

Serpent Times

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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 to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

May 20, 2020

Head Coach Notes

Not sure about you, but I am REALLY over covid-19. Could really use a break from all the cancelations ...

USA Swimming has canceled all meets in the month of June. We now have lost our fourth meet of the budget cycle. Ugh. The bright side? TEAM SEA has done a good job of maintaining a reserve and to date, is surviving the pandemic as well as can be expected.

The remaining meet on the Spring & Summer meet schedule is the Bird Bath event scheduled for early July – don't mean to be a Debbie Downer but, don't hold your breath that it survives.

Thanks to Shay for all her hard work in organizing the shoe drive fundraiser. She mentioned she'll be collecting shoes for another 3-4 weeks and we are about 400 pairs of shoes from hitting our goal. Keep on shaking the trees! Contact Shay if you need to drop off any shoes.

Also from Shay ... Deadline for ordering Milaeger's Money is Tuesday, May 26th. It can be used just like cash, on live plants only. You can order in increments of \$15, \$25, and \$50. TEAM SEA will get 17% of all orders and it will go towards your summer fundraising requirement of \$30.

We are trying really hard to find pool time ASAP. A quick update ... Carthage College is closed for the month of June (the powers that be will meet June 15 to discuss the possibility of opening in July and/or August, RUSD and KUSD pools are empty with no plans to open anytime soon, Meadowbrook County Club is planning on opening in early June, the county is on the fence about opening up the Johnson Aquatic Center, Sealed Air YMCA will open May 26 (during the first 30-days only members 17&up will be allowed to gain access to the facility, must reserve a time slot, and will only be allowed to stay for a hour), and we might be able to secure some pool time in Brown Deer at the Schroeder Aquatic Center beginning in early June. Best case scenario? We begin training at

Meadowbrook in early June (these would probably be AM practices). We will update everyone as soon as we have a solid plan.

Okay parents, we need your help. In order to complete and submit our Safe Sport Club application, we need .9% (that's right, point nine) of our parents to take the "Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport" on the Learn portion of the USA Swimming website. Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to take the class. Please visit www.usaswimming.org/learn to login and take the class.

TEAM SEA is looking for some help at the board level. If you have background in finances maybe you would be a good fit as SEA's treasurer? The position requires about 10-15 hours a week and individuals should be level-headed, even keeled, and care more about the team as a whole versus their own swimmer. Please reach out to me if you would like additional information or are interested in the position.

In addition, we are beginning to phase out our current Kitchen leaders and need to begin training new Kitchen leaders. Cori Strange and Sherri Lentz have done a great job for many years leading the charge when it came to running our Kitchens, but these swimmers are graduating this year and next and they will be hanging up their hats. If you are interested in learning more about leading the Kitchen during SEA hosted meets 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).

A Message from Coach D

Hi TEAM SEA swimmers and families,

It's Coach D! I wanted to let you all know that I am moving and I won't be returning as a coach this summer or future seasons. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and I will miss you all! Thank you for the all the wonderful memories to my swimmers and Coach Neil, Coach Katie, and Coach Alyssa!
 Just keep swimming and SEA you later,
 Coach D

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
July 10-12	Bird Bath Invite	TBD

Katie's Kickboard

Hello again,
 Hopefully the rain stays away and the sun is here to stay. Our dryland is well under way, and we are slowly ironing out the quirks. It's been so nice to see everyone smile.
 This Thursday at 10am we will be doing a zoom meeting for all the Bronze and Silvers. We will catch up with everyone, share what we have been up to, and do a fun activity. Look for a link attached to this email.
 There's not much else to update, make sure you are staying active and checking in on social media or email for any updates from us. Have a great weekend!

Request for Pictures - Annual Banquet

Jose Arteaga is in the process of building a video to be played during our upcoming Annual Awards Banquet. If you have any pictures you would like to share that were not posted via social media over the past year, please email him at joseharteaga@gmail.com. Thanks!

Buffalo Wild Wings Home Team Advantage

Do you need a good excuse to skip cooking one night? Every time you dine in or carry out at our local Buffalo Wild Wings (next to Olive Garden at the corner of HWY 20 and 31), 10% of the total spent will be forwarded to TEAM SEA (yes, this does include alcohol). Just tell your server you are supporting TEAM "E" when placing your orders.

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 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

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
TBA	TBA

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

Swimmer Spotlight

Will return when practices begin.

Name:
 Age:
 Group: Gold
 Role Model:
 Favorite Stroke:
 Favorite Event:
 Favorite Swimmer:
 Future Goal:
 Hobbies:
 Famous Person You'd Like to Meet:
 Favorite Book:
 If you could change anything in the world, what would you change:

May Birthdays

Joey Abel, Josh Abel, Paige Betthausen, Jack Borzynski, Emily Cain, Leah Fallenbeck, Sophie Gutknecht, Ericka Kaprelian, Sydney Rybarik, Zack Steenrod, CJ Trask, Hopking Uyenbat.

Extended Calendar

June

23 Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom - all welcome, contact Neil if you would like to attend

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***Caring * Honesty
Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve***

Did You Know?

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