

Swim parents are beautiful when...

- You work a full day at a swim meet, then want to know where the team party is!
- You cheer for athletes who are not your own children.
- You drive car pools that would make a NYC cab driver dizzy in order to get people to practice or meets on time!
- You ask your swimmer after each race "what did your coach say?"
- You say "what did you learn?" to your ten year old who just got disqualified for an illegal turn.
- You understand that your child might not be picked for a relay team.
- You understand that only the four fastest swimmers can be on the "A" relay team.
- You help new parents "learn the ropes" in a positive way.
- You promote team unity.
- You applaud everyone's efforts and comfort those who need it.
- You realize that coaches are human, just like you, and feel terrible when they make a mistake - just like you.
- You overhear a disgruntled parent and you suggest that they speak to their child's coach not to other parents.
- You realize that one single swim is not all that is important. IT'S THE PROCESS THAT COUNTS.
- You congratulate your child's friend for doing a best time because recognition by another adult, besides a parent, is very important.
- You realize that every swimmer is a winner as long as they do their best.
- You support your child's swimming by helping support the organization that brings your child the opportunity.
- You operate a phone tree that helps tell the team that tomorrow's meet has been moved.
- You emphasize the importance of the "team" and cheering for teammates.
- You help handle paperwork so that the coach can do the coaching.
- You officiate a swim meet, even though you may have to DQ your own child.
- You appreciate your coach by bringing a cup of coffee/doughnuts to the 5:00am workout.