

Back to School, Back to Pool

Fundraising for Team-Building Experiences and More

Unlike many other swim teams, SHY does not require its families to fundraise specified minimum dollar amounts, just as the team does not require its families to post a work bond. It is the team's philosophy to foster a spirit of volunteerism among its members. That does not mean that the team does not need your support. It does, and fundraising is an important aspect of the STPO's mission.

The money collected from STPO dues does not cover all expenses required to operate throughout the season. These expenses include pool and training equipment, coaches' travel, social events, team t-shirts and meet expenses. The National Team raises its own funds to cover its expenses.

This year, in particular, the STPO plans to work with the coaches to organize team-building experiences for each age group, for each practice group, and the team as a whole. The STPO pledges that the monies raised this year through the following team fundraising initiatives will solely benefit SHY swimmers and enhance their experience on the team.

To that end, the STPO is excited to announce a variety of opportunities to support the team, including a new Wrapping Paper and Gift Sale by Charleston Wrap in October, our annual "My oh My SHY's Got Pie!" Holiday Pie Sale in November, and Holiday Gift Card Sale through Shop with Scrip! in December. All families are encouraged to participate in the team's fundraisers.

Charleston Wrap Sale Kicks-Off

The team will kick-off its fundraising for the 2016 season with its new Charleston Wrap wrapping paper and gift sale at the swim team picnic on September 25, 2016 from 12:30 to 3:00. Sale packets with the Merry Gift Wrap Guide featuring over 80 premium all-occasion and holiday designs and Kitchen and Home Guide with exciting home and kitchen products and well-priced personalized gifts. Magazine subscriptions also are available. The STPO receives a percentage profit on all sales. We are striving for a minimum sales goal of \$100 per family. The sale will run until October 14, 2016.

Orders may be placed online at <http://www.charlestonwrap.com>, using identification number 10317. Please note that personalized items must be ordered online. Orders also may be placed using the paper order form in the sales packet. Only one check for the family's total order amount payable to the SHY STPO should be submitted.

Orders submitted using the paper order form or not shipped directly home will be available for pick-up at SHY from 4:30 to 7:00 PM from November 14 to 17 and on November 21 and 22, 2016.

Holiday Pie Sale Returns

Straight from Staten Island's famous Alfonso's Pastry Shop – the “My oh My SHY's Got Pie!” Holiday Pie Sale is back! This year, we will be offering a variety of delicious baked goods, including traditional pies, cakes, and Italian cookie platters to finish off your family's Thanksgiving meal. Samples will be available for tasting!

Volunteers will be at SHY to take orders during home dual meets in November and from 4:30 to 7:00 on:

- November 7 to 10, and

- November 14 to 17.

Cash or check only, please. Checks should be made payable to the SHY STPO.

Orders will be available at SHY for pick-up on November 22 from 4:30 to 7:00.

Pies also will be delivered to Pingry. Please indicate your pick-up preference on the Order Form.

Avoid the Mall, Shop for the Holidays with Scrip!

Imagine having all of your holiday shopping done with no costly trips to the mall or fighting for parking spots! Imagine finding the perfect gift for everyone on your list and that every purchase will benefit the swim team! By participating in SHY's Holiday Gift Card Sale, this could be your holiday season's reality.

How? Simply place an order for gift cards through the SHY Holiday Gift Card Sale, and between 2.5 to 16% of each gift card purchase, vendor dependent, will be returned to the team. You can use the cards like cash on purchases that you were going to make anyway!

To have traditional "plastic" gift cards in time for the holidays, orders may be placed during the Pie Sale from November 7 to 17, and no later than Sunday, December 4. Delivery will be on December 12.

You can also use ScripNow at anytime to benefit the team on purchases you make by registering on your own. To learn more about the program and enroll:

www.shopwithscrip.com. Be sure to use the SHY team code **7FC85D1236L32** when you enroll. Details regarding enrollment are available [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the program or enrollment, please feel free to contact Heidi Hannis at shyscrip@gmail.com.

Frozen Falls Fundraiser Continues

SHY Swim Team is still actively participating in the Frozen Falls Community Give Back Program. Just mention SHY Swim Team at check out and 15% of your check will be donated back to the team. So head over to Frozen Falls in either location – Dewey Meadow or in Branchburg (across from RVCC) -- and support the team while enjoying frozen yogurt.