

The Ohio Splash Swim Team

The Ohio Splash Swim Team is a social swimming organization that offers the members of our community the opportunity to swim together as a group for fitness, fun, and competition.

The Ohio Splash originated as The Columbus Swim Club in 1996 with three participating members. Grant Wilson, Ken Griffiths, and Enrique Rosa first joined forces to participate in the International Gay and Lesbian Championships in Washington, D.C. in August of that year. The three began seriously recruiting for the team in the spring of 1997.

It was immediately evident that there was a great interest in swimming among members of our community, and that the team could provide a valuable outlet for many. In just three months, the team grew to over thirty members. In October, fifteen of those members traveled to San Diego to compete in the International Gay and Lesbian Championships. Eight competitors brought home medals or ribbons.

In January, the Ohio Splash will officially become a member club of the Greater Ohio Swim Team organization. This status will allow us to compete as a group with other gay and lesbian swimmers from Dayton, Cincinnati, and smaller Ohio towns. This strengthens our advantage at the larger, more competitive meets.

The coming year will be fun and exciting for the Ohio Splash as we continue to develop our organization and position ourselves to become one of the top ranked gay and lesbian teams on the international competitive swimming circuit.

Ohio Splash Swim Team Schedule of Events for 1998

February 14-15	Chicago Swim Your Heart Out (Ohio Splash Swimmers will money for Ohio Charities)
February 13-16	Queer Utah Aquatics Club Ski 'n Swim Weekend (some Ohio Splash members are planning to attend this event)
March (weekend to be announced)	Social/Training Weekend- Ann Arbor Queer Aquatics, Chicago Smelts, and Ohio Splash Swim Teams.
May 02	FINS Aquatic Club Swim Meet - Philadelphia
May 15-17	Queen's Birthday Swim Meet III, hosted by Ann Arbor Queer Aquatics
June (date to be announced)	Atlanta Rainbow Trout Swim Meet in the Olympic pool
June 27	Toronto Gay Pride Weekend Swim Meet
August 1-8	Gay Games, Amsterdam
October 10-11	Annual Columbus Day Classic, DC Aquatics Club, Washington, D.C.