

Shark Bites

The Newsletter of the Fallsmead Swim Team



SHARKS DEDICATE 2006 SWIM SEASON TO ALICIA GUITON

The Fallsmead Swim Team will dedicate the upcoming season to Alicia Guiton, who personified the character of the sharks: determined, passionate, gutsy, and fiercely competitive. If it was Saturday, and swim season, you could count on Alicia and the Guiton family's presence at the pool.

Alicia had a strong passion for swimming and the Sharks. She involved herself in all aspects of the team.

A strong swimmer herself, Alicia started swimming at the age of 5. She continued her swimming throughout her childhood, winning a majority of her races. Alicia was able to prove her abilities because she saved every ribbon from every event she entered. Her memories of her ribbons made the Fallsmead Swim Team ribbon ceremonies very special.

When her children were ready to swim (I think Tessa was 2!!) Alicia became an active volunteer with the Sharks.

Alicia participated in swim meets as a referee, starter, stroke and turn judge, timer, and vocal mom. Not only did Alicia encourage her own children, but she gave advice and support to any child on the team.

As a spirited and fierce competitor, Alicia was determined to participate in every single activity her children participated in, and we know they made her proud. Alicia put up a most courageous fight against breast cancer, which claimed her life last February. One of the few things she couldn't beat.

Alicia's perseverance, determination, courage and spirit set an example for all of us. Starting with the 2006 swim team, the Sharks will award the *Alicia Guiton Award of Perseverance* to the Shark whom the coaches feel worked the hardest to succeed during the season. We should all strive to have a piece of what Alicia had and work together for a spirited, flourishing 2006 swim season.

--Steve Meltzer

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