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Moraga Ranch Swim-A-Thon a Huge Success

Swim-A-Thon coordinators and coaches, from left: Darlene Bennett, Swim-A-Thon Coordinator, Adam Streeter, MRSC Senior Assistant Coach, Dave Brown, MRSC Head Coach, John Schonder, Richmond Sailfish Head Coach, Gabriela Campo, Swim-A-Thon Coordinator Photos provided

More than 145 swimmers ages 5 to 15 participated in this year's Moraga Ranch Swim Club Swim-A-Thon July 20, raising more than $13,000 to benefit the Richmond Sailfish - a non-profit USA swim team that works out at the Richmond Plunge. Moraga Ranch Swim Club Senior Assistant Coach Adam Streeter suggested helping the fellow swim team members in Richmond, who were in need of swim equipment including starting blocks, bumpers, pace clocks and kickboards. The Swim-A-Thon also raised money to support swimmers by offering grants to help offset swim team registration fees and other costs.

"In Moraga, kids have goggles, swim suits, and can afford the cost of swim team," said Swim-A-Thon Coordinator Darlene Bennett. "Adam thought this was a good cause because it's good all around for the kids' self-esteem, personal health, and can even help support the Learn-to-Swim program [in Richmond], offering a way for kids to learn how to swim. He thought it was a fantastic way to get involved and help them."

Participants, including several swimmers from the Richmond Sailfish team, swam laps and collected pledges. Several swimmers also manned lemonade stands at Safeway and Loard's Ice Cream to raise additional money. - J. Wake

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