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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 6, 2023

Neil's Notes

Finally feels like Autumn has arrived here in southeastern Wisconsin ... time to pencil in a visit to your local pumpkin farm and haunted house!

Don't forget, tonight is the last chance to order 40th Anniversary items from the online store (link was shared on our Facebook page and via the newsletter email). In addition, you have until October 13th to order personalized TEAM SEA swim caps.

We had a great sign-up for our first meet of the season! 25 athletes are heading to Mequon for OZ's Fall Classic meet (we were even able to enter 8&U relays). Read next week's newsletter for all the information you'll need for the meet. Your swimmer(s) will need a current USA Swimming membership. The link to register is located in the body of the email newsletter you received. If your swimmer has USA Swimming membership from last Fall & Winter or this past Spring & Summer, it's current through December 31, 2023. Reach out if you need assistance with this process.

The next meet to sign-up for is our home meet, 14th 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. Parents can now sign-up to volunteer to work this event. Families need to secure one spot for this meet. The link was shared in the body of the email newsletter you received today.

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 28th (hand deliver to any coach on deck). Deliveries will be made the week of November 13th (at RAC) ... just in time for Thanksgiving.

If you have not done so yet, please ensure you register your swimmers. If you plan

on paying in full, go through the online registration process on our website. If you plan on making monthly payments, please forward \$200 per swimmer for the first payment (the payment schedule is located on the Registration & Fees page of our website). Second monthly payments are due October 15th.

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. 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 Information

Final details will be posted here next week.

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

Saturday AM and Sunday AM warm-ups (13&O athletes) begin at 7:00 AM, meet begins at 8:05 AM and is scheduled to end at TBA.

Saturday PM warm-ups (12&U) begin at TBA.

Sunday PM warm-ups (12&U) begin at TBA.

Awards athletes earn will be bagged by the host team during the meet. Awards will be available for pick-up at practice on Monday!

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Oct 13-15	OZ Open	Closed
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

40th Anniversary Online Store Open

Families interested in ordering any items in the 40th Anniversary online store can do so through October 6th! The link was shared via Facebook and through this week's newsletter email. Take advantage!

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 27th, 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!

Veggie tray (need two) -
Fruit plater (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!

40 For 40 Trophy Available

To celebrate our 40th 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/scrrip) - 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 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.

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>
October 15	October 19-20
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.

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

13-15 OZ Open
27 Halloween Party! (no practice)

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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