

## 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.*

October 22, 2023

### Neil's Notes

The coaching staff has decided to cancel practice on Halloween this year, Tuesday, October 31. Please make a note of this change and Happy Halloween!

The deadline to order personalized TEAM SEA swim caps has been extended to November 1. Take advantage!

The road heading to RAC will be limited to one lane beginning October 23 (tomorrow) until Thanksgiving. Please use caution when arriving and leaving for practice.

The next meet to sign-up for is our home meet, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pentathlon which will be held on Sunday, November 5 at the RAC (don't forget, Daylight Saving Time ends - turn your clocks back one hour). **Entries are due October 23.** If you would like your swimmer(s) entered in the meet, please let me know (via email is best).

It's Elegant Farmer FUNdraiser time! We are selling apple pies, caramel apple pies, Door County cherry crisp, pumpkin pies, pumpkin apple bread, banana bread, and cider-baked mini hams. Families earn \$7 towards their \$150 minimum for each item they sell! Orders and money are due October 28<sup>th</sup> (hand deliver to any coach on deck). Deliveries will be made the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> at RAC ... just in time for Thanksgiving.

There remains a handful of swimmers currently not registered. Please ensure you register your son/daughter ASAP. For those families paying monthly, payments are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.

In addition to swim tuition, please take a moment to secure your swimmer(s) YMCA membership. Stop by the Image Management Family YMCA to complete this process. For those wondering why we need to have a YMCA membership ... we are dually affiliated YMCA & USA swimming team. We race in YMCA and USA meets. To race in YMCA meets, swimmers need to be members of their local YMCA. To race in sanctioned USA Swimming meets,

athletes need to have a current USA Swimming membership.

If you have a Facebook account, please consider 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).

### OZ Meet Recap & Highlights

Amazing results out of the gates for our first meet of the season. As a team, we posted 65% best times (72 of 110 swims), finished 8<sup>th</sup> of 11 teams with 1186-points (which makes perfect sense as we were the 8<sup>th</sup> largest team in the meet), and only picked up five DQs (two each in Backstroke and Breaststroke, and one Butterfly).

New Y-State qualifying times were posted by Ale Arteaga 11-12 100 Butterfly, 1:11.09, Matilda Gutjahr 7&U 50 Freestyle, 51.03 and 25 Backstroke, 29.27, and Molly Staniger 7&U 25 Backstroke, 27.56 and 25 Freestyle 25.12.

High Point Award winners included Matilda Gutjahr 1<sup>st</sup> for 7&U, 104-points, Jordan Borzynski 1<sup>st</sup> for 10yo, 108-points, Ale Arteaga 2<sup>nd</sup> for 12yo, 100-points, Lindsey Hohnl 2<sup>nd</sup> for Senior, 134-points, and Molly Staniger 3<sup>rd</sup> for 7&U, 60-points,

Jordan Borzynski posted many swims that ranked in our Top Ten for 9-10, 4<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 6:10.57, 4<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 3:18.75, 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:04.71, 6<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 34.86, and 7<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 29.33.

Posting 100% best times included David Binder, Eli Ehmcke, Aisling Fahy, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Matilda Gutjahr, Levi Jansen,

Piper Jansen, Olivia Speers, Ellie Staniger, and Rhemy Thompkins.

Dropping five or more seconds in a single event were David Binder -18.73 100 Breaststroke, Aisling Fahy -35.98 500 Freestyle, Summer Gustafson-Binger -9.14 50 Backstroke, Matilda Gutjahr -31.15 50 Backstroke, Julie Horton -12.75 50 Breaststroke, Levi Jansen -9.61 200 Backstroke, Piper Jansen -25.90 100 Backstroke, Olivia Speers -7.68 100 Freestyle, Ellie Staniger -16.83 100 Backstroke, Kaylee Staniger -10.75 500 Freestyle, and John Westfall -6.97 100 Freestyle.

Congratulations on these athletes for racing in the first meet of their lives ... Amalia Ehmcke and Bizzy Strickling!

Gold Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Jordan Borzynski, Matilda Gutjahr, Lindsey Hohnl

Silver Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Molly Staniger

Bronze Medalist: Ale Arteaga, David Binder, Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Amalia Ehmcke, Matilda Gutjahr, Lindsey Hohnl, Julie Horton, Claire Speers, Ellie Staniger, Molly Staniger, Rhemy Thompkins

This meet is a solid reflection of all the work our athletes put in over the past Spring & Summer Season. Delayed gratification is one of the traits we develop working in the confines of our swim team ... congratulations to all of our swimmers who raced last weekend!

Don't forget to sign-up to race in our November 5<sup>th</sup> Pentathlon meet!!

### Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Nov 5	SEA Pentathlon	10/23
Nov 12	SSTY Fall Invite	11/1
Nov 17-19	HPAC Invite	10/16
Dec 1-3	Y-Finalist	11/13
Dec 6-9	Junior Nationals	11/15
Dec 9-10	Single Age State	TBA
Dec 10	Conference Meet	TBA

### Athlete Rep Needed

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

Rylie Bergemann 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!

Once Rylie graduates and leaves for college, our new alternate athlete rep will step up as the team's designated athlete rep.

### Halloween Party Makes Its Return!

Save the date for the return of our annual Halloween Party to be held at Park High School on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, begins at 5:30 PM.

Of course, this also marks the return of our annual glowstick swim ... if you have never seen and/or experienced this, you don't want to miss it.

Chick-fil-a sandwiches will be provided! 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!

Masaya - Lumpia  
Veggie tray (need two) - Westfall  
Fruit platter (need two) - Morey  
Brownies (need three) - Buska, Fahy, Horton

Paper plates & napkins - Jagel  
Single serving juice boxes/bags (need a handful of these) - Speers, Ehmcke

Case of water (need two) - Steenrod x2  
Sheet cake - Yanke

Box of single serving chips (need two) - Staniger x2

Sheet cake - Yanke  
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!

### 40 For 40 Trophy Available

To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](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.

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 Spring & Summer**

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
November 12	November 16-17
December 10	December 15-16
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](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com).

### September Birthdays

Zoe D'Alessandro, Jack Gerszewski, Lindsey Hohnl, Audrey Lescher, Claire Speers, Evalyn Speers, Tiffany Vaillancourt.

### October Birthdays

Silas Coughlin, Sarina Foster, Shaelyn Jensen, Lenna Karapetian, Nate Steenrod, Ivy Turner, Ted Turner, Molly Warren, Charlotte Wright, Valeria Zavala-Lopez.

### Extended Calendar

#### October

27 Halloween Party! (no practice)

31 No practice, Happy Halloween

#### November

3 Practice at Park HS

4 WIAA Sectionals

5 SEA Pentathlon

11 WIAA State

12 SSTY Fall Invite

13 HS Boys season beings

17-19 HPAC Invite

23-24 No practice, Happy Thanksgiving

#### December

1-3 Y-Finalist

6-9 Junior Nationals

9-10 Single Age State

10 Conference Meet

25 No practice, Merry Christmas

#### January

1 No practice, Happy New Year

13-14 SEA Penguin Challenge

19-21 LCB Invite

21 Conference Meet

### 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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