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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.

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Neil's Notes

It's been busy here at TEAM SEA as of late and everything is compounded with all the end of the school year events thrown into the mix. Fun times!

Please remember, no practice this Monday, May 29. In addition, no practice on June 2-3 (we are hosting our Pirate Plunge), June 23-24 (we are hosting our Summer Sizzler), and July 4. Our final practice of the season will be held Wednesday, July 26.

We have received our restock of meet volunteer t-shirts. If you do not have one, please reach out to me and let me know what size you would like and I'd be happy to bring shirts to practice for pick-up. No cost for these shirts.

Last Sunday we hosted our annual Swim for a Cause event at the Y. Twenty-five athletes participated and enjoyed swimming for one hour, a pizza party, and then a raffle for some pretty cool prizes. Pictures are posted on our Facebook page. This year we raised \$5,999.25. After expenses and our \$1000 donation to the Y's Aquatic Department our team brought in a little over \$3,000. Thank you to all the parents who helped with check-in and counting and to all the swimmers who never cease to amaze us by how far they can swim in one hour!

Thank you to the 51 swimmers/families who have taken the time to register for the Spring & Summer Season. If you have not done so, please ensure you sign-up your swimmers for TEAM SEA.

Please ensure your 2022-2023 Fall & Winter escrow account is zeroed out or carrying a positive balance. View the report on our website and forward payment ASAP. Thank you.

This summer's team travel meet is scheduled for July 6-8 in Louisville, KY at one of America's most unique venues (read about it later in this newsletter). Additional entries will be taken through this Sunday, May 28.

We are gearing up to host our 8th Annual Pirate Plunge in Brown Deer next weekend, June

2-4. Thirty-six of our athletes are currently signed up to race. Entries are open until Tuesday next week. Take advantage of this great event! Please don't forget to sign-up to help host our meet.

This summer our YMCA is not running the SCJ Community pool and all Senior swimmers planning on attending morning practices will have to purchase a season pass (\$19 for Racine County residents, \$29 otherwise). Season passes can be purchased online at the Racine County website or in person at the facility. Morning practices are scheduled to begin Monday, June 12.

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. 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).

Incentive Program for Key Roles

In an effort to ensure our hosted meets and fundraising continue to run smooth, we will begin incentivizing key positions; these positions include head official, meet director, concessions & hospitality lead (this is one position) and AO (administrative official).

These key roles will have their escrow accounts credited \$100 for each session they attend in their capacity (fundraising lead will be credited \$250 per season).

At this time, we have parents slotted into all positions except concessions & hospitality lead. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Coach Neil.

We are always looking at training the next generation of parents so if anyone is interested in learning about any of these positions prior to a spot opening, please do reach out to Coach Neil.

Conference Meet Recap & Highlights

Solid efforts last Saturday during our Conference Meet. As a team we posted 56% best times (15 of 27 swims) and only one DQ.

Jordan Borzynski notched the 7th (200 Backstroke, 2:49.02) and 9th (200 Breaststroke, 3:38.53) fastest times in our team’s history for 9-10. He also cut 20.86-seconds in the 200 Backstroke.

Charlotte Horton dropped 7.70-seconds in the 100 Backstroke and posted 100% best times.

Mathilde Angeline raced in her first meet for TEAM SEA!

Gold Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Nina Fick, Ryan McGillis

Silver Medalist: Jack Borzynski

Bronze Medalist: Julie Horton

Great efforts TEAM SEA!

NBSC Open Recap & Highlights

We sent a small contingent to New Berlin last weekend.

Jack Borzynski won the 200 Freestyle, 1:50.15.

Jordan Borzynski dropped 2.20-seconds in the 200 Freestyle.

Sophie Gutknecht swam the 200 Butterfly for the first time ever, 3:36.26.

Great job swimmers!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Jun 2-4	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/30
Jun 11	Conference Meet	6/4
Jun 23-24	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/15
Jun 23-25	WGLO Invite	6/4
Jun 30	Conference Meet	6/20
Jul 6-8	Lakeside Invite	5/28
Jul 13-16	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
Jul 14-16	12&U State	TBA
Jul 25	Conference Champs	TBA
Jul 27-30	13&O State	TBA
Jul 31-4	Junior Nationals	7/24
Aug 3-6	14&U Zones	TBA

Hotel Information for Lakeside Invite, 7/6-8

We will be attending the Lakeside Invite again this summer. The meet takes place in Kentucky at the Lakeside Swim Club facility (it’s

an outdoor facility with the competition pool located in a quarry).



As usual, hotels are difficult to come by (this summer there’s a major volleyball and baseball tournament taking place on the same weekend we will be racing). After Coach Neil spoke with a few group reservation representatives, they seem to feel rooms will free up a week or two out of our arrival as many teams over reserve their needs.

However, we did secure a block of ten rooms at the Drury Inn & Suites located 7.2-miles/14-minutes from the venue. All rooms are double queen and the hotel offers complimentary hot breakfast and dinner/drinks.

If you are planning on attending this meet, you can reserve a room by visiting the link below.

Once all rooms are secured, please try and contact the hotel directly to see if you can secure a room (Coach Neil was able to pick-up a room on 1/25 without issue – reserved online at hotels website).

The hotel address is 9501 Blairwood Road, Louisville. Phone is 502.326.4170. Hope to see you there!

<https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10051888>

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 card (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 4	June 8-9
July 2	July 6-7

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.

13&O Training Trip

Every two year's all athletes 13&O are extended the opportunity to attend a week-long training trip with their teammates and TEAM SEA.

Our next trip will take place in June of 2023, 9th-16th. A minimum of 12 athletes must attend this trip for it to take place. Athletes interested in attending include: Rylie Bergemann, Sophia Marini, Brady Moore, Lindsey Hohnl, Gabi Peterman, Jack Borzynski, Alice Stratman, Nathaniel Foster, Nicholas Foster, Caleb Bergman, Molly Warren, Evelyn Gutknecht, Noah Fiorentino, Ian Lopez.

The trip has averaged out to \$1000 per swimmer over the years and we usually drive to Panama City Beach, FL. This year's trip is currently sitting at \$1350 (plus expenses for food).

We will also need two chaperones with priority given to those parents who have not had an opportunity to attend. Chaperones to date include Eric Bergemann, John Marini, Ben Foster, Maria Peterman, Sarah Foster.

Please contact Coach Neil if you would like to attend or need more information.

There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 7 at the Racine Aquatic Center, 5 PM. All swimmers, chaperones, and at least one parent must attend this meeting.

Off-Season Training (OST)

OST will be offered between the end of the Spring & Summer Season 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, July 31-August 30) and will be led by Coach Joanna.

Gold and Senior will swim 8:00-9:30 AM and Bronze and Silver will 9:30-10:30 AM with each week covering starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes for one stroke (the order by weeks is Free, Back, Breast, Fly, IM).

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

The cost for Bronze and Silver is \$100 for all five weeks of \$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!

All practices will be held at the outdoor SCJ Community pool and all participants will need a membership (\$19 for Racine County residents, \$29 for all others). There will be no refunds or "make-up days" for inclement weather/canceled practices.

May Birthdays

Jack Borzynski, Sylvie Carlson, Haylee Clouse, Ezra Coughlin, Liam Cushman, Aisling Fahy, Noah Fiorentino, Sophie Gutknecht, Adriana Hotchkiss, Carter Justman, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod, Tessa Stillman.

Extended Calendar

<i>May</i>	
29	No practice
<i>June</i>	
2-3	No practice
2-4	Pirate Plunge
7	13&O Training Trip Meeting
9-16	13&O Training Trip
11	Conference Meet
23-24	No practice
23-24	Summer Sizzler
23-25	WGLO Invite
30	Conference Meet (this one's in Janesville)
<i>July</i>	
4	No practice

- 6-8 Lakeside Invite
- 13-16 Speedo Sectionals
- 14-16 WI LSC Regionals
- 21-23 12&U State
- 26 Final practice of the season
- 27-30 13&O State
- 31-4 Junior Nationals

August

- 3-6 14&U Zones
- 17 Annual Team Banquet

September

- 18 Tryouts for new members
- 19 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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