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The Dolphins are Swimming at Charlotte Aquatic Center

The Charlotte Dolphins are in the final phase of their training as they prepare for the Special Olympics Summer Games. This year's event takes place on May 28 through May 30 at Central Michigan University, and is attended by 2,600 athletes and 3,400 volunteers, coaches and support staff. While having athletes compete at the Summer Games is exciting, this is truly a case of success lying in the journey and not the destination.



The Dolphins Swim Team began over seven years ago with four athletes and one coach. Currently, the team has twenty-seven athletes with twelve volunteer coaches. Their goals are to improve skills, increase endurance, encourage and support each other, try their best, and of course, have fun. The Dolphins season begins each year in February and the team practices once a week at the Charlotte Aquatic Center. They then compete in the Area 8 (Eaton and Ingham counties) swim meet at Holt High School at the end of April. After the Holt meet, 17 Dolphins were selected to attend the Special Olympics Summer Games at CMU and will be accompanied by 7 coaches and volunteers. This year, one of the Dolphins will receive a special honor before the Summer Games take place.

Dolphin swimmer, Andrew Blanche, will be lighting the torch which will be carried by law enforcement officers from Lansing to Central Michigan University's Kelly/Shorts Stadium, where it will be used as part of the opening ceremony of the 2015 Summer Games. Dean Transportation will be providing all Eaton area teams with transportation to Lansing to attend the torch lighting ceremony as well. After the ceremonies, the Dolphins and their coaches will complete their season by doing their best and having fun at the Summer Games.