

Swim-a-Thon FAQs and Fundraising Ideas

My swimmer received cash and checks from family members. How does my swimmer get credit for these donations and who do I give them to?

- Log into www.MaineGators.com from a **computer**. It won't work on a phone or tablet.
- Click on the **Swim-a-thon banner** on our homepage.
- Under **Search for Participant**, enter your swimmer's name and click on the magnifying glass icon.
- Click on the green **View Profile** button under your swimmer's name.
- Click on the blue tab that says **+ Offline Donor**.
- Select how you would like the donation to appear (as a donation for your child or family, if you have more than one swimmer)
- Fill in the required fields and press **Donate Now**. The donation has been entered but will not appear in your swimmer's tally until the Booster Club has the cash or check in hand and approves it in the system.*
- **REMINDERS:**
 - **Checks should be made out to Maine Gator Booster Club.**
 - **Our Venmo is @MEGator-Booster.** This needs to be logged as an offline donation in the system, just like cash.

*Two ways to get checks or cash to a Booster Board member:

1. **Send the check** to Maine Gator Booster Club, PO Box 3817, Portland ME 04104 **AND then send a picture** of your check to MaineGatorBoosterClub@gmail.com
2. **Give it to a Maine Gator Booster Board member.** We are trying to have a rep at a few practices a week to collect cash/checks. More info to come on this.

How do I find out who has donated to my swimmer?

- Log into www.MaineGators.com and click on the **Swim-a-thon banner**.
- Under **Search for Participant**, enter your swimmer's name and click on the magnifying glass icon.
- Under the first green Please Donate tab, click on the gray **My Supporters tab**.

How can I customize my swimmer's Swim-a-Thon profile page?

If you'd like, you can add a photo and text to swimmer's profile page. Right now it's blank. To do this:

- Log into www.MaineGators.com from a **computer**. It won't work on a phone or tablet.
- Click on the **Swim-a-thon banner** on our homepage.
- Under **Search for Participant**, enter your swimmer's name and click on the magnifying glass icon.
- Click on the gray **Set-up** tab (third from left). Here you can upload photos and add a personal message to your donors. Be sure to hit **Save**. (*Ignore the field that says Shirt Size, we're not sure why that is there and can't remove it.*)

What should I include on my swimmer's profile page?

Here are a few ideas:

- Talk about the impact the team or sport has had on you over the years.
- Are you new to the team? Talk about what led you to Maine Gators and what do you love about the team and your new teammates?
- Share the goals you have met and your future goals.
- Come up with fun donation levels and name them. If you have a sibling on the team, set a family fundraising goal. This is what one family did:
 - Light A Fire in Our Bellies: \$150
 - Push Us Through the Pain: \$100
 - Major Fan: \$50
 - Sending Your Love: \$25

Swim-a-Thon FAQs and Fundraising Ideas

- You can mention that the Maine Gator Booster Club is a non-profit and all money raised goes to paying for pool time, lifeguards, scholarships and social events. Fundraising also helps keep dues as low as possible so everyone can enjoy the sport.

Questions? Email mainegatorboosterclub@gmail.com