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"Swim Team"

"I was mindful that this film has to transcend an audience of families with kids who are on the spectrum. I wanted it to be universally appealing. What these families are struggling with is applicable to all parents in general. Whether their kids have disabilities or not all, parents have to handle unexpected challenges with their children."

Lara Stolman, director, *Swim Team*



This month, we highlight Lara Stolman's documentary *Swim Team*, which follows the Jersey Hammerheads, a New Jersey swim team for teens with autism, as they train for the Special Olympics. Above is a video excerpt from the film produced by The New York Times, where you get a glimpse of how the film captures the dynamics of the team's coach, the athletes, and their families.

Swim Team is currently playing in select theaters this month and through the fall. To find out more about the film and its filmmakers, or to host a screening yourself, visit the film's [website](#).

THREE REASONS TO WATCH

CAMERAWORK

The film features some beautiful underwater photography, putting us up close and personal with the speed and physicality at work in the pool.

RESPECT

When Robbie doesn't want to talk about his condition, his mother respects that. Even though

the camera and filmmaker are there, and there might be the temptation to push into a conversation, Robbie's needs are respected.

CHALLENGES MET

Swim Team chronicles the high expectations of competitive swimming, and how they are met not only by the members of the team, but by the families that support them.

There is so much exciting and well-made media about disability. The challenge is knowing where to find it, and how to use it.

Trusted Source is a monthly media recommendation that you can use in your trainings and classrooms, and that you can share with your networks. We hope you find these pieces as insightful and inspiring as we do.

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