

ABOUT US



Our YMCA is committed to offering a quality swim club which emphasizes on teaching the value of competition through teamwork, sportsmanship and doing one's best.

Vision Statement:

The Waldo County YMCA Bluefish's vision is to offer a high-quality; fun and motivating age group and ability level swim team that focuses on the overall swimmer and community development.

The swimmer, coach and parents are all necessary components in carrying out this philosophy. In order to accomplish these goals, we expect the following from our swimmers:

- Attend training sessions on time and with the necessary equipment (goggles, swim suit, cap and towel)
- Keep communication lines open with the coaches; share goals, ideas, concerns & questions
- Establish reasonable and achievable goals and practice to succeed in those goals.
- Practice good sportsmanship by also complimenting your competitors & fellow teammates on a good race.
- Respect the Waldo County YMCA facility and follow our facility rules and guidelines.
- Most important..... **HAVE FUN!**

Team History:

In 1972 a young man named Dan Horton (who is now a member of our YMCA Board of Directors and one of our Swim Officials) had a vision – gather a bunch of kids together and started a swim team. It was a great opportunity to develop their coordination and strength, teach self-discipline, and let the kids enjoy the water. With all of this in mind, the Bay Area Swim Club (BASC) came into being. Many of our Swim parents swam for BASC as well as some of our Coaches and Aquatics Staff. As this swim team grew, the Waldo County community began to see the need for other team sports and a governing body to house them under. The Waldo County YMCA asked the BASC to come under its wing. Putting the two organizations together would create a greater growth opportunity for everyone involved, and in 1998 the BASC joined the YMCA and became the Waldo County YMCA Bluefish Swim Team.

The Team Today:

Today's Bluefish consists of approximately 100 swimmers from all over Waldo County and surrounding communities. Our paid coaching staff includes one head coach that oversees the entirety of the program and two assistant coaches. We are also very lucky to have volunteer coaches that help out with the coaching duties. Swimmers from age of 5 through 18 compete at all levels with the Bluefish. Practices and home meets are held at the Waldo County YMCA. Our swimmers develop self-discipline, self-confidence, and are able to enjoy the experience of swimming with our YMCA team.

Team Structure:

The Bluefish Swim Team is managed by the Waldo County YMCA and its Aquatics Department, and is affiliated with the National YMCA organization. And so, if eligible our Bluefish Swimmers can compete in the National YMCA program ranging from local meets within the State of Maine to the annual meets of New England Regional Championships in Boston, MA and the YMCA National Championships in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Contact Us:

If you would like to email the coaches directly please send messages to: wcbluefish@gmail.com ; Questions for our Aquatics Director: aquatics@waldocountyyymca.org ; If you have questions about the program please call the YMCA Aquatics Director, Erin Mank at 207.338.4598

Mail can be sent to: Waldo County YMCA
157 Lincolnville Avenue
Belfast, Maine 04915