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Forty two kids from across the NWT made a splash in the Don Stewart pool last week at the annual Mackenzie Regional Swim Meet.

The swim meet functions as a friendly competition between communities' swimmers. While swimmers race individually, points are cumulated and tallied for each team to determine the winning community. Prizes are then awarded to the communities as a whole.

Teams from the Dettah Reserve, the Hay River Reserve, Hay River, Jean Marie River, Fort Providence, and Trout Lake participated. Another team from the Yellowknife area was registered, but slept in and missed the bus.

Given that some of these communities lack swimming facilities and rely on natural waterways as their swimming pool, teams were evaluated in their own category of 'waterfront' teams.

The Hay River Hawks are fortunate enough to have the newly upgraded pool as their playground. The Hawks are a part of a summer recreation program, currently hosting kids aged seven to 12. Hawks coach Holly Spares says the eight swimmers have been training for the swim meet for three hours, five days a week for the past six weeks.

"We do one hour of competition, one hour of lifesaving skills, and an hour of water games," says Spares.

She says the swim meet saw each of the swimmers pulling out a personal best time.

Those personal bests scored the Hay River Hawks their first place banner. Each first-place win earned the team seven points; second place earned six; and so on. Hay River took the cake with a whopping 317 points from all its team members.

Next was Fort Providence with 199 points, and then Dettah with 113. In fourth was the Hay River Reserve with 46 points.

As for the waterfront communities, Trout Lake came in first with 52 points, and Jean Marie River came in second with 32 points.

Teams were awarded banners for their wins to hang in their communities.

"It's been great. We're really looking forward to next summer," says Spares.

This is the first year Hay River has hosted the event, but it won't be the last. The swim meet rotates hosts every two years, meaning Hay River will be welcoming the communities back again next summer.

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