



Statement of Purpose and Philosophy

Maple Hills Swim Team

The community of Maple Hills encompasses approximately 400 families. The center of this community is the Community Park. The center of attraction of this park is the Community Swimming Pool. Supported through the efforts of the community each summer the park and pool are the gathering place for families and friends. One of the most popular gatherings for this community and source of pride is its Summer Youth Swim Team. For two months each summer over 100 boys and girls between the ages of 6 to 17 work hard in order to represent their families and friends in the friendly competition with other pools in the immediate vicinity. Each Tuesday and Thursday will find these potential Olympians engaged in the split second, heart-pounding exertion of competitive swimming. On the pool deck the deafening roar of neighbors, families, and teammates urge, order and plea for faster times and quicker results. The end results are exuberant youth, proud parents, relatives and neighbors.

Members of this community started the Maple Hills Swim Team over 40 years ago. Through the years it has helped develop literally hundreds of community minded citizen with strong character and a sense of worth that places them far ahead of their peers. The one common thread that each can cling to is the effort that they extended as a part of the swim team and community. Development of a sense of accomplishment that can be shared not only with their friends, teammates and coach will always remain with them. The Swim Team has become, and has been for a long time, a large source of community-based spirit. It is the catalyst that makes this community stand together and realize how important it is to share time, thoughts, and efforts with those nearby.

It is the declared goal that the youth of this community will benefit through the building of character, pride, self-confidence, community spirit, a sense of accomplishments, and the feeling of belonging. These goals will be reached through the competitive sport of swimming. Each team member will develop a competitive spirit, make and meet attainable goals, and increase their level of physical conditioning. They will develop the ability to work with other children toward a common goal.

The families of each of the team members will also benefit from the swim team. Through its volunteer program each family member becomes involved in the operating of the team, and its meets. Social and organizational gatherings throughout the year bring families, friends and neighbors together and provide a wholesome atmosphere for our youth, in and out of the pool. These are the threads that build the fabric of the philosophy of the Maple Hills Swim Team.