Santa Barbara Swim Club

CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM

Fundraising is a crucial component of the ongoing success of the Santa Barbara Swim Club, a non-profit organization. While your monthly dues cover training and pool fees, running a successful swim club relies also on generous fundraising contributions from our members to support a financial budget that includes coach travel to and from swim meets, pool facility rental for training and competitions, swim scholarships, administrative fees such as insurance, billing and accounting, and many other expenses. Financial support from our members is very necessary and very much appreciated!

What is Club Support?
Club Support is the annual fundraising obligation of each member / family. The annual Club Support obligation for SBSC is $250 per family.

How can I meet my annual Club Support obligation?
There are several ways to meet your annual fundraising obligation, including the following:

a) **SCRIP:**
SCRIP is used by SBSC members as "substitute money" to buy their favorite products and services. Each SCRIP purchase generates a financial credit that goes towards your annual fundraising obligation. The SCRIP coordinator for SBSC is Jennifer Butler, who can answer any questions you may have about the program and provide guidance as necessary. Jennifer can be reached via e-mail at kjbutlerfamily@verizon.net, or by telephone at (805) 689-9542.

b) **Sponsorship of Swim Meet Program Ads:**
Every year SBSC hosts three local swim meets (June, July and October), at which meet programs are sold to participants and their families. These meet programs offer local businesses the opportunity to advertise to the local community. Any sponsorship funds raised by you through the sale or purchase of program ads can be applied directly to your annual fundraising obligation. As the dates of these swim meets approach, communication will be circulated to the membership as a reminder of this opportunity. Stay tuned!

c) **Sponsorship of Awards:**
For our annual Semana Nautica swim meet, special plaques are provided to the top swimmers in each age group. Sponsorship opportunities for these plaques are offered to the membership, and any sponsorship donations made by you will be directly applied to your annual fundraising obligation.

d) **Sponsorship and / or Participation in Special Events:**
At least every two years (every year when the economy cooperates), the club hosts the SBSC Stroke & Splash Golf Tournament and the SBSC Swim-A-Thon. Participation fees for the golf tournament, paid directly by you or by players you introduce to the tournament, will be directly applied to your annual fundraising obligation. Similarly, any monies raised by your swimmer for the annual swim-a-thon will be applied to your annual fundraising obligation.

e) **Direct Donation:**
Some families prefer to simply write a check in the amount of $250 to cover their annual fundraising obligation. If you prefer this option, checks can be made out to SBSC and delivered to the swim office.

How will I know the status of my annual fundraising obligation?
The SBSC Board of Directors communicates regularly with SBSC members regarding their annual fundraising requirements. This communication includes a periodic Club Support statement that reflects where members stand in meeting their annual obligation. This statement is delivered at least quarterly via e-mail. Questions about your Club Support statement can be directed to the swim office at swimoffice@sbswim.net.

Is there anything else I should know about the SBSC Club Support program?
Yes, two more things. First, please note that if your children swim in the *Novice* group only, you do not yet have a Club Support obligation. You will receive your first statement once your swimmer starts in the Age Group program. Second, please note that excess donations in one fiscal year may not be carried forward to a subsequent year or be transferred to any other monies owed to the club (i.e. monthly dues).

If there are any questions about this program please feel free to email our club president at president@sbswim.net.

We value your support and thank you for your involvement in SBSC!

Sincerely,

The SBSC Board of Directors