

October 5, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am petitioning for my son, Joel Markham to swim for Redmond High School for this school year, 2015-2016.

For the last year, my husband and I have been traveling over to Bend to help out our Pastor friend's church, who himself has been diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer. Our hearts were tugging at the need to help and so in January we decided to make the permanent move to Central Oregon. In June, I accepted a position at Redmond High School and so we placed our house on the market in Keizer, Oregon. Our house sold quickly and in July we decided that our son would continue his education in Keizer and would attend McNary High School so that he could attend college in Salem. But only recently did Joel get laid off from his job and had decided to move home to Central Oregon. When we lived in Keizer, Joel attended Salem Academy for three years where he swam for the Crusaders and only last year did his relay team make it to the 3A state finals. If we have your approval, Joel would love the opportunity to swim for Redmond High School and finish his high school career swimming for the Panthers.

I look forward to hearing of your approval to this petition.

Thank you,

Ruth Markham, parent

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Joel Markham, I making this letter to request to swim for Redmond high school for my senior year. 2015-2016

For the past 3 years I have been attending Salem Academy, where I have enjoyed the swim program and make it to state last year in a 400 relay. Recently my parents made the decision to move to the Redmond bend area to help one of my dad's dearest friends with his church. Because of this reason I had the opportunity to stay in Keizer( which is where we used to live) and finish my senior year at McNary I mainly made that decision because if I stayed for one more semester I would have had the chance to attend college for 2 years for free. I was able to stay because I had a job, but recently I was laid off so I decided to move to Redmond with my parents to attend Redmond high school. Which I would love to continue to swim for the school, swimming is a sport that I have a deep passion for. Actually last year my team was able to come to the Redmond area and swim against them and they were extremely friendly to us and I was to show the same amount of respect for other swimmers/athletes that I come in contact with through their swim program.

Your approval of me being able to swim for my senior year would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Joel Markham, student