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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 way to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

May 5, 2023

Neil's Notes

I've been under the weather this week so we'll keep this short.

Please note we will not conduct practice tomorrow (Saturday) since we are hosting our Early Bird meet in Brown Deer.

The meet information page of our website is beginning to populate. Take a moment and schedule what meets your family is planning on attending this spring and summer before time slips away!

As we prepare to run our first of three meets this spring and summer, please remember TEAM SEA is known throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois as a club that hosts quality meets with helpful and cheerful families. As a reminder, everyone should be on their best behavior this weekend. Thanks in advance!

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 10.

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).

Early Bird Meet Information

This weekend we'll kickoff the long course season in Brown Deer hosting our 14th Annual Early Bird meet.

This event is conducted as one session each day (Saturday and Sunday) and all swimmers race in the same session.

Saturday warm-ups begin at 10:00 AM, the meet begins at 11:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 4:41 PM (earlier if you're not in the 400 IM).

Sunday warm-ups begin at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 2:29 PM (earlier if you're not in the 400 Free).

Stop by the meet landing page to view session reports, heat sheets, etc.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
May 6-7	SEA Early Bird	Closed
May 13	NBSC Open	Closed
May 21	Conference Meet	5/14
Jun 2-4	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/25
Jun 11	Conference Meet	TBA
Jun 23-24	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/15
Jun 23-25	WGLO Invite	TBA
Jun 29	Open Water State	TBA
Jun 30	Conference Meet	TBA
Jul 6-8	Lakeside Invite	5/20
Jul 13-16	Speedo Sectionals	TBA
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 closed 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/nerereservation/?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>
May 7	May 11-12
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.

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

May

- 6 No practice
- 6-7 SEA Early Bird
- 13 NBSC Open
- 20 Conference Meet
- 21 Swim for a Cause
- 29 No practice

June

- 2-3 No practice
- 2-4 Pirate Plunge
- 9-16 13&O Training Trip
- 11 Conference Meet
- 23-24 No practice
- 23-24 Summer Sizzler
- 23-25 WGLO Invite
- 29 Open Water State
- 30 Conference Meet

July

- 4 No practice
- 6-8 Lakeside Invite
- 13-16 Speedo Sectionals
- 14-16 WI LSC Regionals
- 21-23 12&U State
- 27-30 13&O State
- 31-4 Junior Nationals
- 3-6 14&U Zones

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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