

In Celebration of the National Autism Awareness Month

“Swim Team” Screening Event

(Sponsored by the Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education, and Southcentral Foundation)



Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-8:15 PM

**Tribal Drum · 1st floor of the Nuka Learning and Wellness Center ·
4085 Tudor Centre Drive · Southcentral Foundation · Anchorage**

(Outside parking available by the building)

“The kids of “Swim Team” often find themselves as outcasts in ordinary society. They’re teenagers on the autism spectrum, which can make learning and connecting with others difficult.

But in the pool, they’re majestic. They feel as strong and speedy as dolphins and whales. They feel a sense of purpose as individuals and unity as a team. Most importantly, though, they feel normal.”

Director [Lara Stolman](#) explores this paradox—that these young men must submerge themselves in the water to emerge as the best possible versions of themselves—with her modest documentary feature debut. Stolman is a longtime TV news producer who’s experienced enough to let the film’s drama unfold naturally and in understated ways. “Swim Team” is a sports movie full of familiar highs and lows, great expectations, and come-from-behind victories. But it’s also an intimate drama about families struggling to create happy, successful lives for their children, something any parent can relate to from any walk of life.”

6:00pm: *Viewing of “Swim Team” (100 min.)*

7:40—8:15 pm: *Informal discussion about the film and living with Autism in Alaska.*

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