

Dear SQUID Swimmer:



At our November 18th Annual Meeting, the team discussed ways of keeping SQUID Swim Team strong. The new team officers are sending this letter out to let you know how to make a difference.

There are three easy ways to contribute to the team at the end of 2012.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT SQUID

1. Make a year-end donation to SQUID to help us start paying coaches. There is a donation button at the bottom left of the home page of our website. The team has decided to encourage our members to make a year-end tax-free contribution to SQUID. We are a 501(c)3 organization. The team will use the proceeds to build a bank to start paying our coaches again. We hope to raise \$3,000 through this appeal to insure our coaches are paid in 2013.
2. Pay your \$30 annual SQUID membership fee online before 12/31/12. This \$30 helps pay for our non-practice expenses including recruitment expenses and it helps maintain our web presence. Please renew your membership on line or at practice. Please log in to your existing SQUID account otherwise a new account will be created. You need to be a paid member to fully access the website. Please visit www.squidswimteam.org and renew your membership today.
3. Start attending practices regularly and bring/welcome new swimmers! We need more paid swimmers attending our practice, and you are essential to making that happen. Invite new swimmers to practice and be friendly/encouraging to new swimmers. Think of a social event or activity you could host for the team in 2013.

In 2012 Denver Parks and Recreation quadrupled our pool rental fees. In response our coaches and captains worked hard to keep the team going by cutting other expenses as much as possible. Our coaches stepped up and agreed to coach for free to help the team stay financially sound. For this we thank them and we want to be able to pay them again for their hard work. To pay our coaches we need to average 18-19 swimmers/workout. That means at least 3 swimmers per lane at practice. So encourage your friends to try the team as a way of staying healthy and meeting new people.

Over the past 19 years SQUID has played an important role in our community and in the lives of so many swimmers. By providing valuable training for fitness, open water, triathlon and competitive swimmers, and through its many social events that bring friends together, and its general support of and presence in the greater GLBT community, the team has improved the lives of many people.

It's now time for us all, long-time and new members alike, to step up and renew our commitment to the team. WE HOPE YOU WILL COMMIT TO DO 2 OR ALL 3 OF THE ABOVE TO KEEP SQUID STRONG FOR YEARS TO COME. If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to contact any of the team officers.

Thank You,


Co Captain