

Hello Coach Finkelstein

I hope you all had a great weekend. I have a little favor to ask of you. A lot of you have actually helped me with this before and done an amazing job. I'm just asking for 10 minutes of your time. A little swimmer from Swim Atlanta Swim Team named Marin (12 years old) was diagnosed with a brain tumor on Feb. 23rd, 2005. I was told about this by a National Team teammate, Mary Ellen Blanchard (Warta), who swam at the same team. When Marin was diagnosed, she was an excellent swimmer for her age with dreams of going to the Olympics. After the surgery to remove as much of the tumor as they could, she had a long and hard recovery. All of which she did with an amazing attitude and contagious smile! This girl is tough! As a lot of you know, her family set up a website for her that she read nightly for inspiration and used as a distraction from a lot of the pain she had to deal with. She absolutely loves to play the 6 degrees of separation game and a ton of you sent her messages from all over the world last time letting her know how you got her email, please pass this on to your friends and teammates. It's time to step it up again b/c her tumor has come back and she was rushed back into surgery today (which she came out of a short while ago successfully). She will be treated with chemo and radiation therapy this time, beginning next week. Please take the time to let her know of the support she has from all of us in and put a smile on the young girl's face. Once on her homepage, hit her guest book to leave an entry. Please enter where you're from, what you do and if you competed in sports - list the sport next to your name. Trust me, Marin will amaze you, I promise. As you'll see from the guest book she's already touched the hearts of thousands of people across the world. She never stops smiling.
Her website: www.marinlove.com

Thank you so much,

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