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newsletter for

Southeastern Aquatics

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 way to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

January 11, 2024

Neil's Notes

Monday, January 15 RUSD is closed (and all its buildings ... including the Racine Aquatic Center). We will be swimming at the Y as it's the only pool available to us.

Senior: 9:00-10:30 AM

Bronze/Silver: 10:30-11:30 AM

Gold: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

This weekend we will be hosting our second of three meets this season at the Racine Aquatic Center. View the meet landing page for heat sheets and other information. Good luck to our athletes and thank you in advance to everyone who stepped forward to help run a great meet!

Well, we have another bout of snow headed our way ... I will keep everyone updated via emails and social media in case we need to make any changes to the meet. Fingers crossed everyone goes off just fine.

We did get into the Chase Strong Invite! Looking forward to a great meet!!

Please take a look at the escrow reports and zero out any negative balances from the last two seasons. Thanks in advance!

If you have a Facebook account, please considering joining TEAM SEA. We use Facebook to send out reminders and post pics from the meets and events we attend. Joining will help you stay in the loop with all things TEAM SEA related.

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).

18th Annual Penguin Challenge Information

This weekend we are hosting our second meet of the season at the Racine Aquatic Center.

Warm-ups begin at 8:00 AM both days, the meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to

end at 12:32 PM Saturday and 12:09 AM Sunday.

The meet landing page will have heat sheet tomorrow!

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Jan 13-14	Penguin Challenge	Closed
Jan 21	Conference Meet	Closed
Jan 26-28	ChaseStrong Invite	Closed
Feb 4	J-HK 8&U Meet	1/14
Feb 11	Conference Champs	TBA
Feb 16-18	Regionals	2/1
Feb 23-25	Senior State	TBA
Feb 24-25	10&U State	TBA
Mar 1-3	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 9-10	SEA YMCA Sectionals	3/3
Mar 15-17	YMCA State	TBA
Apr 2-6	YMCA Nationals	TBA

40 For 40 Trophy Available

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary, a new trophy (it goes without saying that it will be "cool") will be available during August's 2024 annual banquet (currently scheduled for August 8, 2024).

To "win" this trophy, athletes need to notch 40 best times during the next two seasons (2023-2024 Fall & Winter and 2024 Spring & Summer). Athletes entered at NT = no time (never having raced in a particular event before), will be credited for a best time if the event is scored legally.

Good luck!

Incentive Program for Key Roles

In an effort to ensure our hosted meets and fundraising continue to run smooth, we will begin incentivizing key positions; these positions include head official, meet director, concessions & hospitality lead (this is one position) and AO (administrative official).

These key roles will have their escrow accounts credited \$100 for each session they

attend in their capacity (fundraising lead will be credited \$250 per season).

At this time, we have parents slotted into all positions, but we are always looking at training the next generation of parents so if anyone is interested in learning about any of these positions prior to a spot opening, please do reach out to Coach Neil.

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 for Spring & Summer

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
January 14	January 18-19
February 11	February 15-16
March 10	March 14-15

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.

December Birthdays

Savannah Allison, Ale Arteaga, Caleb Bergman, Ethan Bergman, Logan Buska, Hannah Daams, Nathaniel Foster, Valerie Himin, Ava Kerbaway, Deliah Kuhl, Ian Lopez, Mac Thomas, Logan Walker, John Westfall.

January Birthdays

Mathilde Angeline, Sofia Badillo, Ireland Byrne, Eli Coughlin, Amalia Ehmccke, Nicholas Foster, Fiona Marini, Ryan McGillis, Allie Mertins, Evan Olson, Ellie Palermo, Ellie Staniger.

Extended Calendar

January

13-14 SEA Penguin Challenge
21 Conference Meet
26-28 ChaseStrong Invite

February

4 J-HK 8&U Meet
10 WIAA Sectionals
11 Conference Champs Meet
16-18 Regionals
17 WIAA State
23-25 Senior State
24-25 10&U State

March

1-3 11-14 State
9-10 YMCA Sectionals
15-17 YMCA State

April

2-6 YMCA Nationals
22 Tryouts
23 First day of Spring & Summer practice

May

4-5 SEA Early Bird
19 Swim for a Cause
27 No practice, Memorial Day
31-2 SEA Pirate Plunge

June

11 Last day of school (RUSD)
12 AM practice begins for Seniors
21-22 SEA Summer Sizzler

July

4 No practice, Happy Independence Day
11-14 Speedo Sectionals
19-21 Regionals
26-28 12&U State
31 Last day of Spring & Summer practice

August

1-4 13&O State
8-11 14&U Zones
13 Annual Awards Banquet

September

23 Tryouts
23 First day of practice for Fall & Winter
28 40th Anniversary TEAM SEA Celebration

F.A.Q.

- 1) Where can I get one of those awesome TEAM SEA swim caps and how much do they cost?
 - a. Coach Neil

- b. \$20 for silicone, \$5 for latex
- 2) How do I sign-up my swimmer for a meet?
 - a. Email Coach Neil and let him know you would like your swimmer entered in "x" meet (please indicate what days of meet if it takes place on multiple days)
- 3) I'm new to the team ... how many practices should my swimmer attend per week?
 - a. Bronze and Silver = 2-3
 - b. Gold = 4-5
 - c. Senior = 5-6
- 4) I'm not receiving emails; how can I be placed on the email list? Contact Coach Neil and he'll be happy to add your email address to the list.
- 5) Where do I sit if I plan on sticking around during practice? Please sit in the stands.
- 6) Got a question you need an answer to? Please text Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve***