



**CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR  
2010 PROJECT SUMMARY**

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<b>Project Title</b> <b>Swimming Sensation</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Abstract</b></p> <p><b>Objectives/Goals</b> Our science fair experiment is about swimming. We chose to do a project on how, and if a swimmer's arm span affects their speed in the pool, since we are both swimmers and it is an area of interest for the both of us. We tested the hypothesis: If a swimmer has longer arms, he/she will complete a length in less time than a similarly trained swimmer.</p> <p><b>Methods/Materials</b> Materials # Tape measure # Stopwatch # Paper # Pencil # Competitive swimmers We conducted our experiments on 19 Masters Swimmers, ranging from ages 23-64 years old. We measured their body to arm span ratio and recorded it on a piece of paper. We then had them swim a 25 yard length in the pool and we recorded their times</p> <p><b>Results</b> According to our data, we found that only the swimmers with exact body to arm span ratio of 1:1 that swam proved our hypothesis correct.</p> <p><b>Conclusions/Discussion</b> Based on our results, we cannot conclude that our data proves our hypothesis. This does, however, lead us to believe that further testing with more control factors could result in a relationship between the arm span and speed of the swimmers.</p>	
<b>Summary Statement</b> Our project is about if a swimmer's body to arm span ratio affects their speed in the pool	
<b>Help Received</b> used 19 masters swimmers training under coach Doug Green	