

## Serpent Times

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 26, 2024

### **Neil's Notes**

Alright, we are knocking on the door of the championship portion of our season and we are about to turn up of the volume to eleven (for anyone a fan of the movie "This is Spinal Tap").

Here are the upcoming entry deadlines for the first phase of the championship season, take advantage of these great opportunities ...

- 1) Conference Champs, February 4 - this is a great meet which is award heavy (medals 1-8, ribbons 9-16), this year's theme is Superbowl so wear your favorite NFL gear
- 2) Regionals, February 2 - the final opportunity to qualify for any of the WI LSC USA State Meets, meet is held at RAC - we are not hosting - athletes need to have a USA Swimming membership to attend
- 3) Senior State, 10&U State, and 11-14 State - February 18 - athletes need to have a USA Swimming membership to attend

The next time we train at Park High School is Friday, February 2. Set a reminder!

For those wondering, our Spring & Summer Season is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 23. We should be able to conduct some Off-Season Training between the seasons ... watch the newsletter for these opportunities.

Please take a look at the escrow reports and zero out any negative balances from the last two seasons. Additionally, if you are paying swim tuition monthly, please stay current. 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](mailto: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).

### **Chase Strong Prelim/Final Meet Information**

This weekend we'll be racing in a brand-new meet for our team. We'll be swimming at the Center Grove High School Natatorium (2717 S. Morgantown Rd., Greenwood, IN). Please remember we are heading towards the Eastern Time Zone.

Friday warm-ups begin at 4:45 PM, meet begins at 5:45 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:30 PM.

Saturday and Sunday warm-ups begin at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 9:15 AM and is scheduled to end between 11:02 AM and 11:46 PM depending on the day and pool.

Athletes moving on to race in Finals should check with Coach Neil on what time to return for warm-ups. Tentatively warm-ups are scheduled to begin at 3:30 PM and racing begins at 4:30 PM.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### **J-HK 8&U All-Star Meet Information**

Good luck to our 8&Us as they race in the All-Star Meet this Sunday at the Whitewater Aquatic Center (580 South Elizabeth Street).

Warm-ups are assigned (please be on time). We'll warm-up in lanes 5-6, 8:15 AM to 8:40 AM. Racing begins at 9:05 AM.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### **Conference Meet Highlights & Recap**

Solid swimming last weekend in Lake Geneva where we posted 61% best times (44 of 72 swims), five DQs (two Butterfly, two Backstroke, one IM), and no DQs on the six relays we raced.

Posting 100% best times were Ciara Fahy, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Sophie

Gutknecht, Jules Horton, Levi Jansen, Natalie Johnson, Evalyn Speers, and Olivia Speers.

Dropping five or more seconds in an event included Jett Adams -17.66 50 Breaststroke, Ciara Fahy -6.03 25 Breaststroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -9.46 100 Freestyle, Matilda Gutjahr -12.16 100 Freestyle, Sophie Gutknecht -7.81 200 IM, Jules Horton -10.17 100 Freestyle, Natalie Johnson -7.08 100 Freestyle, Ava Kerbawy -17.97 100 Breaststroke, Gabi Peterman -5.31 50 Breaststroke, Evalyn Speers -6.19 100 Freestyle, and Olivia Speers -11.55 200 Freestyle.

Gold Medalist: Ciara Fahy, Gabi Peterman, Elli Staniger

Silver Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Sophie Gutknecht, Gabi Peterman, Claire Speers, Kaylee Staniger, Aubree Van Dyke

Bronze Medalist: Ciara Fahy, Levi Jansen, Olivia Speers, Aubree Van Dyke

Don't forget to sign-up for Regionals! Email Coach Neil today!!

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Jan 26-28	Chase Strong Invite	Closed
Feb 4	J-HK 8&U Meet	Closed
Feb 11	Conference Champs	2/4
Feb 16-18	Regionals	2/1
Feb 23-25	Senior State	2/18
Feb 24-25	10&U State	2/18
Mar 1-3	11-14 State	2/18
Mar 9-10	SEA YMCA Sectionals	3/3
Mar 15-17	YMCA State	3/10
Apr 2-6	YMCA Nationals	3/17
May 4-5	SEA Early Bird	TBA

### 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/scrrip](http://www.sea-y.org/scrrip)) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at [www.shopwithscrrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrrip.com) by use the SEA

enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto: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

Order By	Delivery On
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](mailto: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 Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Fiona Marini, Ryan McGillis, Allie Mertins, Evan Olson, Ellie Palermo, Ellie Staniger.

### Extended Calendar

#### January

26-28 Chase Strong 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary TEAM SEA Celebration

#### F.A.Q.

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- 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***