

## 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.*

February 1, 2024

### **Neil's Notes**

We will be training at Park High School on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be at RAC tomorrow, Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Practice will not be offered on February 16-17 (WI LSC Regionals).

Volunteer sign-up is now open for our final meet of the Fall & Winter Season - YMCA Sectionals. Families need to secure two spots for this event. Thanks in advance for supporting your swimmers' team!

Here are the upcoming entry deadlines for the first phase of the championship season, take advantage of these amazing opportunities

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- 1) Conference Champs - this is a great meet which is award heavy (medals 1-8, ribbons 9-16), this year's theme is Superbowl so wear your favorite NFL gear - deadline to sign-up is this Sunday, February 4
- 2) Regionals - the final opportunity to qualify for any of the WI LSC USA State Meets, meet is held at RAC - we are not hosting - athletes need to have a USA Swimming membership to attend, check the newsletter emails for the link to register
- 3) Senior State, 10&U State, and 11-14 State - February 18 - athletes need to have a USA Swimming membership to attend

For those wondering, our Spring & Summer Season is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 23. We should be able to conduct some Off-Season Training between the seasons ... watch the newsletter for these opportunities.

Tentative team summer travel meet is July 12-14 (Bird Bath Invite in Appleton - this is an outdoor 50-meter pool). More information will be available soon.

Please take a look at the escrow reports and zero out any negative balances from the last two seasons. Additionally, if you are

paying swim tuition monthly, please stay current. Thanks in advance!

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](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).

### **Chase Strong Highlights & Recap**

Great swimming in Indianapolis last weekend! As a team we posted 51% best times (20 of 39 swims) and no DQs.

Congratulations to Bennett Menken on his new State qualifying times ... USA and YMCA State for 11-12 100 Butterfly 1:14.62, USA State for 11-12 50 Butterfly 32.86, and YMCA State for 11-12 100 Freestyle 1:05.99.

Dropping five of more seconds in an event included Bennett Menken -13.74 100 Butterfly, Makenna Menken -6.28 500 Freestyle, Molly Warren -7.56 200 Freestyle, and John Westfall -23.41 200 IM.

Posting 100% best times were Bennett Menken and John Westfall.

Tip of the swim cap to Rylie Bergemann and Lindsey Hohnl who also raced well during the three-day meet.

Don't forget to sign-up for Conference Champs and WI LSC Regionals!

### **J-HK 8&U All-Star Highlights & Recap**

Solid swimming last Sunday in Whitewater! As a team our little ones posted 14 best times out of 27 swims (52%) and only had one DQ in Breaststroke ... more importantly, our swimmers had A LOT of fun!

Congratulations to Molly Staniger on picking up the YMCA State cut in the 50 Freestyle, 47.58 for 7&Unders (she also brought home the 1<sup>st</sup> place Highpoint trophy for 6&U swimmers).

Dropping five or more seconds in an event were Julie Horton -5.26 in the 100 IM, Molly Staniger -9.01 in the 50 Freestyle, and Bizzy Strickling -29.87 in the 50 Freestyle.

Notching all best times included Molly Staniger and Bizzy Strickling.

Gold Medalist: Molly Staniger

Silver Medalist: Matilda Gutjahr, Molly Staniger

Bronze Medalist: Matilda Gutjahr, Julie Horton, Nate Steenrod

Other swimmers in the meet who raced well individually and on relays were Emma Ebert and Claire Speers!

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### Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Feb 11	Conference Champs	2/4
Feb 16-18	Regionals	2/7
Feb 23-25	Senior State	2/18
Feb 24-25	10&U State	2/18
Mar 1-3	11-14 State	2/18
Mar 9-10	SEA YMCA Sectionals	3/3
Mar 15-17	YMCA State	3/10
Apr 2-6	YMCA Nationals	3/17
May 4-5	SEA Early Bird	TBA

### 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/scrrip](http://www.sea-y.org/scrrip)) - 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>
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).

### January Birthdays

Mathilde Angeline, Sofia Badillo, Ireland Byrne, Eli Coughlin, Amalia Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Fiona Marini, Ryan McGillis, Allie Mertins, Evan Olson, Ellie Palermo, Ellie Staniger.

### February Birthdays

Maddie Cerny, Jessica Gonzalez, Charlotte Horton, Sophia Marini, Lila Rudoll, Lily Rudoll, Megan Schutlz.

### Extended Calendar

#### February

- 9 Training at Park High School
- 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***  
***Build \* Promote \* Achieve***