

# A Few Thoughts

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There are many places to go out and get an education out coaching swimming. Websites, colleges, books, and so on. However, a resource that I would like to tap into more is the membership of NISCA itself. When I went to the convention in Minneapolis in March, I had a blast talking with other coaches around the country about what they do with their kids. We have so much good information within NISCA - so let's tap into it.

There are two things that I would like to get started right away with this topic. One is to set up a page on the NISCA website that would have coaching ideas from NISCA members. My plan is to have a highlighted "Tip of the Week" along with an archive of other tips. I believe that the highlighted tip could attract new users to the website since it could be quick and easy thing to find. In addition the ideas that are shared could attract other coaches to NISCA when they ask you, "Where did you get that idea?"

The second thing that I want to get started is really how the tips for the website are obtained. I have asked Ron Raper, our webmaster, to set up a way of getting tips put up for others to see. It should not take long, so look for the highlighted "Tip of the Week" link. The link will ask you to fill in a very short form with your name, school, home state, tip name, and a description of how to do it and what the purpose or goal of the tip is.

Imagine the amount of information and ideas available to you if every NISCA coach submitted just one idea. Our website could be a fantastic source of coaches education.

I would also like to get a couple of education tasks completed over the summer.

- 1) Introduce the NISCA members to the Salem International University Masters in Coaching degree
- 2) Develop a Coaches Education Committee
- 3) Begin a Coaches Education Tip Of The Week on the NISCA Website

There is work to be done on my part, but I would also like to invite you all to get involved as well.