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Frederick County Advocates for Swim Teams



FCAST student demonstrations force Board of Education to keep swimming pools open for one more year.

Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) swimming pools and HS swimming and diving teams are still in jeopardy! While the 2009-10 season has been salvaged, there have been many cuts made to existing programs. The proposal to eliminate FCPS pools and swim teams will continue to be raised until the major problems are addressed.

Why does Frederick County need an organization like FCAST?

While our efforts have been successful, protesting to keep pools open and making recommendations on how to run the pools is not enough. A county wide advocacy organization connecting and representing the entire swim community is needed. This will allow us to mobilize support to increase usage of and sustain the swimming venues that the County already has. FCAST can encourage FCPS to more effectively run these 3 school pools in the long run. Working together to create a first class aquatic facility in Frederick is the goal. 10 high schools, 3 swim clubs and many other community organizations currently use the pools. Our vision is to promote the sport of swimming locally by advocating for and strengthening local swim teams and leagues.

What can you do to help save swimming in Frederick County?

1. Join our efforts. Email us at info@fcastswim.org and we will add you to our data base.
2. In order to formally organize as a nonprofit, we need funds. Make an individual or group donation to FCAST. Several Frederick Summer Swim League (FSSL) teams are holding fundraising activities with proceeds going to FCAST.
3. Participate in our first major Swim-o-thon to be held in November 2009 as a kickoff of the 2009-10 high school winter swim season.