



MDI YMCA Aquathon 2013 Fact Sheet

1. The MDI YMCA Aquathon is the major fundraiser used to help support the Sharks Swim Team. The registration fees pay less than half of the cost of operating the program. All money raised by the Aquathon goes directly to support the swim team. This money helps keep the programs fees low despite the large cost of operating the most successful team on the island. This year our goal will be to raise **\$27,500** to help support the cost of the program. Last year we raised over **\$25,000** and we are hoping to top that figure this year.
2. Every child on the Sharks must participate in the event and try to raise at least \$125 in pledges. ALL swimmers SHOULD SWIM the Aquathon even if their parents are writing a check for a contribution. It's a team effort!
3. How it works: a pledge of 10 cents per length to a swimmer completing 75 lengths would be \$7.50. People can also donate a fixed amount, unrelated to laps swam.
4. In an effort this year to have record of each donation, we are asking that all pledge sheets are returned to the YMCA Front Desk. Pledge sheets should contain donor's names, mailing address, phone number, amounts pledged, and write either check or cash for all that the pledges that have been collected.
5. The Aquathon will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd. Participants should sign-up for a time and lane on the poster at the pool. Please sign-up for a lane with swimmers of about the same age and ability. Community members, former Shark swimmers, parents, and anyone else who may desire are also invited to participate. Swimmers may complete their laps anytime before February 17th if they are not able to make it on Aquathon Sunday.
6. Prizes! Everyone who earns \$125 will get an "I survived Shark infested waters" short sleeve t-shirt. The following applies to those who raise more:
 - \$200 - embroidered Sharks towel and T-Shirt
 - \$300 - MDI Swimming Sweatshirt/Fleece or \$20 gift certificate*, Sharks Towel and T-Shirt
 - \$450 & over - MDI Sharks Duffel Bag/Backpack or \$30 gift certificate*, plus the MDI Swimming Sweatshirt or gift certificate, Sharks Towel and T-ShirtThe top three fundraisers and top three with the most sponsors will receive plaques at the Sharks Recognition Banquet in April.
7. In an effort to get money by Wednesday, February 27th, we will have a bonus prize raffle to swimmers who have turned in their money by that date. On the following Friday's (Feb. 8, 15 & 22), we will have drawings for \$5 gift certificates.
8. All swimmers have been given reasonable goals for the amount of lengths to swim at the Aquathon.
9. *Gift Certificates could be used to buy swimming products from SwimOutlet.com.