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Every Young Swimmers Dream!

Here's your chance to Make a Difference and give your child an experience that will last a lifetime. Support Parkways Foundation, philanthropic arm of Chicago Park District

Olympian and Three Time Medal Winner, Matt Grevers is an American Hero.

Chicagoland's own Matt Grevers to conduct a One-Hour Private Swim Clinic for 10 children!

Ten lucky Matt Grever fans will have the winning bids and get their own one-hour private swim clinic with the Olympian and his brother, Andrew Grevers (NASA Wildcat Aquatics, HEAD COACH). At 6-foot-8, Lake Forest native Grevers will teach your child the secrets to his Olympic medal-winning free and back stroke as well as the importance of teamwork and family. Matt Grevers, "I know from experience that swim teams are tight-knit families. We're a cast of individual characters that go through a journey together. We're there for each other from the get-go and we've got each other's back no matter what. When one of my teammates win, we all win."

Matt Grevers is more than just an athlete, he became an American hero and role model, praised by President George W. Bush for his patriotism because Matt passed up the opportunity to swim for the Dutch in both the 2004 and 2008 Olympics, saying he "only wanted to swim for the best". This is an absolute ONCE-IN-A-LIFE-TIME opportunity you will not want your swimmer to miss!



Chicago's Very OWN

Breaking his first national record at the age of 10, Matt Grevers has been in the limelight of swimming for some time. In high school he was named the Chicago Sun-Times Athlete of the Year on the way to leading his high school, Lake Forest, to its first ever state title.

In his historic senior year he broke the state record in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke, records that still stand today. He remains the only high school athlete in Illinois to swim the 50-yard sprint in under 20 seconds. Grevers amateur accomplishments solidified him as one of the top swimmers in the world. Named the 2003 Swimming World High School Swimmer of the Year, he ranked top-10 in the junior world rankings in four events. Coveted by every swimming program in the country, Grevers turned down national powers like Texas, Arizona and California to swim for Northwestern

University. Known more for its academics than athletic programs, Grevers was keen on the idea of raising the prestige of the Northwestern program. Also a strong student, Grevers relished the opportunity to receive a first-rate education while staying close to his family, with whom he is very close.

It did not take long for Grevers to cement himself as one of the most illustrious swimmers in NCAA history. As a sophomore he won a national championship in the 100-yard backstroke, the first individual swimming title for the Wildcats since 1958. He would go on to win two more individual titles, while helping lead Northwestern to an NCAA Championship in record time in the 400-medley relay. Grevers graduated from Northwestern in 2007 as a 27-time All American with a degree in communications, a program for which the university is nationally renowned. At the 2007 World University Games, Grevers led a relay gold in record time in the 400-meter freestyle.

In 2005 he competed in five finals at the same event and won individual silver in the 100-meter backstroke and a bronze in the 50-meter backstroke, while reaching the podium on two relays. The end of his amateur career led to new opportunities for Grevers. This past year he swam in the Toyota Grand Prix and earned the prestigious High Point Award for male competitors, taking four gold, two silver and one bronze at the event.

This first annual GALApalooza auction is so big that we've partnered with Make it Better, the North Shore's premier online resource and print magazine.

Bid at

<http://www.makeitbetter.net/auctions/auction/APViewItem.asp?ID=204>

You are bidding on one (1) of ten (10) spots to attend this clinic. This package includes:

1. Admit one (1) child into a swimming clinic to be hosted by Matt Grevers and Andrew Grevers.
2. Two (2) adult chaperones may accompany the child to this experience and watch the lesson.
3. In addition to spending time in the pool with Matt Grevers, this package also includes an amazing photo opportunity with the swimming superstar.
4. Hand signed piece of memorabilia.
5. Swim Clinic to focus on both freestyle and backstroke.
6. Date for clinic is Friday, August 28, 2009.
7. Swim Clinic to be held in Evanston, Illinois at the Northwestern University Aquatic Center.
8. Restrictions: lesson is non-transferable, lesson expires after August 28, 2009, dates for lesson are non-changeable, times for lesson are flexible between 4 - 5 p.m., lesson location is non-changeable, this clinic may not be re-sold.
9. Discount coupon worth 40% off any retail purchases at TYR Sport, Inc. <http://www.tyr.com> for the remainder of the 2009 calendar year. Winners will be provided with coupon codes by TYR Sport.

Retail Value: Priceless

Opening Bid: \$350

Bid Increments: \$100

Donor: Matt and Andrew Grevers, Northwestern University Aquatic Center and TYR Sport
Restrictions: Non-transferable, not to be re-sold, no rescheduling.
Expiration: August 29, 2009

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YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION AND EVERY EVENING THE TOP TEN BIDDERS WILL BE POSTED. IF YOU ARE OUTBID YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE.
BIDS POSTED DIRECTLY TO THIS SITE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

<http://www.mattgrevers.com>

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