

## Serpent Times

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.*

June 1, 2023

### Neil's Notes

BIG meet this weekend in Brown Deer! Please drive safe and remember TEAM SEA is known throughout WI as hosting quality meets. Please remember everything we learned in kindergarten when interacting with everyone this weekend, say please and thank you, wait your turn, and if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.

It's going to be hot on the deck this weekend. Cool clothes are a must. We'll have TEAM SEA volunteer shirts at check in for those that need one (sizes small through 2XL).

Rumor has it the Brown Deer exit is closed. I poked around online, but couldn't find the information. Please give yourself a little extra time for the drive up if the exit is closed.

There are many are many swimmers (21) currently not registered for the team who are currently in the water training. To date, there are eight Seniors, nine Golds, two Silvers, and two Bronze level swimmers who still have not registered for this season. Please take a moment and complete this process ASAP. Thank you.

Please remember, 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.

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.

AM practices for Seniors are scheduled to begin Monday, June 12. If practice needs to be canceled, information will go out at 6:30 AM (emails and social media). Practice runs 7-9 AM. Pretty much the only reason practice

would be canceled is for thunder and/or lightening.

Useless trivia of the day ... we only have 42 days of practice remaining this season! Take advantage of as many as you can!!

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](mailto: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).

### Pirate Plunge Meet Information

We will be hosting our largest meet (600+ athletes) of the year this weekend in Brown Deer at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center (9240 North Green Bay Road). Thank you in advance to all the families who have stepped up to help out and (again, in advance) thank you for all your flexibility this weekend as our Meet Directors shuffle people around to ensure we have coverage during each session.

Warm-up times for the weekend ...

Friday warm-ups begin at 4:00 PM, meet begins at 5:05 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:50 PM.

Saturday AM warm-ups (12&U) begin at 8:30 AM, meet begins at 9:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 12:54 PM.

Saturday PM warm-ups (Open) begin at 12:55 PM, meet begins at 2:00 PM and is scheduled to end at 5:47 PM.

Sunday AM warm-ups (12&U) begin at 7:30 AM, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:38 AM.

Sunday PM warm-ups (Open) begin at 11:40 AM, meet begins at 12:45 PM and is scheduled to end at 4:01 PM.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Jun 2-4	SEA Pirate Plunge	Closed
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	Closed
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

### 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.

### 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](http://www.sea-y.org/scrip)) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**June Birthdays**

Nolan Barrett, Max Carlson, Eli Chentnik, Alli Grinhaus, Evelyn Gutknecht, Callie Klepp, Eliani Krekling, Allison Labarber, Arya Morey, Ellie Olson, Cloey Sullivan, Grayson Sullivan, Benji Thornton, Aubree Van Dyke, and Mason Walker.

**Extended Calendar**

June

- 2-3 No practice
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- 7 13&O Training Trip Meeting
- 9-16 13&O Training Trip
- 11 Conference Meet
- 12 AM practice begins for Seniors (weather permitting)
- 23-24 No practice
- 23-24 Summer Sizzler
- 23-25 WGLO Invite
- 30 Conference Meet (this one’s in Janesville)

July

- 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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