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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 environment to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.*

October 17, 2024

### Neil's Notes

We had a great first meet of the season last weekend! Read all about it later in this newsletter.

October 19 is the deadline for swimmers to declare their intentions to race in our upcoming Pentathlon meet. Send me an email and I will slot your swimmer into the meet. Sixty TEAM SEA swimmers scheduled to swim to date!

We have our new family meeting scheduled for this Monday at RAC beginning at 6:00 PM in the lobby. We hope to see you there! Read more about this meeting in this newsletter.

I have an interview set up for tomorrow for a new TEAM SEA coach. Hopefully it goes well and we will soon add to our stable of coaches!

There are only a few families who have not signed up their swimmers for the Fall & Winter Season. If your swimmer is training with TEAM SEA please ensure you are current with swim tuition. As a reminder, you can pay in full online (10% discount if you are registering two or more swimmers) or pay by month (no discount). Thanks for paying attention to this and forwarding payments. Additionally, all swimmers must carry a YMCA membership (either a youth membership and/or with their family through a family membership). Registration is available online at the Racine Family YMCA's website.

We have two online stores currently open and both are scheduled to close at midnight on October 28. Families can order personalized TEAM SEA caps from our Elmsore Swim Shop and many clothing items can be ordered from our Burghardt Sporting Goods online store. Swim caps will be delivered to me and I will hand them out at practice. Items ordered from Burghardt Sporting Goods will be delivered to your home. Take advantage!

Save the date for our annual team travel meet! We will be heading back to the Chasestrong Splash Prelim/Final meet in Center

Grove, Indiana (just south of Indianapolis). We will have a block of rooms to pull from soon. This is a great meet and affords our swimmers an opportunity to race in a Prelim/Final meet where it's pretty easy to score a second swim. Scheduled for January 24-26 ... more information coming soon!

We have opened up additional volunteer spots for our upcoming Pentathlon event. Amazing job filling all the volunteer spots ... as usual! If you have not secured a spot, please check again!

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).

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Nov 3	SEA Pentathlon	10/19
Nov 8	Conference Meet	10/28
Nov 17	SSTY Fall Invite	11/10
Dec 6	Conference Meet	TBA
Dec 7-8	Y-Finalist	11/25
Dec 14-15	Single Age State	TBA
Jan 11-12	SEA Penguin Challenge	TBA
Jan 19	Conference Meet	TBA
Jan 24-26	Chasestrong Splash P/F	TBA
Jan 26	J-HK 8&U All Star	TBA
Jan 31-2	SSTY A+	TBA
Feb 9	Conference Champs	TBA
Feb 21-23	WI LSC Regionals	TBA
Feb 28-2	WI LSC Senior State	TBA
Mar 1-2	WI LSC 10&U State	TBA
Mar 7-9	WI LSC 11-12 State	TBA
Mar 15-16	YMCA Sectionals	TBA
Mar 21-23	YMCA State	TBA
Mar 31-4	YMCA Nationals	TBA

### OZ Fall Classic Recap & Highlights

We shook the cobwebs off and raced in our first meet of the new season last weekend during OZ's Fall Classic. As a team we finished

7<sup>th</sup> of 10 teams with 1,084-points (which makes perfect sense as we were the seventh largest team in the meet) and posted 60% best times along with five DQs (one each for Backstroke, Breaststroke, IM and two in Butterfly).

Congratulations to the following athletes on posting new State qualifying times ... Jordan Borzynski 11-12 100 Freestyle 1:03.23, Ireland Byrne 11-12 50 Backstroke 35.93, 50 Freestyle 30.90, Charlotte Gruettner 8&U 25 Backstroke 23.51, and Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 50 Backstroke 43.30.

Matilda Gutjahr notched some of the fastest times in our team's history for 8&U: 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 36.42, 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 43.30, 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Breaststroke 47.89.

Dropping five or more seconds in a single event included Jordan Borzynski -13.66 400 IM, Ireland Byrne -12.73 400 IM, Amalia Ehmcke -5.51 100 Breaststroke, Ciara Fahy -11.75 100 Breaststroke, Nathaniel Foster -7.07 200 Backstroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -10.20 50 Butterfly, Matilda Gutjahr -7.97 50 Backstroke, Emma Masaya -12.94 100 Freestyle, Olivia Speers -6.10 50 Butterfly, Rhemy Thompkins -8.09 100 Backstroke, and John Westfall -15.96 100 IM.

Posting 100% best times were Matilda Gutjahr, Rhemy Thompkins, and Harrison Yanke.

Congratulations to Charlotte Gruettner and Cash Peterson on racing in the first meet of their lives ... you did amazing!

Gold Medalists: Jordan Borzynski, Matilda Gutjahr, Harrison Yanke

Silver Medalists: Jordan Borzynski, Matilda Gutjahr, Lindsey Hohnl, Ashlyn Malzewski, Harrison Yanke

Bronze Medalists: Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Nicholas Foster, Matilda Gutjahr, Lindsey Hohnl, Ashlyn Malzewski, Harrison Yanke

High Point Award Winners: Matilda Gutjahr 8-year-old 1<sup>st</sup> w/110-points, Jordan Borzynski 11-year-old 3<sup>rd</sup> w/99-points, Ashlyn Malzewski Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> w/82-points, and Lindsey Hohnl Senior 3<sup>rd</sup> w/76-points.

Great meet TEAM SEA! Don't forget to sign-up for our upcoming Pentathlon meet!!

### **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 21 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! Ask any veteran family and they will attest, after the first year, everything becomes a lot clearer!

### **Glowstick Halloween Party**

Our annual Glowstick Halloween Party is scheduled for Friday, October 25. Although Park High School is not available, we will still conduct this event and make it as fun as possible at the Racine Aquatic Center. This event begins at 5:30 PM for all TEAM SEA swimmers (all practices this night 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 parents. 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 donating!

- Veggie try (need two) -
  - Fruit platter (need two) -
  - Brownies (need three) -
  - Paper plates & napkins -
  - Single serving juice boxes/bags (need a handful of these) -
  - Case of water (need two) -
  - Box of single serving chips (need two) -
  - If there's 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!

### **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 list of meets in order to at YMCA Nationals which will take place in Greensboro, NC, March 31-April 4, 2025.

#### **High School Boys**

November 17, SSTY Fall Invite  
December 7-8 Y-Finalist (at least one day, but would be great to race both); will need permission from your high school coach and athletic director)

March 15-16, YMCA Sectionals

March 21-23, YMCA State

#### **High School Girls**

November 17, SSTY Fall Invite

December 7-8, Y-Finalist

March 15-16, YMCA Sectionals  
 March 21-23, YMCA State  
**Non-High School Swimmers**  
 November 17, SSTY Fall Invite  
 December 7-8, Y-Finalist  
 March 15-16, YMCA Sectionals  
 March 21-23, YMCA State

**High School Athlete Rep Needed**

With the recent departure of Rylie Bergemann (who left for college this past August), we are in need of an alternate athlete rep.

Gabi Peterman was our alternate athlete rep, but now is our designated athlete rep.

If you are in high school and would like to be listed as TEAM SEA’s alternate athlete rep, please speak with Coach Neil. There’s very little time required (a few meetings per year) and you will get to learn a lot about the “dry-side” of competitive swimming in our state and nationally. Take advantage!

**2025 13&O Training Trip**

Since 1999, every two years all athletes’ 13&O are extended the opportunity to attend a week-long training trip with their teammates and TEAM SEA.

Our next trip is tentatively scheduled for June 22-29. A minimum of 14 athletes must attend this trip for it to take place.

The trip has averaged out to \$1200-\$1500 per swimmer over the years and we usually drive, stay, and train in the Panama City Beach, FL area.

Families interested in sending their swimmer(s) should forward a \$100 downpayment by Monday, December 2.

We will also need two chaperones to join Coach Parker on this event. Priority will be given to those parents who have not had an opportunity to attend. Lodging and travel expenses will be covered. Duties for chaperones include driving, cooking, and supporting our athletes in a positive manner.

Please contact Coach Neil you would like to attend or need more information.

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

Your order can be placed at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.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**

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
October 13	October 17-18
November 18	November 21-22
December 16	December 19-20
January 20	January 23-24
February 17	February 20-21
March 17	March 20-21

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).

**OST (Off-Season Training)**

OST will be offered between the end of the Fall & Winter Season and the beginning of the Spring & Summer Season (March 24-April 17, 2025).

OST represents an opportunity for our athletes to “bridge the gap” between seasons. It allows them to keep a feel for the water during the off-season and affords them a change to really focus on the little things that make for fast swimming (starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes).

OST will be offered for four weeks (Monday-Thursday, March 24-April 17) and lead by Coach Joanna and Coach Parker. Bronze and Silver will swim 5:00-6:00 PM and Gold and Senior will swim 6:00-7:30 PM with each week covering starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes for one stroke each week (the order by weeks is Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly).

The fee for Bronze and Silver is \$120 for all four weeks or \$30 per week. The fee for

Gold and Senior is \$160 for all four weeks or \$40 per week. Swimmers can al-a-carte which weeks they would like to attend.

To attend, simply email Coach Neil stating which week(s) your swimmers plans on attending and forward payment on the first practice your they attends.

All practices will be held at the RAC.

### October Birthdays

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

### Extended Calendar

#### October

24 October payment due if paying monthly

25 Annual Halloween Party @ Park HS

#### November

3 SEA Pentathlon

8 Conference Meet

9 WIAA Girls Sectionals

16 WIAA Girls State

17 SSTY Fall Invite

18 HS Boys Season begins

24 November payment due if paying monthly

28-29 No practice, Happy Thanksgiving

#### December

6 Conference Meet

7-8 Y-Finalist Meet

14-15 Single Age State

24 December payment dur if paying monthly

24-25 No practice, Merry Christmas

31 No practice, Happy New Year's Eve

#### January

1 No practice, Happy New Year

11-12 SEA Penguin Challenge

19 Conference Meet

24 January payment due if paying monthly

24-26 ChaseStrong Splash Prelim/Final

26 J-HK 8&U All Star

31-2 SSTY A+

#### February

9 Conference Champs

15 WIAA Boys Sectionals

21-23 WI LSC Regionals

22 WIAA Boys State

24 February payment dur if playing monthly

28-2 WI LSC Senior State

#### March

1-2 WI LSC 10&U State

7-9 11-14 WI LSC State

15-16 YMCA Sectionals

21-23 YMCA State

24 Tryouts, 5:30-6:30 PM @ RAC

24 OST begins (runs through April 17)

31-4 YMCA Nationals

#### April

28 First day of Spring & Summer practice

#### May

3-4 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Early Bird

30-1 10<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Pirate Plunge

### 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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