

Dear Lake Snakes Family,

With a blink of an eye, our 50th season has come and gone — but the spirit of sportsmanship, community, and building great young people has never been stronger.

This milestone year was nothing short of extraordinary. Our Minnow class was 31 strong, a powerful sign that the future is bright for the Snakes! Our athletes shined at the Grand Canyon State Games, where nearly 40 medals were awarded to our swimmers. Most notably, our 11–12 boys dominated by capturing **all five gold medals** in their events — an incredible achievement that reflects the dedication and hard work put in by both swimmers and coaches alike.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our incredible Lake Snakes families. I extend heartfelt thanks to all the parent volunteers whose time, energy, and encouragement made every meet run smoothly. Your commitment and presence on the deck are what make this team special.

A special shoutout goes to **Christine Baldanza** and the amazing staff at the Lakes Beach and Tennis Club for hosting yet another exceptional end-of-the-year celebration. Your dedication behind the scenes ensures our swimmers have not only a great season, but lasting memories as well.

As we close the book on our 50th summer, I want to offer a **deep and heartfelt thank you to Coach Steve Mancuso**. Steve has been by my side since the very beginning — a steady presence, a dedicated coach, and a true leader. His passion for the sport, unwavering commitment to our swimmers, and his belief in building character both in and out of the water have helped shape what the Lake Snakes are today. Steve, thank you for everything you've given to this team, this community, and me personally over the years. I look forward to all the great things still ahead for you.

Here's to the next 50 years of Lake Snakes pride.

GO SNAKES!

Rocky Arredondo



31 Minnow Cup Awards

7-8yr Olds

Most Improved: Brooklyn Courtney & Royce Kowalski

Outstanding Achievement: Winnie Mancuso & River Wilkinson

Hustler Award: Reese Marlow & Emmett Cureton

Amazing Attitude: Eastyn Courtney & Roland Smith

9-10yr Olds

Most Improved: Nola Hardy & Jack Strayer

Outstanding Achievement: June Bray & Jameson Martin

Hustler Award: Dylan Martin & Bowman Anderson

Amazing Attitude: Sophey Ulm & Vincent Giannetta

11-12yr Olds

Most Improved: Olivia Dumphy & Ian Cardenas

Outstanding Achievement: Natalia Giannetta & Danny Arredondo & Gavin Fry

Hustler Award: Iyla Timmons & Elias Siuts

Amazing Attitude: Clare Armstrong & Tito Basha

13-Over's

Most Improved: Brielle Cooper & Bennett Atwood

Outstanding Achievement: Tegen Arredondo & Alfred Cardenas

Hustler Award: Elise Pabst & Jonah Milanovich

Amazing Attitude: Maia Gonzales & Ryan Lee