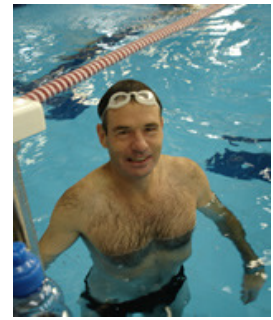


Swimming into the New Year



Pre-reading

Questions:

- What might this story be about? Why do you think that?

Definitions:

- Bulletin – a small magazine style publication published regularly by an organization
- Income – the money that a person or business receives for work that is done
- Register – to enroll in or sign up for a class

Reading

14 “Swim into the new year! It’s refreshing. It’s great exercise. And, it’s just plain
29 fun! Swimming is good for the body and the spirit. It tones muscles and relieves
35 stress. Lessons for all ages begin January 5th at the Thorp Area School Pool.”

43 Sam saw the above notice about swimming lessons in the community education
55 bulletin that was mailed to his home. “Maybe this is the nudge I need to learn to
72 swim,” he thought.

75 Sam had always wanted to learn how to swim. His kids had asked that they all
91 go swimming at the lake last summer. They went, but all Sam could do was watch
107 from shore.

109 Sam decided to go for it! This would be the year he learned to swim! He called
126 the community education office. He said, “Hi, I’d like to find out more about your
141 adult swimming lessons.” The staff person was very friendly and answered all of
154 Sam’s questions.

156 He told Sam about the different dates, times, and classes. He also described the
170 sliding fee scale. The cost of the class is based on a person’s income. Those who
186 earn more money, pay more for the swimming class. Those who earn less money,
200 pay less.

202 Sam registered for a Saturday 8:00 a.m. class. He was both excited and nervous
216 about his upcoming lessons. His children were thrilled! They couldn’t wait to go
229 swimming with him next summer!

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Level 4.0

Understanding

1. How did Sam learn about the swimming classes? _____

2. What is a sliding fee scale? _____

3. Who did Sam call to find out more about the lessons? _____

4. What are some benefits of swimming? _____

5. How do Sam and his kids feel about the swimming lessons? Why? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What new skills have you learned? What motivated you learn the new skills?
