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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 way to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

October 14, 2021

Katie's Kickboard

Dear Neil and Team SEA,

In the past 8 years I have found my home here with team SEA. I am so grateful to have worked with this talented group of dedicated athletes, families, and coaches. In an environment that encourages creativity and fun. Swimming has always been my passion and I hope to continue sharing my love and knowledge for the sport in the future someday.

Neil, you took a chance on a young girl who was obsessed with swimming. You have taught me so much and believed in my coaching abilities, even when they were a little unconventional. Thank you for your continued support and education throughout my time here on team SEA.

This past year has been pretty difficult financially and mentally. At this time, I am making the difficult decision to step off deck at the end of October. My last day will be October 29th.

I am unconditionally thankful for an amazing 8-year run. From the many long trips in the car, late nights in the hotel lobby, or early mornings at Meadowbrook. I thank you Neil, the supportive parents, and most of all the hard-working silly athletes I have had the pleasure of coaching. I wish Team SEA the best!

Kind regards and best wishes,
Coach Katie James

Notes from the Head Coach

I have had the pleasure to serve as TEAM SEA's head coach since 1998 and probably the most difficult task facing all head coaches is finding quality assistance coaches.

Here at TEAM SEA, we have been lucky over the years of having a slew of great coaches leading our age-group program. Although there is a lot of reward in coaching, there is also a lot of give that comes along with not the

greatest hours, long weekend meets, and basically time away from family and friends.

Katie has been an asset to TEAM SEA for eight years and we were truly blessed to have her on deck working with our swimmers. It goes without saying that she will be missed and that we wish her nothing but the very best in whatever life has in store for her next!

We will throw a going away party for Coach Katie on Friday, October 29th at Sealed Air YMCA in the Multi-generational room, 6:00-8:00 PM. Pizza, drinks, and cake will be served. Practice will not be offered this evening. We hope to see a lot of smiling facing!

With Coach Katie's departure, we will once again begin the process of finding a quality replacement. It's difficult to put a timeline on this process so we ask all families to be patient while we work through the process to find a coach who is educated in the sport of swimming, deeply cares for all of TEAM SEA's athletes, and who is just not a "warm body" taking up space on the pool deck during practices.

IMPORTANT: Many (2 Bronze, 4 Silver, 8 Gold, and 3 Senior for a total of 17) swimmers have yet to register for the current Fall & Winter Season (and those swimmers are currently in the water training). Please, take a moment and stop by the Welcome Center Desk to register your swimmers. I will begin sending emails next week to those families who have swimmers training and who have not registered yet. Thanks in advance for taking care of this.

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), Facebook (SEA Swim Team - this page is set to private and you'll need to request to join), or Twitter (@SEAWisconsin).

OZ Meet Information

This weekend we travel to Homestead High School (5000 W. Mequon Road) in Mequon for our first meet of the Fall & Winter Season.

Warm-ups are assigned for this meet (please be on time) ...

Friday warm-ups begin at 4:30 PM, meet begins at 5:35 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:07 PM.

Saturday and Sunday AM warm-ups (13&O) begin at 7:25 AM, meet begins at 8:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 10:48 AM and 10:21 AM respectively.

Saturday PM warm-ups (12&U) begin at 11:25 AM, meet begins at Noon and is scheduled to end at 2:45 PM.

Sunday PM warm-ups (12&U) begin at 10:55 AM, meet begins at 11:30 PM and is scheduled to end at 2:09 PM.

MTSD has no mask policy for programming over 12-years-old. However, for programming 11-and-under masks are required regardless of vaccination status. This policy is posted upon entry to the school door 21 (Aquatics entrance) and the district website.

For the meet this weekend, 13&O session is masks optional and for 12&U session masks are required.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Coach Katie Going Away Party

Come say goodbye to Coach Katie at Sealed Air YMCA on Friday, October 29 between 6-8 PM. Pizza, drinks, and cake will be served. Practice will not be offered this evening. We hope to see a lot of smiling faces!

Elegant Farmer Fundraiser

It's Elegant Farmer Pie Time!!

TEAM SEA will be selling Elegant Farmer pies, breads, and hams again this year. A family favorite, items are delicious and will be delivered frozen the week of November 8th, just in time for Thanksgiving!

You will ear \$6.00 towards your \$150 fundraising requirement for each pie sold and \$7.00 for each ham.

Submit your orders by Saturday, October 23rd to Coach Neil or Shay Borzynski. Order forms are available electronically on our website or from Coach Neil.

If you don't currently have an athlete swimming for TEAM SEA and would like us to help you with our Thanksgiving pie order, please reach out and we will be happy to help!

Happy Selling & GO SEA!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Oct. 15-17	OZ	Closed
Oct. 24	NBSC	Closed
Nov. 7	SEA Penthalon	11/1
Nov. 13	Conference Meet	11/6
Nov. 14	SSTY Fall Invite	11/7
Nov. 19-21	STAT/WAUN	10/25
Dec. 3-5	Y-Finalist	11/20
Dec. 11-12	12&U State	TBA
Dec. 12	Conference Meet	TBA

High School Girl for LSC Athlete Rep Needed

With the recent graduation of Natalia Badillo we are now in need of another Athlete Rep at the LSC level.

Our current Athlete Rep is Zack Kopsea and he will serve as our voting delegate for the next two years.

We need an alternate female voting rep who will attend meetings for the next two years and then take over for Zack when he graduates.

Any current TEAM SEA females who are currently in high school are welcome to contact Coach Neil if they are interested in serving (meetings are held 2-3 times per year).

Meet Support Requirements

Now that the swimming community is finally getting back to normal, here's a reminder about the requirements for TEAM SEA families to help out during team hosted meets.

We are hosting three meets this season ... November 7 at the RecPlex, January 15-16 in Brown Deer, and March 12-13 could be at the new RUSD pool or Aug Prep.

Requirements for each family is one session at our November meet and two sessions at our January meet and two sessions at our March meet.

You can already sign-up to work at our November meet (on our website at MEETS/Meet Worker Sign-up).

Why are families required to help support TEAM SEA in this manner? It's strictly financial ... the income generated through SEA hosted meets equals 40% of our operating budget and helps keeps our swim tuition low.

Families can opt out of meet support via a \$100 payment per session. Please now, we need workers at our TEAM hosted meets, not your \$100.

Please support your swimmers TEAM by volunteering!

TEAM SEA Amazon Smile

TEAM SEA has had an Amazon Smile account for many years, but it has been a while since we have reached out to families for support.

If you would like to support TEAM SEA via purchases when ordering from Amazon Smile please go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1580537>.

Once there, please click on the Start Shopping button to support TEAM SEA. Thank you for helping one of Racine's Hidden Gems.

SCRIP Fundraising Information

SEA offers 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! SCRIP 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 SCRIP 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 Katie at coachkatiejames@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.

SCRIP 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 Fall & Winter

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
October 24	October 29
November 14	November 19
December 5	December 10
December 12	December 17
January 23	January 28
February 20	February 25
March 13	March 18

If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Coach Katie at 262.822.2966 or coachkatiejames@gmail.com.

October Birthdays

Sarina Foster, Charley Halstead, Ava Jacobson, Shaelyn Jensen, Lenna Karapetian, Morgan Pankow, Finley Weidner, Charlotte Wright.

Extended Calendar

October

15 No practice
15-17 OZ meet
24 NBSC meet
26 LSC meeting
29 Party for Coach Katie @ Sealed Air
29 No practice

November

7 SEA Pentathlon
13 Conference meet
14 SSTY Fall Invite
19-21 STAT/WAUN Prelim/Final meet
26 No practice

December

3-5 Y-Finalist meet
11-12 12&U State meet
12 Conference meet
24-25 No practice
31-1 No practice

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