

Dear FCSL Swim Chairs, Coaches and SAA Board of Directors,

Although COVID is at the forefront of everyone's minds lately, cancer has never stopped. Last year there were an estimated 1.8 million new cancers diagnosed in the US and over 600,000 cancer-related deaths. Due to the pandemic, Swim Across America has gone to a nationwide virtual platform called "The Swim Across America Personal Challenge"

We want to thank the following clubs who have already stepped up to challenge themselves by doing events at their pools (following all proper social distancing guidelines and all state and local health protocols); Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich Country Club, Middlesex Club, Milbrook Country Club, Newfield Club, Rocky Point Club, and Stamford Yacht Club.

How can your club or club members get involved?

Option 1: Host an event (socially distanced of course) at your pool during practice or at another time set aside.

Option 2: Let your membership know about the SAA Personal Challenge and encourage them to participate. Your SAA Personal challenge can be to walk, run, golf, kayak, or anything you can come up with, and of course to swim.

The best part? This year with every person that signs up and self donates \$25 to kick off their challenge will receive a limited-edition special edition "The Mission Never Stops" t-shirt!

If you choose option 1, please sign your club up as a new team on the SAA website under the [SAA - Fairfield County Swim](#) by choosing the start a team option and let us know you will be doing the challenge. We will need an estimated number of participants (kids on the team and parents/adults at club participating) to order t-shirts, there is a 10-14 day lag from the time we order so we need some advance estimates to have them the day of your event. SAA will also provide caps and tattoos (which should be applied with appropriate social distancing protocols - apply yourself or by a family member). We will also supply a few limited edition mask/gators for prizes!

If you choose option 2, please have your members join Team FCSL by going to the [SAA - Fairfield County Swim](#) and choosing the join a team option. They can then enjoy the individual challenge all while still being a part of the FCSL/SAA partnership to find a cure for cancer.

This is a fun way to get your team a bonding activity around a great cause. And we all need a little fun and (safe) distraction these days!

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions,

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