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CLE SPLASH! SWIMMING ATTENDS FIRST TEAM MEET

AVON, OH (October 19, 2013) - CLE (Cleveland - Lorain - Elyria) Splash! Swimming will attend their first swim meet as a team on Sunday, October 19th, at the 2013 Peg Neal Pentathlon at Lakewood High School in Lakewood, Ohio.

Launched in the fall of 2013, CLE Splash! Swimming is the only year-round USA Swim Team based in Lorain County. The team practices at two local facilities — the new Mercy Health and Recreation Center in Amherst and Splash Zone at the Lorain County Metro Parks in Oberlin.

Head Coach and Team Director Rich Szczepinski founded CLE Splash! Swimming to help re-establish and grow the sport of competitive swimming in Lorain County.

Szczepinski has been coaching club and high school swimming since 2002. Most recently, Szczepinski served as the Head Coach of the French Creek YMCA Marlins (a YMCA/USA club team in Avon, Ohio) and is currently the Head Coach at Elyria Catholic High School. Under Szczepinski and his dedicated coaching staff, the Marlins had their most successful seasons in program history, while swimmers at Elyria Catholic achieved 100 percent lifetime bests and broke school and sectional records.

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Szczepinski leads a staff of experienced, dedicated coaches, including Magnificat High School Coach Mark Vandervort, Bay High School Coach Jacob Ranta, Hathaway Brown Aquatic Director Stacey Vayo, Oberlin College Coach Scott Pecze, and two eager young coaches in Ian Ward and Katie Lemoine.

Szczepinski describes CLE Splash! Swimming as “a year-round, competitive, USA swim team offering high quality professional coaching and technique instruction for swimmers of all ages and abilities.” The goal of CLE Splash! Swimming is to provide every swimmer with an opportunity to improve their swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability. “We believe we have the best coaches in the area and no team can match our level of knowledge, experience and dedication.”

CLE Splash! Swimming is “swimming, simplified,” according to Szczepinski. “There are no required memberships, no required meets, no required volunteerism, no institutional or board control, and no ‘red tape’... simply the best, dedicated coaches providing a positive environment for swimmers to reach their goals.”

For more information about CLE Splash! Swimming, visit www.cleswimming.com or contact Head Coach and Team Owner Rich Szczepinski via email at coachrich@slawoffice.com.

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