



Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club
 The Aquadrome
 Basingstoke Leisure Centre
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Dear Friend,

BASINGSTOKE BLUEFINS/CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST - CHARITY SWIM – 9 February 2008

You may be aware that The Cystic Fibrosis Trust (CF Trust) is the charity partner of our club. 'CF' affects over 2 million people in the UK, and is the UK's most common life-threatening inherited disease, which affects all vital organs – especially the lungs and pancreas. CF Trust funds research aimed at understanding, treating and curing Cystic Fibrosis. To find out more about CF Trust visit www.cftrust.org.uk. Basingstoke Bluefins is also a charity, and in the last 3 years has seen its reserves significantly reduce and needs to balance its books in order to continue to play its part providing swimming facilities for the local community.

We are pleased to announce the Bluefins/CF Trust charity swim for lessons swimmers on Saturday 9th February 2008. The proceeds from this will be split 50/50. This year we raised over £8,000 and for 2008 and we hope to raise £15,000 including reclaiming as much tax as possible from the Inland Revenue, via all sponsors agreeing to 'Gift Aid'. That means we need to reach £80 per person if we have 200 participants!! You can do it if you just Move it!!

Lessons children can come along to Cranbourne School between 12.30 and 3.30 pm. Swimmers can elect to swim any distance between 5 metres and 1500 metres within their allocated time slot. **Children will be given an ASA badge and certificate for the distance they swim.** (On Monday 28th January from 5.15, our squad members will be doing a similar timed swim at the Aquadrome).

We will also need the help of some parents on the day to count laps. You should be able to track the progress of the charity swim on the Bluefins website.

At this stage, all we need you to do is to SAY YES to helping two charities. It will cost you nothing and you will enjoy yourselves helping both organisations. The serious fund-raising comes in a month, when you will be sent sponsorship forms. At that point, you can enlist the help of your parents. You can ask your friends and relatives. You might also get your parents to do the same at their workplace. **There will be a prize for the most funds raised by each boy and each girl!!** If you have any questions, please ask Sue. Alternatively e-mail the club.

Looking forward to your help.

Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club Committee

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Just fill in the form, tear it off, and hand it (or post it) to Sue. You can even e-mail it to sue.lambert@swimbluefins.org - by 15th January, please



**BASINGSTOKE BLUEFINS/CF TRUST CHARITY SWIM
 9th February 2008 - AT CRANBOURNE SCHOOL, BASINGSTOKE
 January 08**

Please return this form by 15th

NAME OF SWIMMER(S) (Please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

I wish to take part in the sponsored swim on 9th February 2008, and raise money for CF Trust/Bluefins. Please register me for the event, and send me an information pack/sponsorship forms. If I am under 16, an adult will sign on my behalf.

Signature _____

Date _____