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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 environment to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

May 17, 2024

Neil's Notes

I hope everyone is adjusting to life at Park High School. Honestly, it hasn't been that bad. Hopefully this is the trend for our remaining three weeks ... crossing our fingers and toes for this one.

Don't forget our annual Swim for a Cause event is scheduled for this Sunday, May 19th at the Y beginning at 4:00 PM. A lot of great prizes available this year! We will need a handful of parents to assist with counting our swimmers' laps. Dinner will be served for all in attendance. If your swimmer has raised \$50 or more so far, please forward the desired t-shirt size to me as soon as you can. This event is for all athletes who swam with TEAM SEA during this past Fall & Winter Season and who are currently training with the team now. Take advantage!

Our largest fundraiser of the year is scheduled for the end of this month, May 31-June 2, our annual Pirate Plunge in Brown Deer. This meet averages 700 athletes annually! We'll need all hands-on deck in order to run a quality meet. Please sign-up to volunteer by Sunday, May 19 so our meet directors can work on filling any gaps we may have. Thanks in advance for all your help and support for your swimmer's team!

We are scheduled to begin AM practices for Senior swimmers on June 12. Please note we will only begin training outside when the water temperature reaches 78-degrees. All swimmers planning on training in the mornings will need to secure a pass for the Johnson Aquatic Center (\$25 for the season). Check the Racine County website for more information or simply stop by and purchase a pass.

If morning practice needs to be canceled because of thunder and/lightening, a message will be out at 6:15 AM (will go out via email and postings on Facebook and Instagram).

Our Annual Team Picture is scheduled for Monday, June 24 at the Racine Aquatic Center beginning at 5:00 PM. ALL athletes who are currently on the team and/or swam with

TEAM SEA last Fall & Winter Season are welcome to attend. The process is simple. VIP will take an individual picture of all our swimmers/coaches and composite those pictures into a team picture. Additionally, VIP will take individual posed pictures for all families interested (can be sibling or friend pictures too). Families will be able to order pictures online ... information will be shared when received.

Save the date ... our annual banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13. More information can be found on our website.

Please ensure your swimmer is registered for our current season ... either signed up online through our website and/or have submitted the first and second payments. Additionally, all out athletes need to carry a YMCA membership while training with TEAM SEA.

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. 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).

Conference Meet Information

This Sunday we head back to Lake Geneva to race in our first Conference Meet of the season. This event takes place at Lake Geneva YMCA (203 Wells Street) and doors open at 7:30 AM.

Warm-ups begin at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 9:00 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:00 AM. Heat sheets (when received) will be posted on the home page of our website.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
May 15-18	Atlanta Classic	Closed
May 19	Conference Meet	Closed
May 31-2	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/18
Jun 21-22	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/7
Jun 28	Conference Meet	6/14
Jul 11-14	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
Jul 12-14	Bird Bath Invite	TBA
Jul 19-21	Regionals	TBA
Jul 23-27	Junior Nationals	TBA
Jul 26-28	12&U State	TBA
Jul 30	Conference Champs	TBA
Aug 1-4	13&O State	TBA
Aug 8-11	14&U Zones	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/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

Order By	Delivery On
June 9	June 13-14
July 14	July 18-19

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.

April Birthdays

Juliana Aburto, Jett Adams, David Binder, Grayson Kirchenberg, Andy Krug, Emma Masaya, Tennyson Morey, Eleni Schrik, Kylie Thomas, Finley Thompkins, Luke Waddle.

May Birthdays

Jack Borzynski, Sylvie Carlson, Haylee Clouse, Ezra Coughlin, Emma Ebert, Aisling Fahy, Sophie Gutknecht, Adriana Hotchkiss, Carter Justman, William Martin, Makenna Menken, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod.

Extended Calendar

May

- 15-18 Atlanta Classic Swim Meet
- 19 Conference Meet
- 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
- 24 Team Picture, 5 PM at RAC

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
- 13 High School girls swimming begins

September

- 23 Tryouts
- 23 First day of practice for Fall & Winter

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