

## **OUR MISSION**

The Okefenokee Aquatic Club is dedicated to excellence by promoting lasting commitments while also instilling Christian principals through practice by building a strong spirit, mind, and body.

The OAC Gators Short Course season is from September-April; and from May-July the team combines with the Ware County Recreation Department and competes in Long Course Season. Swim Team is open to ages 6-18. Evaluations will be held upon joining to place kids in the appropriate practice group.

## **USA SWIMMING MISSION & VISION**

As the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming in the United States, USA Swimming is a 400,000-member service organization that promotes the culture of swimming by creating opportunities for swimmers and coaches of all backgrounds to participate and advance in the sport through clubs, events and education.

Our membership is comprised of swimmers from the age group level to the Olympic Team, as well as coaches and volunteers. USA Swimming is responsible for selecting and training teams for international competition including the Olympic Games, and strives to serve the sport through its core objectives: Build the base, Promote the sport, Achieve competitive success.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all members.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

To inspire and enable our members to achieve excellence in the sport of swimming and in life.

## **CORE OBJECTIVES**

USA Swimming has adopted three core objectives. These core objectives establish the foundation of the strategic business plan for our sport. USA Swimming encourages all members to participate in the local, regional and national efforts to ensure that these objectives are accomplished.

## **BUILD THE BASE**

We seek to expand our membership in order to share our sport with as many other people as possible. We are especially committed to sharing the values of our sport with young people who may discover that swimming is an activity they can enjoy for their entire life.

## **PROMOTE THE SPORT**

We want swimming to receive as much publicity as possible because we believe that the more people learn about our sport the more inclined they will be to join the ranks of our membership. We are proud of our sport and we seek to celebrate it whenever possible.

## **ACHIEVE COMPETITIVE SUCCESS**

USA Swimming has been ranked as the number one swimming nation in the world for more than 40 years. We seek to continue this tradition of competitive excellence. When our elite athletes are successful in fulfilling their Olympic dreams our society benefits from the inspiration these athletes give us.

Please contact Kevin Sullivan, the Aquatics & Sports Director, at the YMCA of Waycross at (912)548-0616 for more information.