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Racine Family YMCA Swim TEAM
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TEAM SEA's Mission:

To empower the youth of Southeastern Wisconsin in a safe and supportive environment to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

October 17, 2025

Neil's Notes

We have our first meet of the season this weekend! Be advise, with the length of the AM sessions at 2.5-hours, any athletes entered in four events were trimmed to three (if the sessions were longer, we would have swam four events, but with the short timeline, it's best to stick with three events). Visit the meet landing page (emailed with today's newsletter) to view heat sheets. Good luck TEAM SEA!

Please note that Saturday morning's practice is canceled tomorrow, October 17.

Thank you to all the families who have stepped forward to donate during next week's Halloween practice! Everything is covered, but if you can think of something else to bring please don't hesitate to bring it to the event.

Next up please email your intentions to attend Sprint Time Trials on October 30 and our first hosted meet of the year, 16th Annual Pentathlon on Sunday, November 2nd.

Don't forget, our new family meeting is taking place this Monday, October 20 at 6:00 PM in the lobby of RAC. We hope to SEA you there!

Please ensure you have registered online if you are paying your swim tuition in full or are submitting your monthly payments in a timely fashion. Additionally, please be sure to secure your swimmer's YMCA membership.

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order personalized TEAM SEA swim caps or TEAM SEA apparel, head over to our online Elsmore Swim Shop (personalized swim caps) and/or Burghardt Sporting Goods (apparel) place your order by Monday, October 27. The link for our Elsmore Swim Shop and Burghardt Sporting Goods online store is on our website under the MEMBERS dropdown menu at TEAM APPAREL.

Please note, the information in our weekly newsletter changes from week-to-week. Dates and times for upcoming events are fluid and can change. Please ensure you are reading the latest newsletter so you are up-to-date!

I can be reached at 262.994.3157 or south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com. Please contact me when you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Are you social? TEAM SEA is - find us at Instagram (seaswimteam) and Facebook (SEA Swim Team - this page is set to private and you'll need to request to join).

Elegant Farmer Fundraiser

Just in time for Thanksgiving, our annual Elegant Farmer Pie fundraiser is sure to please. We will be selling Elegant Farmer pies, breads, and hams through November 1st. Orders will be delivered to the Racine Aquatic Center on Wednesday, November 12 during practice. Please forward your order form and payment (cash or checks payable to SEA) to any coach on deck or you can email your order to our fundraising chair Shay Borzynski at sborzynski@prairieschool.com and forward payments a coach at practice. Each item sold nets TEAM SEA \$7!

OZ Fall Classic Meet Information

We will be racing at Homestead High School in Mequon (5000 W. Mequon Road) this weekend, Friday-Sunday, October 17-19.

Friday warm-ups begin at 4:30 PM, meet begins at 5:35 PM and is scheduled to end at 8:10 PM.

Saturday and Sunday AM warm-ups for 13&O begin at 7:00 AM, meet begins at 8:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 10:30 AM.

Saturday and Sunday PM warm-ups for 12&U begin at 10:30 AM, meet begins at 11:30 AM and is scheduled to end at 2:39 PM Saturday and 2:22 PM Sunday.

Heat sheets can be viewed at the meet landing page which was shared via an email sent earlier today and via our Facebook page yesterday.

Drive safe, have fun, swim fast!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Oct 17-19	OZ Fall Classic	closed
Oct 30	Sprint Time Trials	10/28
Nov 2	SEA Pentathlon	10/19
Nov 13	MD Time Trials	11/12
Nov 14	Conference Meet	tba
Nov 16	YMCA Invite	tba
Nov 21-23	Mid-Season Showdown	10/10
Dec 5	Conference Meet	tba
Dec 6-7	YMCA Finalist	tba
Dec 12-14	RA Distance Classic	11/30
Dec 13-14	Single Age State	tba
Dec 18	Distance Time Trials	12/17
Jan 10-11	SEA Penguin Challenge	12/28
Jan 18	Conference Meet	tba
Jan 23-25	Chase Strong Invite	12/20
Jan 25	J-HK 8&U All Star	tba
Feb 8	Conference Champs	tba
Feb 20-22	Regionals	tba
Feb 27-1	Senior State	tba
Feb 28-1	10&U State	tba
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	tba
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	tba
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	tba
Mar 30-3	YMCA Nationals	tba
May 2-3	SEA Early Bird	4/19
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	tba
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	tba

Canceled Practice Dates

We have a few dates scattered throughout the season where we lose pool time at RAC (usually for high school dual meets, college meets, and holidays) and cannot secure pool time at any of our back-up pools. We are unable to conduct practice on the following dates:

October 21, 31
November 26
December 24, 25, 31
January 1

Please watch this area of the newsletter for additional dates that may be added in the future.

December 16 Practice at Carthage College

We will practice at Carthage College on Tuesday, December 16. All practices will begin at 5:00 PM. Bronze and Silver practice ends at 6:00 PM, Gold at 6:30 PM, and Senior at 7:00 PM. Hope to SEA you there!

Glowstick Halloween Party

Our annual Glowstick Halloween Party is scheduled for Friday, October 24. This fun event will take place at the Racine Aquatic Center. The fun begins at 5:30 PM for all TEAM SEA swimmers (all practices this evening are canceled).

We will conduct a team wide practice and then slide into some games and relays.

Chick-fil-a sandwiches will be provided for all swimmers and families. A list of other items for families to donate can be found below. Please contact Coach Neil if you are willing to help make this event a success by supplying a donation.

Veggie try (need two) – Thompkins

Fruit platter (need two) – Walker x2

Brownies (need three) – Jansen x2, VanDyke

Single serving juice boxes/bags (need a handful of these) – Kuhl, Steenrod, Ehmcke

Case of water (need three) – Duncan, Westfall, Thompkins

Box of single serving chips (need three) – Genduso, Schrik

Paper plates & napkins (need 100 of each) – Horton (paper plates), Walker (napkins)

If there is something else parents think would be cool to bring, please reach out to Coach Neil and let him know.

Looking forward to a great night of fun!

New Family Meeting Scheduled

To assist our new families in understanding the ins-and-outs of TEAM SEA, we have scheduled a new family meeting on Monday, October 20 at 6:00 PM in the lobby of the Racine Aquatic Center. We hope you can attend, but if you are unable – and have questions, concerns, or comments – please reach out to Coach Neil and he will be happy to assist you.

Please understand, there is a huge learning curve when joining a competitive swim team. You will not know everything right away, but that's okay! Speak with any coach and they will attest, after the first year, everything becomes a lot clearer!

New Time Trial Meets This Season

In an effort to give our athletes an opportunity to race during the week, we will conduct three time trial meets this season. These meets will give veteran swimmers a chance to “see where they are” with their training and will give our developing swimmers an opportunity to experience a meet-type situation and collect some seed times for any meets they end up attending during the season.

These time trials will be offered in lieu of practice. To sign-up, simply email Coach Neil.

The dates for our time trial meets are: October 30 (Sprint Time Trials), November 13

(Middle Distance Time Trials), and December 18 (Distance Time Trials).

Take advantage of this opportunity!

YMCA National Required Meets

Athletes qualified for, working towards, or may be attending as a relay swimmer will need to ensure they attend the following meets in order to race at YMCA Nationals which will take place in Greensboro, NC, March 30-April 3, 2026.

- 1) November 16, YMCA Invite
- 2) December 6-7 Y-Finalist (high school boys will need permission from their high school coach and athletic director)
- 3) March 15-16, YMCA Sectionals
- 4) March 21-23, YMCA State

Chase Strong Invite Senior Trip

We have been attending the Chase Strong Invite for the past three years. It's a great meet at a newer facility on the campus of Center Grove High School (a suburb of Indianapolis) and the competition is such that most of our Senior swimmers who have attending were able to score second swims.

We are attending the meet again this year (weekend of January 23-25, 2026) and all swimmers are welcome to attend.

New year this, our Senior level athletes can attend the meet as a travel meet and travel to and from the meet with Coach Neil (additional coaches will attend depending on the number of swimmers planning on attending).

The cost is yet to be worked out, but as of today includes \$60 entry fee (we will need to figure our lodging and transportation and this depends a lot on the number of swimmers interested in attending).

Watch this section for more information! To add your name to the list, please contact Coach Neil by October 31st! This is a new idea for TEAM SEA, but can be viewed similar to our bi-annual training trip (without all the training and the beautiful emerald coast beaches).

Planning on attending include Aubree VanDyke.

RaiseRight Fundraising Information

SEA offers RaiseRight (formally SCRIP) sales as a fundraising option for our families. This has proven to be an easy way for many families to meet their fundraising requirement! RaiseRight offers gift cards for many favorite merchants and restaurants, including Kohl's, Walmart, Pick 'n Save, Target, Kwik Trip,

Starbucks, Amazon, iTunes, and many more. They make great gifts and are easy for families to use for personal use while fundraising. Take a look at the list, watch for specials, and see how easy it is to raise funds while you shop. Read the "how to" pages linked on our RaiseRight webpage (www.sea-y.org/scrip) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopwithscrip.com by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com for the code) and registering for PrestoPay at least two days before placing your first order. DO NOT place your first order until the PrestoPay registration process is complete. PrestoPay is safe, simple and the only payment method accepted by SEA.

RaiseRight delivery is in the pool balcony/bleachers, but individual arrangements can also be made. You may also take advantage of re-load and ScripNow options in between deliveries. Thank you for shopping!

Order Dates

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
October 12	October 16-17
November 9	November 13-14
December 14	December 18-19
January 11	January 15-16
February 8	February 12-13
March 8	March 12-13

If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157 or at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.

October Birthdays

Aubrey Becker Eden Cayemberg, Silas Coughlin, Saria Foster, Miles Hoffman, Kylie Greiner, Adeline Hell, Morgan Pankow, Nate Steenrod, Kennedy Thomson, Molly Warren, Bria Widmar, Valeria Zavala Lopez.

Extended Calendar

October

- 17-19 OZ Fall Classic
- 20 New Family Meeting
- 21 No practice, no pools available
- 24 Annual Halloween Party
- 30 Sprint Time Trials
- 31 No practice, Trick or Treat

November

- 2 16th Annual SEA Pentathlon
- 8 WIAA Girls Sectionals
- 13 Middle Distance Time Trials
- 14 Conference Meet
- 14 WIAA D2 Girls State

- 15 WIAA D1 Girls State
- 16 YMCA Invite
- 17 HS Boys Season begins
- 21-23 Arena Mid-Season Showdown
- 26 No practice, no pools available
- 27-28 No practice, Happy Thanksgiving
- December
- 5 Conference Meet
- 6-7 YMCA Finalist
- 12-14 RA Distance Classic
- 13-14 Single Age State
- 16 Practice at Carthage College
- 18 Distance Time Trials
- 24-25 No practice, Merry Christmas
- 31 No practice, Happy New Year's Eve
- January
- 1 No practice, Happy New Year
- 10-11 20th Annual SEA Penguin Challenge
- 18 Conference Meet
- 23-25 11th Annual Chase Strong Invite
- 25 J-HK 8&U All Star
- February
- 8 Conference Champs
- 14 WIAA Boys Sectionals
- 20 WI D2 Boys State
- 21 WIAA D1 Boys State
- 20-22 Regionals
- 27-1 Senior State
- 28-1 10&U State
- March
- 6-8 11-14 State
- 14-15 YMCA Sectionals
- 20-22 YMCA State
- 30-3 YMCA Nationals
- April
- 20 Tryouts for new swimmers
- 21 Annual Banquet
- 22 Spring & Summer Season begins
- May
- 2-3 17th Annual SEA Early Bird
- 25 No practice, Memorial Day
- June
- 5-7 11th Annual SEA Pirate Plunge
- 19-20 16th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

How to TEAM SEA

In this section of the newsletter, you'll be able to review some of the processes involved with TEAM SEA. If you need additional help in understanding anything TEAM SEA related after reading this section, please reach out to Coach Neil. Please note this section is under construction and will be updated throughout the season.

How do we sign-up our swimmers for meets?

To enter your swimmer in any meet on our meet schedule (which can be viewed online at MEMBERS/MEET SCHEDULE or earlier in this newsletter) simply email Coach Neil stating which meet you plan on having your swimmer race in (please include the day(s) you plan on having your swimmer race if the meet is multiple days). 95% of our family's leave event selection up to the coaching staff (you are welcome to select your swimmer's events and if you do, please include them in the email you send).

Families can view meet information, entries, meet fees, and final results online on the MEET SCHEDULE page. Families should view their escrow account via MEMBERS/ESCROW ACCOUNT throughout the season and forward meet fee payments via check (payable to SEA) or cash to any coach on deck.

How do we purchase TEAM SEA swim caps?

Coach Neil has TEAM SEA swim caps with him at practices and meets. Cost for silicone is \$20 and latex is \$5. What's the difference between the two caps ... basically, thickness. These days, most swimmers prefer silicone, but to each their own.

How many practices should my swimmer attend?

General rule of thumb: Bronze and Silver 2-3, Gold 4-5, and Senior 5-6.

How do I receive emails?

If you are currently not receiving weekly newsletter emails and other updates, please send an email to Coach Neil at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com and he'll ensure your email is added to the database.

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