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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.

May 19, 2022

Neil's Notes

This Sunday is our annually Swim-a-Thon! It will be held at Sealed Air YMCA, 2:00-4:30 PM. We are asking all participant to bring a dish to pass (can be treats, healthy and/or sweet, drinks, and sundry items to include napkins, cups, paper plates). TEAM SEA will provide the pizza and garlic bread. Lots of cool prizes this year!

Coach Joanna will be off deck Friday through Sunday attending the Central States Coaching Clinic in Illinois. We are so lucky that Joanna is interested in learning more about the world of competitive swimming and is taking the time to do so! I will be covering all groups Friday and Saturday in her absence.

Here's an update on our team travel meet to Kentucky. The pool's address is 2010 Trevilian Way in Louisville. This past January I began looking for a block of rooms for this event and quickly discovered the national AAU basketball tournament is also taking place while we are in town for the meet and after a dozen calls, it was apparent I was not going to secure lodging close to the pool at a reasonable rate. With that being said, families attending the Kentucky travel meet should secure their own accommodations. As a reminder, the meet is held July 7-9 (Thursday evening through Saturday evening) and entries are due May 17th! Hope to SEA you racing in this very unique venue!!

TEAM SEA needs new blood ... in the form of parents who are willing to help behind the scenes. If you are level headed, a team player and are looking for a way to give back to the sport of swimming, this may be a good fit for you. We are always looking for new Officials (training and fees are covered). Also, we would like to train a Meet Director or two along with Fundraising and Concessions leads. Our parents currently in place are amazing, but won't be with the team forever. All training is provided! Reach out to me if you would like to learn more.

On June 8th Seniors will begin training in the mornings at the Johnson outdoor pool. If there is thunder or lightning at 6:30 AM, practice will be canceled that morning. Posts will go out on social media, an email will be sent, and a posting will be on the homepage of our website.

If you shop as much as I do at Amazon, won't you consider shopping at AmazonSmile in support of TEAM SEA? Read about how easy it is later in this newsletter!

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).

Conference Meet Recap & Highlights

Solid efforts during last weekend's Conference Meet. We finished with 61% best times (22 of 36) and only one DQ.

Dropping five or more seconds in a single event included Jordan Borzynski -6.24 100 IM and Ireland Byrne -10.50 50 Backstroke (many swimmers cut 3-4-seconds as well).

Notching 100% best times were Jordan Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Evelyn Gutknecht, and Julie Horton.

Gold Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Andy Krug, Hannah Scherwinski

Silver Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Ireland Byrne

Don't forget to email Coach Neil to have your swimmer(s) entered in our team hosted Pirate Plunge!

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
June 3-5	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/27
June 11	Conference Meet	6/2
June 17	Open Water Champs	TBA
June 24-25	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/17

June 24-26	WGLO	6/7
July 1	Conference Meet	6/24
July 7-9	Lakeside Invite	5/17
July 14-17	Speedo Sectionals	7/6
July 15-16	WI LSC Regionals	TBA
July 22-24	12&U State	TBA
July 26	Conference Meet	7/19
July 28-31	13&O State	TBA
Aug 4-7	14&U Central Zones	TBA

Swim-a-Thon Scheduled for May 22

This year's Swim-a-Thon is scheduled to take place at Sealed Air YMCA on Sunday, May 22.

There are a lot of great prizes this year! See the picture below for a sample of them.

All the information you need is linked on our team website! Good luck athletes!!



Noah's Ark Trip Scheduled for June 28

We are finally heading back to Noah's Ark! The date is set to splash around for a day at Wisconsin's best outdoor waterpark ... Tuesday, June 28.

We will meet in the parking lot of Sealed Air YMCA at 7:00 AM and depart shortly thereafter. We will depart Noah's Ark at 5:00 PM and return to Sealed Air around 7:30 PM.

10&U athletes must have a designated adult watching over them during this trip ... does not need to be mom or dad. 11&O athletes can attend without a designated adult.

Tickets are \$40 (please reach out to Coach Neil if you need financial assistance in attending).

We will need drivers! How many we need depends on how many athletes attend.

Can I bring my friend? Sure, as long as you have a ride for him or her.

If you are planning on attending, please forward \$40 (cash or check payable to SEA) to any coach on deck.

Attending to date includes: Gabi Peterman, Lindsey Hohnl, Evelyn and Sophie Gutknecht, Jack Gerszewski +2, Maddie Cerny

Drivers to date includes: Coach Neil (room for two more)

Don't miss out on this enjoyable day away from the training pool!

TEAM SEA Needs Your Help

We are finally coming out of all the limitations that were put in place during covid in regards to hosting swimming meets and will need to begin staffing our meets in a pre-covid manner for our upcoming Pirate Plunge and Summer Sizzler.

Positions at our hosted meets include:

Scoring: work in the pool office double checking results pulled from the timers, back-up plunger, and touchpad (should enjoy detailed work with numbers)

Runner: this person collects all the timer sheets at the conclusion of an event along with the computer results from the Colorado operator and brings them to the pool office

Timer: timers are positioned behind the blocks and time all races held during the meet and records the time from their watch on the timers' sheet (they also push the button on the plunger at the conclusion of each race too)

Head Timer: this timer has two watches and starts them at the beginning of each race in case a timer in any of the lanes misses that start with their watch

Marshal (also know as Usher): these parents help keep spectators off the deck and ensures all coaches, swimmers, volunteers, and officials are behaving in a safe manner

Meet Director: the individual works with the Head Coach and Head Official to ensure all positions are filled and directs traffic during the meet

Officials: just what you think, officials officiate the races at meets (have to take classes and become a member of USA Swimming - SEA covers all costs associated with becoming an Official)

Kitchen: think of this in the form of concessions. There are usually two areas (concessions for spectators and hospitality for coaches and officials). We have not had concessions in a few years because of covid, but will be offering concessions at our Pirate Plunge event). Shopping for concessions is done the week of the meet and during the meet itself when/if we run out of items.

Awards: basically, placing stickers on ribbons and separating awards by teams.

Announcer: starts the meet with a welcome and Pledge of Allegiance and announces the heats as we progress through the meet ... plays music too.

Now that you have a general idea of what each position does at TEAM SEA hosted meets, here's where we need your help!

We need a concessions lead (someone to coordinate purchasing items prior to the meet and ensuring items sold at the concessions stand is well stocked throughout the day).

We are always looking to add to our stable of officials. With each passing year our current officials' swimmers age-up and eventually leave for college, the military, or a "real job."

Amy Bergman (your amazing Meet Director) is looking for someone to train in her position. It's really not as difficult as the title sounds. If you like working with people, this is for you.

We would love to train a few more people in the position of Scorer. Do you like numbers? This is for you.

Finally (hopefully you are still reading), TEAM SEA does require our families to work at team hosted meets (just like all teams in our state that host meets). Please note, although there is a financial penalty for not working meets, we DO NOT want your money. Hosting the six meets throughout the year covers 45% of our operating budget ... one of the real reasons why we host meets (especially since moving into our new where our pool rent exploded from \$6000 annually to \$30,000).

For the remaining two meets we are hosting this Spring Season, families are required to work three sessions at the Pirate Plunge (June 3-5) and two sessions at the Summer Sizzler (June 24-25). Thanks for reading this week's newsletter.

Online sign-up for the Pirate Plunge is active and Summer Sizzler will be soon!

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 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.

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 Spring & Summer

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
June 5	June 10
July 3	July 8

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.

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.

Off-Season Training (OST)

OST will be offered between the end of the Spring & Summer and the beginning of the Fall & Winter Season.

OST is an opportunity for our athletes to "bridge the gap" between seasons. It allows them to keep a feel for the water during the off-season and gives them an opportunity to really focus on the little things that make for fast swimming (starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes).

OST will be offered for five weeks (Monday-Wednesday, August 1-August 31) and will be led by Coach Joanna.

Gold and Senior will swim 8:00-9:30 AM and Silver and Bronze will swim 9:30-10:30 AM

with each week covering starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes for one stroke.

The cost for Gold & Senior is \$150 for all five weeks or \$30 per week.

The cost for Bronze & Silver is \$100 for all five weeks or \$20 per week.

To sign-up simply email Coach Neil and forward payment to Coach Joanna (cash/check payable to SEA) when you attend the first practice.

Take advantage!

May Birthdays

Jack Borzynski, Aisling Fahy, Sophie Gutknecht, Carter Justman, and Zack Steenrod.

Extended Calendar

May

22 Swim-a-Thon, 2-4:30 PM @ the Y

30 No practice

June

3-5 SEA Pirate Plunge meet

3-4 No practice

8 Morning practice begins for Seniors

11 Conference meet

21 Deadline to sign-up for Noah's Ark

24-25 SEA Summer Sizzler meet

24-25 No practice

24-26 WGLO

28 Noah's Ark team trip

28 No practice

July

1 Conference meet

4 No practice

7-9 Lakeside Invite in Kentucky

14-17 Speedo Sectionals

15-16 Regionals

22-23 12&U State

26 Conference meet

28-31 13&O State

August

1-5 Speedo Junior Championships

1-31 OST

4-7 14&U Zones

9 WIAA girls swim begins

22 Fall & Winter Registration opens

September

19 New swimmer tryouts

20 Fall & Winter Season begins

October

14-16 OZ Swim Your Own Age meet

November

5 WIAA girls Sectionals

6 SEA Pentathlon meet

12 WIAA Girls State

13 Conference Meet

13 SSTY Invite (only for Y-Nat swimmers)

14 WIAA boys swim begins

18-20 HPAC Invite

24-25 No practice, Happy Thanksgiving

December

2-4 Y-Finalist

10-11 Single Age State

11 Conference Meet

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. \$17 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) Got a question you need an answer to? Please text Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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