

Roaring success for Lions

Hay River pride shows at Peace River swim meet

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Hay River's swimmers proved they were kings of the pool on a recent trip to Alberta.

The Hay River Lions swim team travelled to the ninth annual Peace River Steamers Invitational Swim Meet Jan. 15 and 16, finishing in third place overall.

Fifteen athletes, aged 8-16 years, attended the meet: Desiree

Bouchard, Alicia Norris, Lyndon Yee, James Morrison, Malcolm St. John, Ian Morrison, Luke Daigneault, Brandon Norris, Hailey Lyon, Jaeda Larocque, Michael Hordal, Casandra Norris, Jenna Hordal, Michelle Daigneault and Colton Yee.

During the meet there were a number of individual and team accomplishments and many swimmers overcame their nerves to finish with personal best times in their

events. Coach Kelvin Yee said the results were incredible considering this was the first swim meet of the season for most of the Hay River team and the first swim meet ever for a few of them.

One swimmer took an entire minute off her personal best time in the 400 metre free.

The team brought home 21 indi-

They showed incredible skill.

vidual gold medals, 17 silver and eight bronze.

Lyndon Yee, James Morrison and Malcolm St. John swept the overall medals in the 7 and 8-year-old boys category receiving gold, silver and bronze respectively.

Ian Morrison finished in the bronze medal position for 9 and

Jaeda Larocque finished with a gold overall for 11 and 12-year-old girls, Colton Yee finished with a gold overall for 11 and 12-year-old boys and Michelle Daigneault finished with a silver medal overall in the 13 and 14-year-old girls category.

The swimmers not only showed incredible skill in the water but outstanding sportsmanship to their teammates and competing swimmers.