

# Northern TRIBS swimmers raise \$12,500 during Annual Swim-A-Thon



TRIBS swimmers pose after they swim 5000 yards for time

February 10, 2018 - Northern TRIBS Swimming, Inc. held its Annual Swim-A-Thon at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall pool. Forty-two swimmers participated in this year's event helping to raise \$12,500 for the swim club. Northern TRIBS Swimming, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with membership in Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, including Akwesasne, providing swim lessons and competitive training for amateur athletes with current practice locations in Canton and Massena.

For the Swim-A-Thon, swimmers had to collect sponsors and swim a pre-determined distance for time. 12 and under swimmers swam 100 lengths of a 25 yards pool, followed by 13 and over swimmers who had to complete 200 lengths for time. Between the two distance swims, there was a celebration for those swimmers who had raised the most funds per age group - they got to pie a coach in the face! The club also raised well-over their goal making Head Coach Joshua Jock swim a 50 Butterfly through a gauntlet of swimmers, splashing him.

Coach Jock wrote, "The money raised will support crucial programs for our swim team in the coming season including an Outreach Program designed to help children with demonstrated need or special circumstances participate in our club's programs. In order to participate in our Outreach, applicants must register online via the specific group and submit a copy of Tax Form (1040), proof of free/reduced school lunch, or temporary hardship. In addition to raising funds for our team, 5% of the money we raised will go back to the USA Swimming Foundation. The Foundation works to strengthen the sport of swimming by saving lives and building champions—in the pool and in life. This year we were able to contribute \$625. We would like to thank all the swimmers (and their parents) for their hard work collecting donations, and all the sponsors for their support!"



6 year old Ella Sekelj of Potsdam raised \$1,232 and was the first one to pie Coach Ed Smith in the face.

Maya Thomas of Canton had the fastest 12 and under time, completing the 100 lengths, or 2,500 yards, in 47 minutes and 11 seconds.

Paul Braun of Lisbon was the fastest 13 and over swimmer to complete 200 lengths, or 5,000 yards, in 59 minutes and 51 seconds.

A few 12 and under swimmers swam the longer distance completing their goal.

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