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Osborn Aquatic Center serves many important functions in our community.

Swim Competitions:

local, state, regional

Swim Practices:

Corvallis and Crescent Valley high schools

Corvallis Aquatic Team

Special Olympics

practices

competitions

Water Polo

Swim Lessons

babies

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adult

Aquatic Fitness

Recreation

Special events

birthday parties

school groups

and the list goes on

I was one of the three original "Supervisors" (head lifeguards) at Osborn. For over ten years, I spent my summers teaching lessons or lifeguarding at Osborn.

I became the Corvallis High School Head Swim coach in 1977. I spent my first two years coaching at the local YMCA. Once Osborn opened, the Corvallis High School swim team spent our winters swimming and competing at Osborn Aquatic Center. During the competitive season, there is a high school dual meet every week. We started a very competitive high school invitational, the Rumbaugh Invitational, that includes swimmers from across the state competing in an all-day prelim/final swim meet on a Saturday in January. The majority of the District Championships for our league have been held at Osborn. We have also hosted several Oregon Schools Activity Association State Swimming Championships at Osborn.

The high school season goes from mid November through the 3rd week of February each year. The Corvallis High team, (boys and girls), swims 6 days a week for 2 hours a day. The team has grown over the years to up to 70+ swimmers one year! An average year will have over 50 swimmers on the team.

Our team has sent swimmers to the state championships every year, and has finished in the top 3 several years. They have had multiple individual State Champions over the years.

Another unique part of our team is that ALL swimmers are welcome on the team. Many years, at the start of the season, we have athletes that have not experienced competitive swimming and are entry level swimmers at best. In addition, we have several swimmers with special needs, including physical, learning and medical needs. By the end of the season, everyone is swimming a 2-hour workout. All levels of swimmers are welcome on the Corvallis High swim team!

During the 24-25 swim season, we did find a pool to workout in. We were pleased that Philomath High School was able to find time for us to swim there. Although we were able to provide transportation for our team, it still involved additional time to travel and our 2-hour workouts were from 7-9 pm which was a late night for our student-athletes. The team still had 50+ swimmers, but several who had planned to swim were unable due to the closure. Osborn Aquatic Center is within walking distance from Corvallis High School.

The Corvallis High School swim team is one of the many groups in the area, looking forward to the return of the Osborn Aquatic Center!

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