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newsletter for Southeastern Aquatics Racine Family YMCA Swim TEAM est. 1984









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 25, 2021

Head Coach Notes

Good luck to Gabi Peterman and Jack Borzynski this weekend in Brown Deer as they race during the 12&U State meet! Heads-up, I'll be coaching Silver and Golds Friday since Katie will be in Brown Deer for 12&U. Hope to SEA a lot of you at practice!

Earlier this month, members were asked to declare their intentions to attend the team hosted Wisconsin YMCA Regional meet ... now is the time to sign-up. Please contact me if you want your swimmers entered in the meet. Thank you! Worker sign-up is now open for this event too. Please remember, spectators are not allowed in the venue. Volunteering during the meet is great way to watch your swimmer's race.

It's been a long tough road for TEAM SEA and countless other swim teams across our state and the world. From a Senior coach standpoint, I could not be prouder of our Senior group over the past year. They have had so much taken from them (practice time, meets, team functions, bonds of friendship put on hold, etc.), but through it all (if you could see them at practice), they smile and get on with it. We all know swim practice is tough, but it's also a huge social outlet for these young adults. The vibe at practice is amazing! The stories shared between sets, the smiles and jokes told ... I just feel really blessed to be a part of it all. We are far from perfect, but the feeling I have when I walk onto the pool deck from the time I leave is pure joy. I guess, to all the parents out there, know your sons and daughters are exceling in a real tough environment and even though so many experiences have been lost over the last year, they have risen to the challenge ... and then some. Be proud of them and continue doing your job of loving, supporting, and transporting them to and from practices/meets.

Although the ground is covered in snow and the temperatures are very cold, Spring & Summer swimming are right around the corner. Here are the dates for the upcoming Spring &

Summer Season: Spring & Summer (April 12-August 1), Spring (April 12-June 27), and Summer (May 17-August 1). At this point, we will continue to have access to Sealed Air YMCA. In addition, it sounds like Meadowbrook Country Club will be available once again. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

We are in the need of parents to step forward to help behind the scenes here at TEAM SEA. Currently, we are looking for some help with SCRIP. If you think you would be a good fit to help out behind the scenes, please reach out to me.

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).

Katie's Kickboard

Hello v'all.

The other day I was thinking about this time last year. We were on the verge of the end of our season without even knowing it. Last year was a hard one. But without struggle we cannot grow; we took this last year to work on the fundamentals, to get stronger, and smarter. Now we are bounds ahead of where we were. I am so excited to see what we can accomplish in the last 4 weeks.

This weekend we have two athletes competing at 12 and Under State. Jack Borzynski and Gabi Peterman worked very hard this season to punch their ticket to this event. This week we have been focusing on the little things, like turns, starts, finishes, and lastminute stroke technique. Good luck this weekend Jack and Gabi!

Team SEA will be hosting YMCA Regionals March 13th and 14th. This is a great opportunity for all levels of athletes. There is still time to sign up, if you are interested or have any questions please email Neil or I.

12&U State Meet Information

Good luck to Gabi Peterman and Jack Borzynski as they race during 12&U State this weekend in Brown Deer.

Warm-up schedule: Gabi Friday, 3:00-3:25 PM Jack Friday, 6:05-6:30 PM Jack Saturday, 3:00-3:25 PM Gabi Sunday, 11:00-11:25 AM Jack Sunday, 2:45-3:10 PM Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

13&O State Meet Information

AM

Here is some early warm-up information in regards to next week's 13&O State meet.

Thursday Prelim warm-ups, 12:30-1:30 PM

Friday Prelim warm-ups, 7:00-8:00 AM Saturday Prelim warm-ups, 10:00-11:00

Sunday Prelim warm-ups 2:00-3:00 PM
The top ten swimmers from the three
Prelim Sessions will move to Finals.

Final warm-ups are 6:30-7:30 PM except on Sunday, 6:00-7:00 PM.

We will be racing at the RecPlex.

More information will be available next week or visit the meet landing page.

Last Chance Meet Recap & Highlights

We had a solid showing during the Last Chance meet last weekend in Muskego posting 57% best times and only six DQs (three Breaststroke, two Backstroke, one IM).

New State qualifying times were achieved by Hugo Arteaga (1000 and 1650 Freestyle), Ethan Bergman (200 and 500 Freestyle, 100 and 200 Backstroke, 200 IM), Zack Kopsea (200 Breaststroke), Brady Moore (100 and 200 Backstroke), and Joe Skantz (200 Backstroke, 200 IM).

Swimmers notching some of the fastest times in our team's history were Natalia Badillo (7th 1000 Freestyle, 3rd 1650 Freestyle, Megan Schultz (8th 100 Backstroke, 6th 200 Backstroke, 9th 100 Butterfly), Jordan Borzynski (2nd 25 Backstroke), Hugo Arteaga (6th 1000 Freestyle, 4th 1650 Freestyle), Ethan Bergman (9th 200 Freestyle), Zack Kopsea (6th 500 Freestyle, 8th 200 Breaststroke, 9th 200 Backstroke), and Joe Skantz (8th 200 Backstroke, 7th 200 IM).

Dropping five or more seconds in a single event included Alessandra Arteaga - 23.67 200 Freestyle, Hugo Arteaga -171.73

1000 Freestyle, Natalia Badillo -181.46 1650 Freestyle, Sofia Badillo -6.85 200 Butterfly, Rylie Bergemann -6.83 400 IM, Ethan Bergman -8.40 500 Freestyle, Arev Buchaklian -6.06 200 Freestyle, Evelyn Gutknecht -5.11 100 IM, Lindsey Hohnl -58.08 1650 Freestyle, Callie Klepp -38.90 1000 Freestyle, Zack Kopsesa -5.72 200 Breaststroke, Brady Moore -6.11 200 Backstroke, Gabi Peterman -19.62 100 Breaststroke, Adam Ries -35.89 500 Freestyle, Joe Skantz -8.21 200 IM, and Charlotte Wright -19.25 100 Backstroke.

Posting 100% best times were Hugo Arteaga, Ethan Bergman, Lindsey Hohnl, Zack Kopsea, Brady Moore, and Adam Ries.

Gold Medalists: four events - Jordan Borzynski, two events - Hugo Arteaga, Sofia Badillo, Ethan Bergman, one event - Rylie Bergeman, Brady Moore, Joe Skantz

Silver Medalists: five events - Jack Borzynski, four events - Zack Kopsea, two events - Natalia Badillo, Megan Schultz, one events - Jordan Borzynski, Lindsey Hohnl, Brady Moore, Joe Skantz

Bronze Medalists: three events - Ethan Bergman, Brady Moore, two events - Rylie Bergemann, Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Lindsey Hohnl, one event - Alessandra Arteaga, Sophie Gutknecht, Joe Skantz

Upcoming Meets

Date		Meet Entry	Deadline
Feb.	26-28	12&U USA State	Closed
Mar.	4-7	13&O USA State	Closed
Mar.	13-14	WI YMCA Regionals	3/7
Mar.	19-21	WI YMCA State	3/15
Apr.	8-11	Y-Nationals	3/10
May 1	-2	SEA Early Bird	TBA
June	4-6	SEA Pirate Plunge	TBA
June	25-26	SEA Summer Sizzler	TBA

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.seay.org/scrip) - you can also read about PrestroPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopwithscrip.com by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Julie Kopsea at jkopsea@yahoo.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

Order By	Delivery On	
February 28	March 3-5	
March 14	March 17-19	

If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Julie Kopsea at 414.530.5399 or at ikopsea@yahoo.com.

February Birthdays

Max Bergemann, Maddie Cerny, Sebastian Greening, Jake Hendricks, Ava Knaus, Sophia Marini, Ava Rydzewski, Megan Schultz.

Extended Calendar

February

26-28 12&U WI LSC State

March

4-7 13&O WI LSC State

13-14 WI YMCA Regionals

19-21 WI YMCA State

April

8-11 YMCA National Swimming Festival

12 Spring & Summer Season begins

Did You Know?

When you introduce new swimmers to TEAM SEA and they join, your escrow account is credited \$50. Take advantage!

Caring * Honesty
Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve