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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.

December 17, 2021

Neil's Notes

We are now looking forward to our first meet of the new year ... which will take place on Saturday-Sunday, January 15-16 in Brown Deer ... our team hosted 16th Annual Penguin Challenge. Take a moment and declare your intentions to have your swimmer(s) race in this team hosted event. Entries to date are posted on our website via the Members/Meet Information link. Volunteer sign-up will be posted next week and (each family is required to work two sessions; high school boys' families are exempt - keep in mind this meet runs as a single session (all swimmers race in the same session) and at the moment is a fairly small swim event). Please take a moment to sign-up.

The new blocks are finally installed and look great. The athletes have been enjoying practicing and polishing up their racing dives! Thank you to all the families who took the time to donate to our GoFundMe event last year ... you have made a huge difference in the lives of our swimmers!

I have lined up a team trip back to the Lakeside Invitational in Louisville next summer. Tentative dates are July 8-10. You want to attend this event as it's a very unique venue!

On behalf of Coach Joanna and I, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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), Facebook (SEA Swim Team - this page is set to private and you'll need to request to join), or Twitter (@SEAWisconsin).

Christmas Practice Schedule

Thursday, December 23, and Monday-Wednesday, December 27-29.

Bronze & Silver, 10-11 AM

Gold, 11-12:30 PM

Senior, 12:30-2:30 PM (please arrive at Noon for dryland training on Monday and Wednesday)

No practice on the following days: December 24-25, December 30-31, and January 1.

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Dec. 11-12	12&U State	Closed
Dec. 12	Conference Meet	Closed
Jan. 15-16	SEA Penguin Meet	1/6
Jan. 22-23	SHOR Meet	TBA
Jan. 30	Conference Meet	TBA
Feb. 4-6	SSTY A+ Meet	1/19
Feb. 13	Conference Meet	TBA
Feb. 18-20	Regionals	TBA

12&U State Highlights & Recap

Although this event was long in the tooth, our swimmers did a great job and finished 12th overall for Division 2 teams scoring 83 points. As a team we posted 60% best times and only one DQ (Breaststroke).

Jordan Borzynski podiumed in four of his events finishing third in the 100 Backstroke. He also picked up 12&U State qualifying times for February's meet in the 9-10 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke.

Alessandra Arteaga is getting ready to break :30 in the 50 Freestyle cutting .67 from her previous best posting a 30.50.

Nicolas Foster dropped 6.23 in his 100 Breaststroke finishing in 1:32.80.

Sophie Gutknecht notched 100% best times during the two-day meet.

Ava Rydzewski cut 2.88 in her 100 IM finishing in 1:22.78.

Evan Steenrod scored in two of this three events placing 11th in the 25 Breaststroke and 13th in the 25 Backstroke.

Congratulations swimmers!

Conference Meet Highlights & Recap

Last Sunday Coach Joanna took the team out to Lake Geneva to compete in our final Conference Meet of 2021.

As a team, we finished with 60% best times and no DQs!

Viviennt Yanke punched her ticket to her first ever State meet when she finished the 50 Backstroke in 44.19 surpassing the YMCA State qualifying standard.

Morgan Pankow swam three new events legally for the first time - 400 IM, 200 Backstroke, 200 Breaststroke - not bad for an athlete who has only been on the team less than a year.

Our next meet is not until January 15-16. Continue to attend practice regularly and train with a focus on the process of improving; do not focus on the outcome.

TEAM SEA Amazon Smile

TEAM SEA has had an Amazon Smile account for many years, but it has been a while since we have reached out to families for support.

If you would like to support TEAM SEA via purchases when ordering from Amazon Smile please go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1580537>.

Once there, please click on the Start Shopping button to support TEAM SEA. Thank you for helping one of Racine's Hidden Gems.

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) - 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 Katie at coachkatiejames@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 Fall & Winter

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
December 12	December 17
January 23	January 28
February 20	February 25
March 13	March 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.

December Birthdays

Savannah Allison, Alessandra Arteaga, Caleb Bergman, Ethan Bergman, Logan Buska, Hannah Daams, Nathaniel Foster, Marlie Haas-Uebe, Georgia Hogan, Ava Kerbawy, Ian Lopez, Mac Thomas.

Extended Calendar

December

24-25 No practice

30-1 No practice

January

15-16 SEA Penguin Challenge

22-23 SHOR meet

30 Conference meet

February

4-6 A+ meet

13 Conference meet

18-20 WI LSC Regionals

25-27 12&U State

March

3-6 13&O State

12-13 Wisconsin YMCA Regionals

18-20 YMCA State

28-1 YMCA Nationals

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. \$15 for silicone, \$5 for latex
- 2) How do I sign-up my swimmer for a meet?
 - a. Email Coach Neil and let me 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) Got a question you need an answer to? Please text Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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