

A New Paradigm for Volunteerism

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Adult swim lessons are much more than just teaching swimming!



A Brief History



Free Kids Community Lessons

Swim America



The Simon's Rock PaceMakers

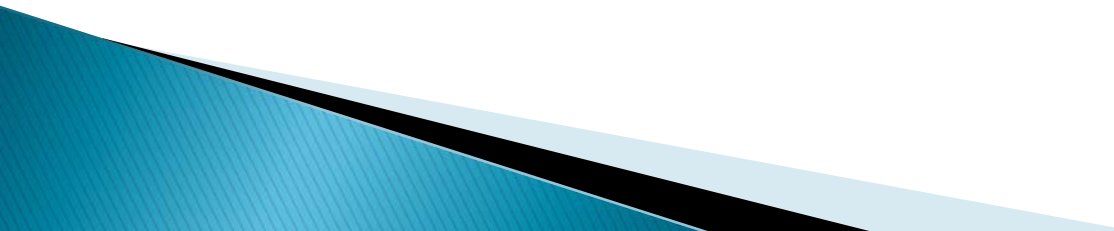


Happy Masters, Very Happy Participants



SUCCESS BREEDS IDEAS!

The New England – LMSC Project



Teach The World To Swim!

I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SWIM

I'd like to teach the world to swim,
Like fish below the sea,
Jump through the waves
And down the lanes,
With fly, back, breast and free.

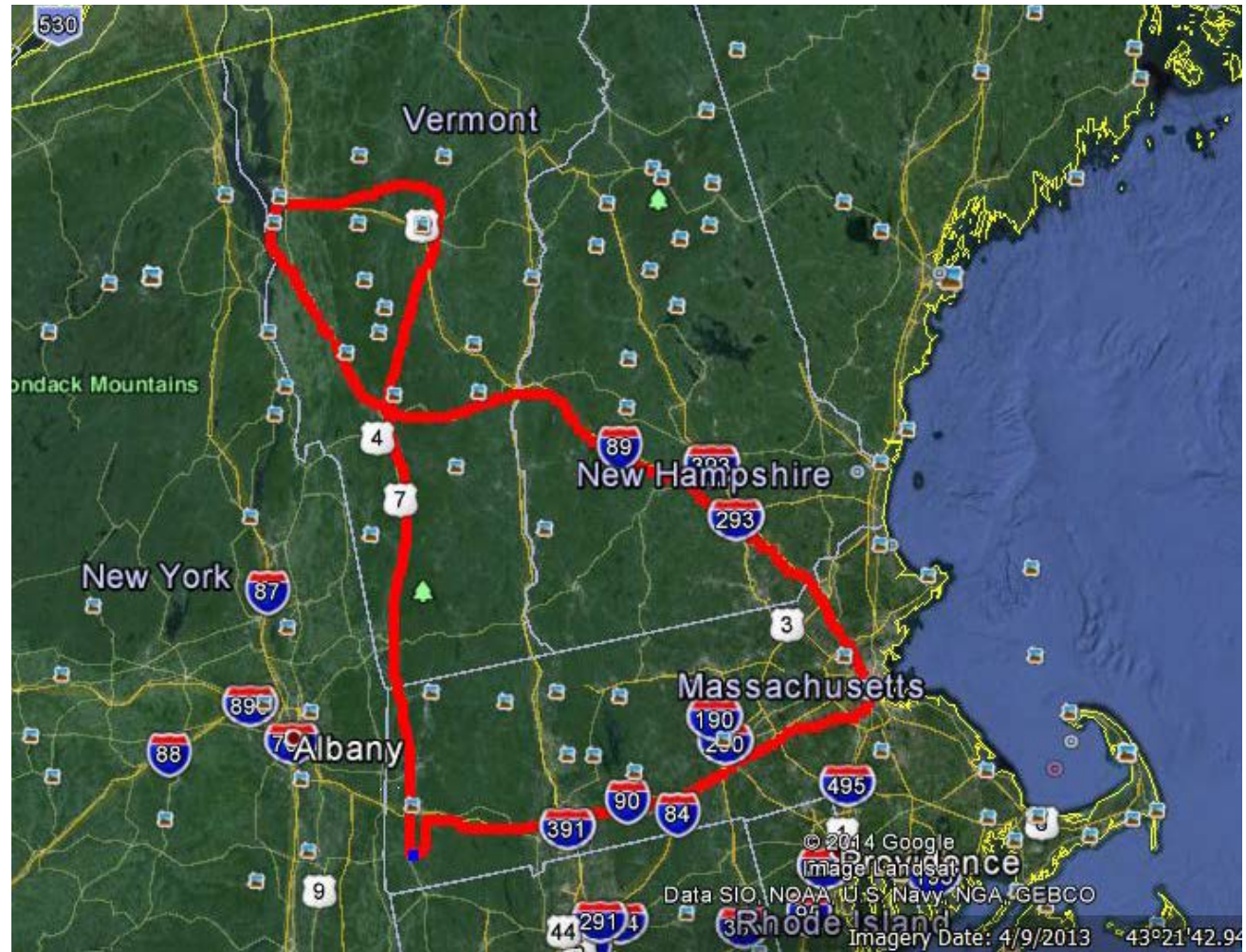
I'd like to teach the world to float,
With fearless bravery,
Stroke endlessly
In the pool and sea,
With inner tranquility.

It's the skill we need.
The world swims today.
It's our common goal.

The Proclamations



A Week of Trainings



8 New England Teams

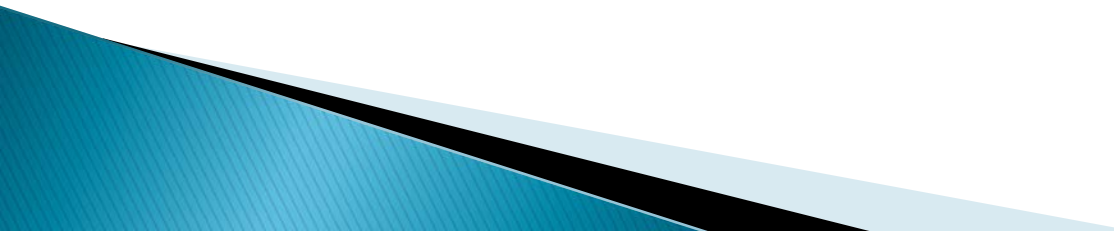
- ▶ The Simon's Rock PaceMakers – 12
- ▶ The Pittsfield YMCA Polar Bears – 13
 - ▶ The Swim Hole, Stowe, VT – 4
 - ▶ Johnson State College WG – 5
 - ▶ Worcester Area Masters – 11
 - ▶ Martha's Vineyard Masters – 6
 - ▶ Cambridge Masters – 53
 - ▶ The Edge Fitness Center – 12

116 NE Masters Volunteers

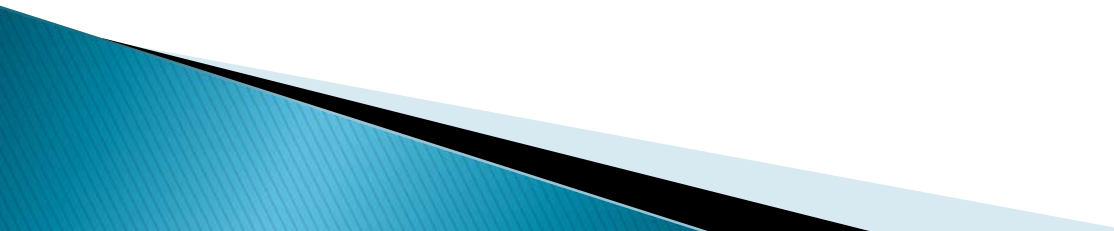
Why Should Your Team Do This?



Benefits – Masters Volunteers

- ▶ To teach is to learn
 - ▶ A shared mission creates lasting friendships
 - ▶ Community leadership
 - ▶ Learned empathy
 - ▶ Volunteering is the greatest gift we can give
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Benefits – Masters Teams and W.G.

- ▶ Team building
 - ▶ The team becomes a community resource
 - ▶ Camaraderie is the glue that holds a team together
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Benefits – US Masters Swimming

- ▶ Giving back generates giving
 - ▶ The focus broadens

“I thought it was too late for me to learn to swim.”

Bonita, age 75