

## 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.*

November 30, 2023

### **Neil's Notes**

We are heading into a great two weeks of fast swimming with Y-Finalist, Winter Junior Nationals, Single Age State, and our Conference Meet all scheduled to take place between December 1-10! We have been working really hard and smart in practice and are looking forward to a lot of best times, growth, and development during these ten days. Good luck TEAM SEA!

We are conducting practice this Saturday. 8:00-9:30 AM at Image Management Family YMCA. Take advantage!

Entries for Single Age State need to be finalized Sunday after Y-Finalist. You can still sign-up to attend our December 10<sup>th</sup> Conference Meet (will be held in Lake Geneva).

We are trying really hard to work 6-12-months ahead of our schedule. Here are a few "save the dates" for 2024:

- 1) Swim for a Cause, Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 PM at Image Management Family YMCA
- 2) Annual Awards Banquet, Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM at Infusino's Banquet Hall
- 3) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary TEAM SEA Celebration, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 PM at One of Us Brewery

Our Christmas Practice schedule begins December 26. The scheduled is posted on our website and was emailed to all families.

Please take a look at the escrow reports and zero out any negative balances from the last two seasons. Thanks in advance!

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. Rates will be \$30 monthly beginning January 2 (currently the youth rate is \$20 per month).

Families receive a \$120 discount if the membership is paid in full (\$240 for the year). 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. Our insurance is through the YMCA and all our athletes need to be members of our Y. Thanks.

If you have a Facebook account, please considering 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).

### **Y-Finalist Meet Information**

This weekend we'll be racing in Brown Deer (9240 N. Green Bay Road) again during this year's Y-Finalist.

Friday warm-ups begin at 4:30 PM, meet begins at 5:35 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:04 PM.

Saturday & Sunday AM warm-ups for 13&O athletes begins at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 9:00 AM and is scheduled to end at 12:06 PM Saturday and 12:11 PM Sunday.

Saturday & Sunday PM warm-ups for 12&U athletes are assigned. We'll be in lane eight on the diving well side of the pool, 12:00-12:20 PM. The meet begins at 12:55 PM and is scheduled to end at 4:07 PM Saturday and 3:52 PM Sunday.

The meet landing link was sent via the weekly newsletter email. Click the link to view detailed session reports and heat sheets.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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>
Dec 1-3	Y-Finalist	Closed
Dec 6-9	Junior Nationals	Closed
Dec 9-10	Single Age State	12/3
Dec 10	Conference Meet	12/1
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 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.

### 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 for Spring & Summer**

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
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).

## 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

### 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

### February

4 J-HK 8&U Meet  
10 WIAA Sectionals  
11 Conference Champs Meet  
16-18 Regionals  
17 WIAA State  
23-25 Senior State  
24-25 10&U State

### March

1-3 11-14 State  
9-10 YMCA Sectionals  
15-17 YMCA State

### April

2-6 YMCA Nationals  
22 Tryouts  
23 First day of Spring & Summer practice

### May

4-5 SEA Early Bird  
19 Swim for a Cause  
27 No practice, Memorial Day  
31-2 SEA Pirate Plunge

### June

11 Last day of school (RUSD)  
12 AM practice begins for Seniors  
21-22 SEA Summer Sizzler

### July

4 No practice, Happy Independence Day  
11-14 Speedo Sectionals  
19-21 Regionals  
26-28 12&U State  
31 Last day of Spring & Summer practice

### August

1-4 13&O State  
8-11 14&U Zones

13 Annual Awards Banquet

### September

23 Tryouts  
23 First day of practice for Fall & Winter  
28 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary TEAM SEA Celebration

## 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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Respect \* Responsibility  
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