tonawanda Aquatic and Fitness Center (1 Pool Plaza). Warm ups begin at 5:30pm with a 6:15pm meet start on Friday and 11am warm-up and 11:45am start on Saturday.

December 30th

Practice at DHS from 10:30am to 12:30pm

December 31st-January 1st

**There will be NO swim practice 12/31-1/1.** First practice of 2014 will be on 1/2 at the Fredonia State Pool.





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## REGIONAL QUALIFIER MEET UPDATE

HHSC and the Eden Dolphins are hosting the Regional Qualifier meet on January 11th and 12th at Eden High School. This is a two day meet with four sessions (1 morning and 1 afternoon each day) and we need **everyone's** help to make it a success! We could make up to \$5000 for our team during this weekend!

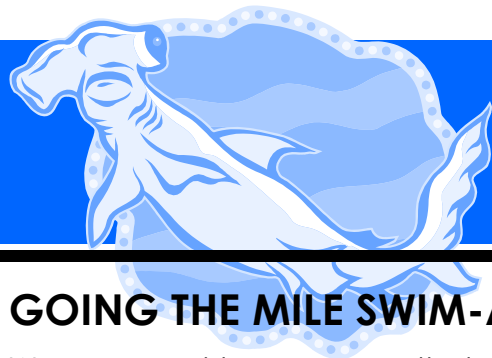
### Here's what all families need to know right now:

- **Each family will be assigned a job on one day, even if your child does not participate in the meet itself.** Those families with more than one child in the club maybe asked for some additional help. **Please note each family agreed to volunteer at this event up registering their child for our swim club. We do not offer an option to opt out of volunteering.** Your assistance is far more valuable to us then your money, so please address any concerns you may have with Erin Mroczka or Gina Drummond as soon as possible or refer to the HHSC handbook for additional details.
- **All swimmers are eligible to compete in this meet** and encouraged to do so, even if its their first and only meet for the season.
- **Job assignments will be sent to everyone via email by Jan. 1st.** (Below is a brief description of each job.) Don't worry none of the jobs are difficult or require special training!
- **A parent's meeting to discuss all the meet details will take place on Jan. 6th and 7th at 6:15pm.** (You can just pick one to come to.)
- **We need families to make themed baskets to be raffled off at the event.** Please bring any completed baskets, items for baskets, or money donations to make baskets to the parent's meeting! Each team has to make 20 baskets worth at least \$25 each. So get creative! All types of items are welcome: gift cards, service certificates, pet themed items, cooking items, jewelry, specialty food items, toys, crafts, sport memorabilia, event tickets, lottery tickets, etc...
- **If you have any questions, concerns, or conflicts please contact Erin Mroczka ASAP at [Mroczka@fredonia.edu](mailto:Mroczka@fredonia.edu)**

### Meet Job Descriptions (indicated number of volunteers needed per session)

- **Clerk of Course** (3)-lines up all the swimmers, escorts tem to the pool, make sure they get in the correct lane.
- **Marshals** (2) - secures entries ways and locker rooms, safety monitor
- **Hospitality** (1) - organizes food and drinks for coaches and officials
- **Runners**(1) -collect completed timing sheets and post event results
- **Programs** (2)-sell programs at the door
- **Consignment Box** (1) - Sell suits, goggles, caps, etc...
- **Timers** (4-6) -work on deck and record the race with stop watches
- **Swimmer Supervisor** (2)- Makes sure swimmers are lining up for events
- **Awards** (1)- organize ribbons for the event winners
- **Baskets** (2) -sells raffle tickets to the basket auction
- **50/50** (1)- sell raffle tickets

**We cannot stress enough how much we appreciate your help at this event!**



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## GOING THE MILE SWIM-A-THON

We are proud to announce that on Friday, December 15th the Hammerhead Swim Club hosted our second annual, "Going the Mile" fundraiser in support of the Upstate New York Arthritis Foundation at the Dunkirk High School pool. The event was to show support for fellow teammate, Sean Brown, who lives with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis.

In total, 31 swimmers participated including HHSC team members (ages 7 and up), coaches, and parents swimming 32 miles which translates into 52,800 yards! Three young ladies, Brooke D'Agostino, Jane Fortna, and Julia Fortna went above and beyond the rest of the team swimming 2 miles each for a total of 9,900 yards just by themselves! **As a team we raise a total of \$1488 for arthritis research.**

We'd like to especially thank all those families and board members that volunteered at the event that day or brought a treat to share, your time and help were greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the swimmers on an awesome job and we can't wait to do it again next year! Participating swimmers were: Sean Brown, Jake Burrows, Max Corrente, Katie Cymerman, Brooke D'Agostino, Timmy Davis, Riley Drummond, Julia Fortna, Jane Fortna, Sarah Fountain, Finn Frerichs, Greta Frerichs, Lillie Gould, Jake Maslak, Ronan Murphy, Sam Murphy, Sue Murphy, Alex Pattison, Mikayla Reynolds, Caleb Reynolds, Josh Reynolds, Taryn Sillanpaa, Lauren Skellie, Morghon Thompson, Mike Thompson, Bruce Thompson, Emma Thompson, Sophie Thompson, Gracie Wdowiasz, and Matt Zevenbergen.

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