

Good Morning Mark,

First, I want to first thank you for your dedication and skills with the SAAA Swim Teams. I swam with SAAA in Nogales, Arizona with Sandra for ten years. I believe the program brings communities together and strongly affected my work ethic.

I am writing to you to because I have an opportunity for some of your team members to give back to the community! I am the volunteer coordinator for Iskashitaa Refugee Harvesting Network. We help United Nations Refugees build connections and live sustainably in Tucson. Please visit us at www.iskashitaa.org for more info. As part of our programs, we include swimming lessons at the YMCA for refugees. This helps youth be involved in an extracurricular activity while building their swimming and English skills. I believe SAAA Swim team participants and/or coaches would fit perfectly into our volunteer program. Volunteers would receive 30 hours of community service that looks great on resumes! We may work collaboratively to make this program successful.

Here is the information:

Dates and Times (Saturdays)

- January 7th - February 11th (5 weeks)
- February 17th- March 17th (5 weeks)
- Students (Refugees) will swim in two groups of 20 (11:00am -12:30pm) and (12:00- 1:30pm)
noon to 12:30 will be free play swim for both groups together
- Volunteers
 - We need a minimum of 8 volunteers in the pool at all times. 10-15 would be optimal for the first few weeks.
 - They do not need to be able to swim but Ford Aquatics Swim Team skills are greatly beneficial! They need to be calm, polite, and fluent in English. Volunteers must be 16 and over. Volunteers must have transportation to the site.
 - Volunteers **must** attend training on Saturday the 7th from 9am to 11am.
 - We would like 2 other volunteers at all times to help with managing changing areas and people on deck.
 - We would like 2 volunteers the first two weeks to help teach people to ride the bus
 - We would love to have a translator for each language spoken for at least the first week.
- Refugees
 - Participants must be in 3rd grade or older
- Logistics of Lessons
 - There will be about 6 students in each class
 - The students will have 30 minute lessons
 - Students can wear swimsuits or lightweight clothing
 - Students must bring their own towels

Please let me know if you and your team members would be interested! I can come in and speak to a group at anytime!

Thank you for your attention,

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