# **SWIM CARE TIPS**



## RULE #1: ALWAYS!!! Wear a swim cap

Speedo Youth Brands Silicone Caps Swimma Brands (requires swimmers to wear the cap over their ears)

#### HOW TO APPLY:

- 1. Place hair in the middle of the cap on the top of the head when you slide the cap on.
- 2. For Swimma brands, ensure the logo is in front when you put it on.
- 3. Make sure the ears are covered for Swimma brands.
- 4. Cover all the hair around the head.
- 5. Wetting the inside of the cap may help it seal better.

# If the child's hair is submerged in pool/live water:

# **Loose Hairstyles** (Hair that is styled daily)

- ► Shampoo twice with **CLARIFYING** Shampoo.
- Follow with a third shampoo using a MOISTURIZING Shampoo.
- ▶ Use a MOISTURE RICH CONDITIONER and let the hair sit in a cap for 10-15 mins, then rinse.
- ▶ APPLY moisturizing hair cream/lotion and SEAL with a natural oil.
- Style as desired.

### **Protective Hairstyles** (Locs, Cornrows, Individual braids/twists with or without extensions)

- Shampoo twice with **CLARIFYING** Shampoo. Gently agitate the scalp area and slide the soap down the length of the style. **Take extra care in rinsing well.**
- ▶ Use a liquid leave-in conditioner or a heavily diluted leave-in cream conditioner (90% water to 10% cream) and spray on the scalp and length of the hair.
- ▶ Use a natural oil to nourish the scalp.

Please explain to your little swimmers the importance of wearing a swim cap. It prevents the hair from becoming damaged by the chemicals used in the pool and the natural mineral deposits in live bodies of water (rivers, lakes, oceans & seas). Every time your little swimmer submerges their hair when swimming, a wash day routine must occur the same day. Having to shampoo the hair too often may cause dryness and can contribute to hair breakage. Make wearing the cap a fun activity with an educational story about how wearing a swim cap protects your little swimmer's hair. Be willing also to wear a cap (if necessary) so that your child is not the only person swimming with a cap on.

