



60 Ways to Share SwimToday for 60 Days (in 60 Seconds or Less)



ould you take 60 seconds to help grow the sport of swimming? We thought so.

We created 60 Ways to Share SwimToday for 60 Days (in 60 seconds or less) doing something you are doing anyway – Facebook and Twitter. For the next 60 days we will all coordinate and do it together!

SwimToday is USA Swimming's national & grassroots campaign to capture Olympic year excitement to drive families to get involved in swimming!

With all eyes on swimming for the U.S. Olympic Trials and the Olympic Games, national interest in the sport is at an all-time high so we need your help in spreading the word about the sport we all love.

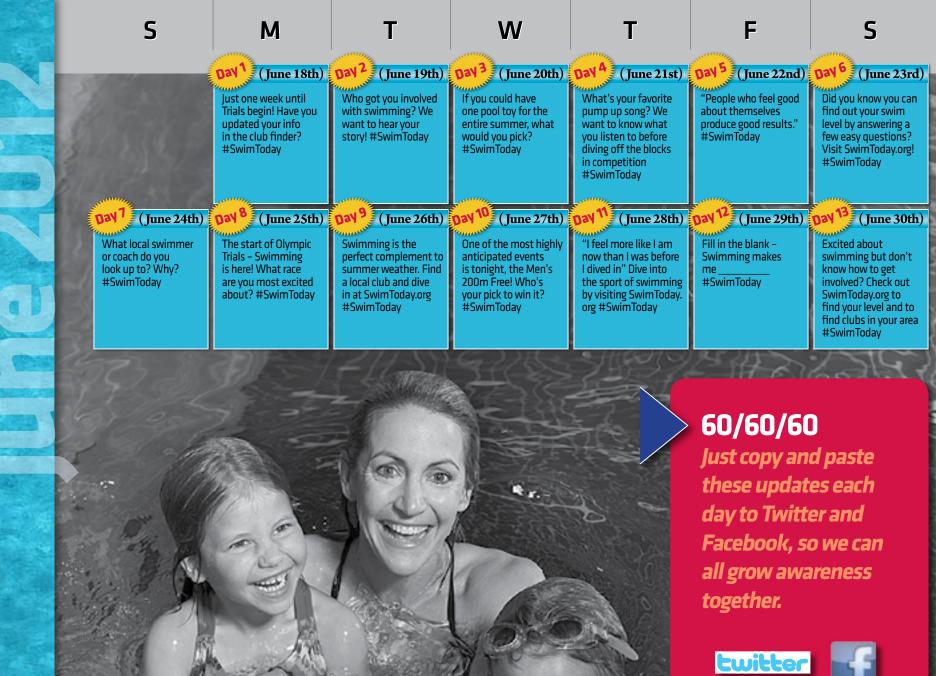
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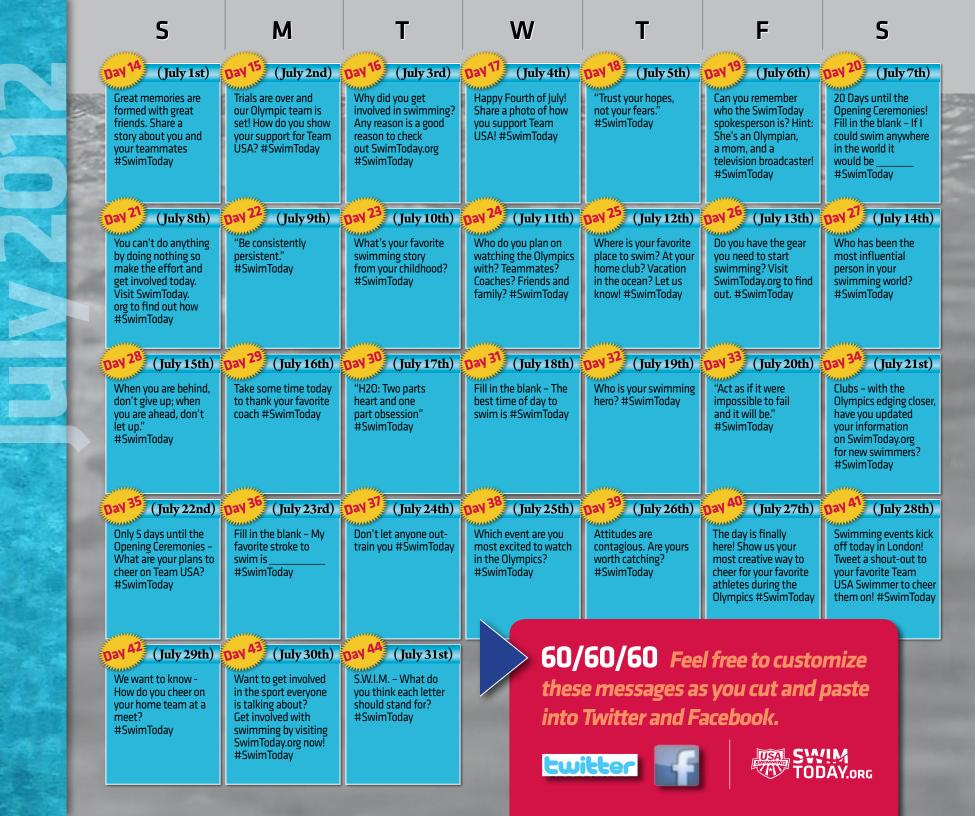


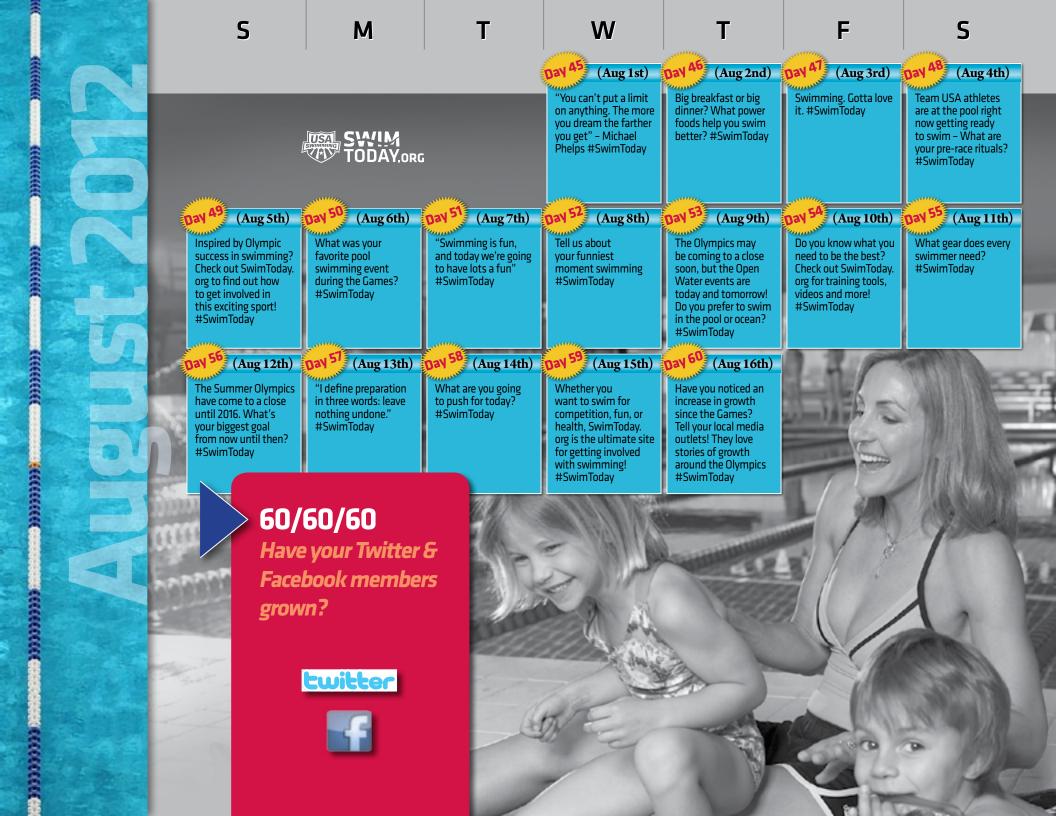












SwimToday Press Release







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USA Swimming, Summer Sanders and Speedo Join Forces to Launch New 2012 SwimToday Campaign

Campaign will use Olympic excitement to drive participation in swimming at levels

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - USA Swimming, Speedo USA and two-time Olympic gold medalist Summer Sanders will join forces this summer to help grow participation in swimming as part of a new, national swimming campaign called SwimToday, now live at www.SwimToday.org.

With all eyes on swimming this summer, national interest in the sport is at an all-time high and recent industry research* also shows that swimming is one of the top three sports that individuals of all ages aspire to participate in. The SwimToday campaign is designed to help drive participation in the sport as the countdown to London continues.

The campaign will provide the tools, resources and information that individuals of all ages need to learn to swim, find a swim program, meet their fitness goals, and be active in the sport.

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"Swimming has done so much for me personally as both an Olympian and now as a mother of two kids who enjoy the sport," said **Sanders**, the most decorated U.S. swimmer at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona where she won two gold, one silver and one bronze medal, and a member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame and Stanford Hall of Fame.

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Via its online platform, SwimToday.org will provide swimmers at any level and at any age with the information they'll need to dive in and meet their individual swimming goals. Overall, SwimToday.org will focus on three major areas:

- **1. "Where do I swim" -** By providing a database of learn-to-swim providers, USA Swimming clubs and facilities for fitness swimming throughout the country
- **2. "What level am I" –** A self-guided tutorial to help determine one's swimming ability
- **3. "What do I need" –** Training tools, fitness videos, and equipment recommendations that swimmers will need or want to best enjoy the sport

As part of its partnership with Speedo, the world's leading swimwear brand and USA Swimming corporate partner since 1985, SwimToday.org will link the aspiring fitness swimmer to the Speedo Pace Club, a multifaceted website and mobile phone application designed to motivate, inspire and engage fitness and competitive swimmers through premium video content, informative editorial, social activation and training programs.

^{*=} According to the 2011 Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association "State of the Industry Report" swimming ranks in the top three of all age categories (6-12, 13-17, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64 and 65+) for sports that people "aspire" to participate in.

SwimToday Spokespeople





Summer Sanders

Olympian **Summer Sanders**, a leading voice in the sport of swimming and a mother of two, will serve as the primary spokesperson for SwimToday and will work with USA Swimming and Speedo to help raise awareness for the benefits of swimming. From learning

discipline and teamwork on a competitive swim team to swimming laps to stay in shape, swimming is a sport that benefits all.

"Swimming has done so much for me personally as both an Olympian and now as a mother of two kids who enjoy the sport," said **Sanders**. "While Americans are inspired by the success of Olympic swimmers, we want to remind them that swimming is a sport for everyone," **Sanders** added. "Together with USA Swimming and Speedo, SwimToday will help make it easy to find everything you need to get started in the water."

Sanders was the most decorated U.S. swimmer at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, earning two gold, one silver and one bronze medal. While attending Stanford University, she captured six NCAA individual titles and four relay championships and helped lead the Cardinal women to a National Championship title in 1992. Sanders earned back-to-back NCAA Swimmer of the Year Awards during her only two years of collegiate competition. She is a member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame and Stanford Hall of Fame. Today, Sanders works as a television broadcaster and is married to Olympic skier Erik Schlopy. The couple has one daughter and one son.







Maritza Correia

As a spokesperson for SwimToday, Maritza Correia will work to encourage kids and adults to learn to swim, regardless of their skin color or socioeconomic background. By attending local, regional and national swim meets, and promoting various grassroots initiatives with an emphasis

on water safety education and life-saving swimming skills, **Maritza Correia** hopes to raise awareness for her sport and to help tackle this country's sobering drowning statistics—particularly those for minority communities.

"It is unacceptable that 10 people in this country drown every day and that 60-70 percent of African-American and Hispanic children don't even know how to swim," says **Maritza Correia**. "But learning to swim isn't just about protecting yourself from drowning. There are countless benefits to the sport, many of which I've experienced in my own life like college scholarships, improved social skills through participating in a team sport, increased physical fitness and well-being, not to mention just plain old fun."

Maritza Correia's introduction to swimming was an untraditional one. Born and raised in Puerto Rico to Guyanese parents, at the age of seven, she was diagnosed with scoliosis and her doctors urged her parents to enroll her in gymnastics or swimming as a form of physical therapy; what started out as a therapeutic remedy for Correia's childhood ailment transitioned itself into a lifelong passion and illustrious career. As an 11-time NCAA Champion and 27-Time NCAA All American, she became the first African-American to break a world record in swimming, the first African-American female to hold American Records (50y freestyle, 100y freestyle), and the first African-American female swimmer to make a U.S. Olympic swim team and bring home a medal (2004 Olympic Silver Medalist for 400m FR in Athens, Greece), among countless other accolades.

Graphics Your Club Can Use (examples)



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