

# **Louisa Gators Swim Team**

## **Financial Assistance Program - 2012**

### **Application Information**

#### **Administration of the Financial Assistance Program**

The Louisa Gators Swim Team Scholarship Program is administered by the Financial Assistance Committee of the Parents of Gators Association (POGA). The Committee is comprised of four members from the POGA Board of Directors. The Committee will review each application and contact parent/guardian for follow-up prior to awarding assistance. All requests for assistance will remain confidential.

#### **The Application Process**

This year up to \$50 financial assistance will be available per swimmer. There is a limited amount of assistance available and it will be awarded on a first come basis. All requests for assistance must include the Financial Assistance Application (per family), Louisa Gators Registration Form (per family) and two checks payable to LCPR. The check should be for a registration deposit of \$50 (per swimmer). Once a decision regarding financial assistance has been reached, the check will be deposited with LCPR or the unused check will be returned to you. **Application packages may be submitted at registration or mailed to: POGA, P O Box 1373, Louisa, VA 23093. Application packages must be received by April 27, 2012 - no exceptions.** The Financial Assistance Committee will contact the parent/guardian of each swimmer's application which is received after the deadline, to determine if they still wish to register for the 2012 swim season, even though financial assistance will not be offered.

POGA will not forward any registration fees to Louisa County Parks & Recreation which are sent with the application packages until after all decisions regarding financial assistance have been made. This will allow parent/guardian the opportunity to withdraw the registration form, eliminating the need for a refund from Louisa County Parks & Recreation. **All swim team fees are required to be paid in full by June 1, 2012.**

#### **Requirements**

The Louisa Gators Swim Team is totally self supporting and is responsible for covering all costs of operation. The Team is sponsored by Louisa County Parks and Recreation and we utilize the Louisa County Aquatic Facility. We pay for the coaching staff, lifeguards, financial assistance, equipment and supplies each year. In order to be able do so, the team uses a combination of registration fees and fundraising projects.

The purpose of providing financial assistance is to allow all swimmers the opportunity to participate on the Louisa Gators Swim Team, regardless of their financial situation. The money that is used to provide the financial assistance is raised through our fundraising projects. All families are expected to participate in fundraising projects. However, those families receiving financial assistance are expected to be involved in at least three fundraising events in order to offset the assistance received. **Failure to assist with fundraising or complete payment of registration fees could result in financial assistance being withdrawn during current year and the family may not be considered for financial assistance in future years.**