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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.

November 10, 2023

Neil's Notes

Thank you to all the families who pulled together to host another successful swim meet last Sunday. A special shout out to Jose Arteaga (our head official), Amy Bergman (our meet director), Kelly Jansen (our new concession and hospitality lead), and Pat & Roger Lewno (our long-standing AO (administrative official) and Colorado operator). Useless information for those not in the know ... Pat and Roger last had a swimmer on TEAM SEA in 2006! They have tirelessly volunteered at our meets for 17-years!! Simply amazing!!!

We are always looking for ideas on how to run our meets better. If you feel you have an idea, please share!

Our next Y-National required meet is right around the corner ... Y-Finalist, in Brown Deer the weekend of December 1-3. Entries are due November 13.

Good luck to Mac Thomas and Callie Klepp tomorrow as they take to the blocks during WIAA State.

The road heading to RAC will be limited to one lane until Thanksgiving. Please use caution when arriving and leaving for practice.

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 15th 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 a 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).

STY Fall Invite Information

This Sunday we'll be racing in Brown Deer. Doors open at 8:45 AM, warm-ups begin at 9:00 AM, meet begins at 10:00 AM and is scheduled to end at 2:46 PM (earlier depending on where your athletes' last event takes place).

The meet landing page was shared via our weekly newsletter (contact Coach Neil if you are not receiving the weekly newsletter ... or check your Spam and/or Promotional email folders).

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

14th Annual Pentathlon Highlights & Recap

Solid efforts for all TEAM SEA swimmers last Sunday during our 14th Annual Pentathlon! As a team we posted a healthy 64% best times and 29 DQs (ten butterfly, six backstroke, five breaststroke, one freestyle, and seven IM - we have some review work to do).

Athletes posting new State qualifying times included Ale Arteaga 50 Backstroke 32.46, 100 IM 1:10.76, Matilda Gutjahr 25 Butterfly 29.54, Bennett Menken 50 Butterfly 36.45, 50 Backstroke 36.88, 50 Freestyle 31.83, Brady Moore 100 Butterfly 56.02, 100 Backstroke 55.42, 200 IM 2:04.19, Evan Steenrod 50 Breaststroke 45.73, and Nate Steenrod 25 Breaststroke 28.34

Hugo Arteaga broke our 17-18 100 Freestyle team record with his effort of 47.02 (broke Ivar Iverson's 2015 mark of 47.30).

Swimmers posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Ale Arteaga

11-12 6th 50 Butterfly 29.87, Harrison Yanke 8&U 8th 25 Butterfly 18.81, 7th 100 IM 1:32.24, Jordan Borzynski 9-10 4th 50 Backstroke 34.42, 8th 100 IM 1:17.13, Brady Moore 15-16 2nd 100 Freestyle 47.74, 6th 100 Backstroke 55.42, 8th 200 IM 2:04.19, Hugo Arteaga 17-18 10th 100 Backstroke 55.08, Jack Borzynski 15-16 10th 100 Breaststroke 1:05.26, and 8th 100 Butterfly 54.58.



Swimmers achieving 100% best times included Logan Buska, Ireland Byrne, Eli Coughlin, Amalia Ehmcke, Eli Ehmcke, Aisling Fahy, Nicholas Foster, Sarina Foster, Maran Jagel, Natalie Johnson, Ella Kirchenberg, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Zack Steenrod, Rhemy Thompkins, Aubree Van Dyke, and Valeria Zavala Lopez.

Dropping five or more seconds in a single event were Jett Adams -28.57 100 Breaststroke, Logan Buska -19.77 100 Breaststroke, Ireland Byrne -9.14 100 IM, Eli Coughlin -7.80 100 Backstroke, Silas Coughlin -7.92 50 Freestyle, Aisling Fahy -17.06 200 IM, Nathaniel Foster -9.94 100 Breaststroke, Nicholas Foster -15.99 100 Butterfly, Sarina Foster -7.51 50 Breaststroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -5.27 50 Butterfly, Jules Horton -11.20 100 IM, Adriana Hotchkiss -8.40 100 IM, Maran Jagel -5.02 50 Backstroke, Levi Jansen -7.00 100 Backstroke, Piper Jansen -13.02 50 Butterfly, Natalia Johnson -9.33 100 IM, Ella Kirchenberg -9.44 100 IM, Brady Moore -7.04 200 IM, Walter Olinski -8.22 100 Breaststroke, Claire Speers -14.28 25 Breaststroke, Ellie Staniger -11.42 100 IM, John Westfall -5.27 50 Backstroke, and Valeria Zavala Lopez -5.22 50 Backstroke.

Racing in their first TEAM SEA meet ever included Eli Chentnik, Rylee Clouse, Emma Ebert, Vivi Koshen, Bennett Menken, John Merrill, Jocelyn Niebuhr, Cloey Sullivan, and Grayson Sullivan.

We are back in action this Sunday in Brown Deer. Continue attending practice regularly so we can continue to post great results like these!

Circle City Classic Meet Information

We are planning on entering the Circle City Classic Meet again (it's been a few years since we last raced at this meet). This is a great meet at an amazing pool.

There are qualifying times to attend this meet. Athletes qualified to race in this event are posted on home page of our website.

Entries are due December 1st.

We also have a block of rooms reserved too ... also posted on the homepage of our website.

Hope to SEA you racing in Indy!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Nov 12	SSTY Fall Invite	Closed
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
Jan 13-14	SEA Penguin Challenge	TBA
Jan 21	Conference Meet	TBA
Jan 26-28	Circle City Classic	12/1
Feb 4	J-HK 8&U Meet	TBA
Feb 11	Conference Champs	TBA
Feb 16-18	Regionals	TBA
Feb 23-25	Senior State	TBA
Feb 24-25	10&U State	TBA
Mar 1-3	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 9-10	SEA YMCA Sectionals	TBA
Mar 15-17	YMCA State	TBA
Apr 2-6	YMCA Nationals	TBA

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.

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 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.

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 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.

October Birthdays

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

November Birthdays

Jordan Borzynski, Rylee Clouse, Maran Jagel, Piper Jansen, Natalia Johnson, Maddie Rezmer, Hannah Scherwinski, Kaylee Staniger.

Extended Calendar

November

- 11 WIAA State
- 12 SSTY Fall Invite
- 13 HS Boys season beings
- 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
- 21 Conference Meet
- 26-28 Circle City Classic

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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