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## Swim-a-Thon nets over \$40K for firefighters and their families

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Pictured: Calvin Stoddard, Jacqueline Stoddard, Samuel Stoddard, Xavier Portet, Sylvie Portet, Johnny Bobella, Sydney Scott, Nicholas Bea, Kelly Landers, Kyle Peterson, Marcus Escarzegua, Katelyn Lu, Lily Yung, Casey Yung, Johnny Antman, Sam Antman, Logan Letulle and Ellie Letulle Photos provided

swam 150 laps or more (John Williams, Nicholas Bea, Elizabeth Hua, Jewel Mendiola, and Mina Lim).

Participating swimmers included:

Ali Drasin

Alison Stout

Allison Sagara

Ann Elliott

Ariel Drasin

Ben Feldman

Calvin Stoddard

Casey Yung

Coach Kyle

Coach Sean

Derek Bond

Dylan Kan

Elizabeth Hua

Ellie Letulle

Finn Drasin

Finn Taylor

Gena Schwartz

Iam Kim

Over 60 swimmers from Orinda's Meadow Swim and Tennis Club, young and old participated in a Swim-a-Thon fundraiser Friday, Nov. 3 in support of the firefighters and their families that lost their homes in the devastating fires (Go Fund a Hero: Sonoma Firefighters).

With Coach Kyle Peterson leading the charge, the swimmers came out on the rainy day and swam a whopping 4,854 laps, raising more than \$40,000 - all for an amazing cause. Meadow's "hostess with the most-ess," social chair Emily Stoddard kept the swimmers fueled with hot cocoa, cider, popcorn and energy bars. Four members of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District came with their ambulance and fire truck to cheer on the swimmers in the afternoon.

The two youngest swimmers were mini-dolphins: Xavier Portet (age 5) and Sam Stoddard (age 4) swam 8 and 10 laps each. Kellie Williams and Sarah Cunningham tied for the most laps - each swam an amazing 200 laps (Paul Sagara came in close behind at 186); while Coach Kyle swam a total of 150 laps. A dedicated group of 11 & Up swimmers set out to beat Coach Kyle's total and all

Ian Kimball  
Jackie Stoddard  
Jake Bishop  
Jake Williams  
Jewel Mendiola  
Joe Bocabella  
John Williams  
Johnny Bocabella  
Jonny Antman  
Julio Dolorico  
Katelyn Lu  
Kelly Landers  
Kelly Williams  
Kim Morrow  
Lily Yung  
Logan Letulle  
Luke Sagara  
Marcus Escarzega  
Mia Kimball  
Michelle Holcenberg  
Mina Lim  
Montana Topping  
Natalie Mak  
Nicholas Bea  
Nico Burgoyne  
Nicole Portet  
Olivia Metz  
Oskar  
Paul Sagara  
Reid Schwartz  
Ryan Mak  
Sadie Bond  
Sam Antman  
Sam Stoddard  
Sarah Cunningham  
Sarah Pittenger  
Shaila Dhingra

Sheena Dhingra

Sofia Burgoyne

Sulian Holman

Sylvie Portet

Thomas Hua

Vinny Yu

Xavier Portet

Zoe Orr

More photos can be found on the Meadow Facebook page. For more information about the campaign, visit <http://gofundahero.com/campaign/detail/4913>.



Xavier Portet



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