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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.

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Neil's Notes

Happy Halloween!



We had a great Halloween Practice/Party last Friday. Thank you to all the families who stepped up in support of this fun event with their donations. Check out all the pictures on our private TEAM SEA Facebook page (will be posted soon)!

Today is the final chance to have your swimmer race in our meet this Sunday. Send an email my way if you would like him or her slotted into the meet. Deadline is 8:30 PM tonight.

Athletes close to qualifying for and/or planning on attending YMCA Nationals in North Carolina in April need to race in four YMCA only swim meets during this season. The deadline to enter the meet first is November 2. Forward your intentions soon!

Please note, the information in our weekly newsletter changes from week-to-week. Dates and times for upcoming events are fluid and can change. Please ensure you are reading the latest newsletter so you are up-to-date!

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).

SEA Pentathlon Meet Information

We will be hosting and racing at the Racine Aquatic Center for our 17th Annual Pentathlon this Sunday! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when you hit the sack Saturday night as daylight saving time ends 2:00 AM Sunday.

Warm-ups begin at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:50 AM.

Watch the meet landing page for additional updates.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

Date	*Meet*	*Entry Deadline*
Nov 1	SEA Pentathlon	10/29
Nov 6	Conference Meet	closed
Nov 15	SSTY YMCA Invite	11/2
Nov 20-22	Arena Mid-Season SD	closed
Dec 4	Conference Meet	11/23
Dec 5-6	YMCA Finalist	11/23
Dec 11-13	RA Distance Classic	tba
Dec 12-13	12&U Single Age State	tba
Jan 9-10	SEA Penguin Challenge	12/28
Jan 17	Conference Meet	1/4
Jan 22-24	ChaseStrong Invite	tba
Jan 24	J-HK 8&U All Star	1/15
Feb 7	Conference Champs	1/25
Feb 19-21	WI LSC Regionals	tba
Feb 26-28	Senior State	tba
Feb 27-28	10&U State (we host)	tba
Mar 5-7	11-14 State	tba
Mar 13-14	YMCA Sectionals (we host)	3/3
Mar 19-21	YMCA State	tba
Mar 30-Apr 3	YMCA Nationals	3/21

Elegant Farmer Team Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! With Thanksgiving right around the corner, we will once again conduct our annual Elegant Farmer team fundraiser. Every item sold profits our team $7.00. Information is on our website under the Fundraising tab (view and print the order form there). Orders are due November 1

and pick-up is scheduled for November 7. Take advantage!

Canceled Practice Dates

We have a few dates scattered throughout the season where we lose pool time at RAC and cannot secure pool time at any of our back-up pools. We are unable to conduct practice on the following dates:

November 6, 25-27
December 24-25

Please watch this area of the newsletter for additional dates which may be added in the future.

YMCA Nationals Required Meets

Athletes qualified for, working towards, or may be attending as a relay swimmer will need to ensure they attend the following meets in order to race at YMCA Nationals which will take place in Greensboro, NC, March 30-April 3, 2027.

1) November 15, YMCA Invite
2) December 5-6, Y-Finalist
3) March 13-14, YMCA Sectionals
4) March 19-21, YMCA State

ChaseStrong Invite (team travel meet)

We will continue our tradition of racing in Indiana during the ChaseStrong Invite, January 22-24. As last year, 13&O swimmers are invited to travel with the coaches to and from this meet. If your swimmer is planning on attending this meet with the coaching staff, please reach out to Coach Neil stating your intentions (last year cost about $250 which included transportation and hotel).

We have a block of forty rooms (20 double queen and 20 King + sleeper sofa) at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Greenwood (1180 Wilson Drive in Greenwood, IN 46143) – 23-minute drive to the pool. $139 per night plus taxes and fees. Call 317.881.0600 to pull a room from the Southeastern Aquatics room block – deadline to secure your room is January 8, 2027.

Planning on traveling with the team: Aubree Van Dyke, Kaylee Staniger, Ellie Staniger, Vivi Yanke.

We hope to SEA you racing in Indy!

2027 13&O Training Trip Information

Since 1999, TEAM SEA has offered a 13&O Training Trip experience for our athletes. These trips are major highlights of their time with TEAM SEA and give them a great opportunity to not only bond together as a team, but solely focus on swimming and only swimming for a solid week.

We traditionally stay west of Panama City Beach in Florida, secure lodging on the beach, and train at Frank Brown Park. The cost usually runs around $1,500 per athlete and includes transportation, lodging, pool access, and dinners. Our next training trip is scheduled for June 20-27, 2027.

Athletes planning on attending next year's trip need to forward a non-refundable $200 deposit by December 1, 2026 to reserve their spot.

We try our best to allow everyone to attend these trips, but these trips have "sold out" in the past. Take advantage!

There's more information on our website to read or kindly speak with Coach Neil if you have questions.

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 PrestroPay 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

Order By	*Delivery On*
November 15	November 18-19
December 13	December 16-17
January 10	January 13-14

February 14	February 17-18
March 14	March 17-18

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.

October Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

Aubrey Becker, Eden Cayemberg, Silas Coughlin, Sarina Foster, Kylie Greiner, Adeline Hell, Miles Hoffman, Roman Kennedy, Nathalia Schultz, Nate Steenrod, Molly Warren, Bria Widmar, Valeria Zavala Lopez.

Extended Calendar

November
1 SEA Pentathlon Meet
6 Conference Meet
6 No practice
15 SSTY YMCA Invite
20-22 Arena Mid-Season Showdown
25-27 No practice

December
4 Conference Meet
5-6 YMCA Finalist
11-13 RA Distance Classic
12-13 12&U Single Age State

January
9-10 SEA Penguin Challenge Meet
17 Conference Meet
22-24 ChaseStrong Invite
24 J-HK 8&U All Star

February
7 Conference Champs
19-21 WI LSC Regionals
26-28 Senior State
27-28 10&U State (SEA hosts at RAC)

March
5-7 11-14 State
13-14 YMCA Sectionals (SEA hosts at RAC)
19 Final practice of the Fall & Winter Season
19-21 YMCA State
30-3 YMCA Nationals

April
19 Tryouts
20 Banquet
21 Spring & Summer Season begins

May
1-2 SEA Early Bird Meet
28-30 BAC JPI Invite

June
4-6 SEA Pirate Plunge Meet
18-19 SEA Summer Sizzler Meet

July
15-18 Speedo Sectionals
16-18 WI LSC Regionals
23-25 12&U State
29-1 13&O State

August
5-8 14&U Zones (RecPlex)

September
20 Tryouts, 5:30-6:30 PM
22 Fall & Winter Season begins

Some Tips on How to TEAM SEA

In this section of the newsletter, you'll be able to review some of the processes involved with TEAM SEA. If you need additional help in understanding anything TEAM SEA related after reading this section, please reach out to Coach Neil. *Please note this section is under construction and will be updated throughout the season.*

How do we sign-up our swimmers for meets?

To enter your swimmer in any meet on our meet schedule (which can be viewed online at MEMBERS/MEET SCHEDULE or earlier in this newsletter) simply email Coach Neil stating which meet you plan on having your swimmer race in (please include the day(s) you plan on having your swimmer race if the meet is multiple days). 95% of our family's leave event selection up to the coaching staff (you are welcome to select your swimmer's events and if you do, please include them in the email you send).

Family's can view meet information, entries, meet fees, and final results online on the MEET SCHEDULE page. Families should view their escrow account via MEMBERS/ESCROW ACCOUNT throughout the season and forward meet fee payments via check (payable to SEA) or cash to any coach on deck.

How do we purchase TEAM SEA swim caps?

Coach Neil has TEAM SEA swim caps with him at practices and meets. Cost for silicone is $20 and latex is $5. What's the difference between the two caps … basically, thickness. These days, most swimmers prefer silicone, but to each their own.

How many practices should my swimmer attend?

General rule of thumb: Bronze and Silver 2-3, Gold 4-5, and Senior 5-6.

How do I receive emails?

If you are currently not receiving weekly newsletter emails and other updates, please send an email to Coach Neil at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com and he'll ensure your email is added to the database.

I submitted a check for escrow and/or swim tuition and it's not cashed yet, when will it?

Deposits are made at the end of each month.

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Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve