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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 2, 2022

Neil's Notes

Hello and thanks for taking a moment out of your busy schedule to read these words. I hope you and your family had a great Memorial Weekend. As some of you know, I took my family to Orlando last weekend. We were celebrating my wife's birthday by seeing Paul McCartney in concert. Glad to say none of our flights were canceled and everyone had a good time, but enough about me … we have a BIG meet to discuss.

Remember, no practice tomorrow and Saturday.

This weekend's Pirate Plunge is returning to pre-covid operating standards with concessions back in the mix of things. TEAM SEA hosted meets are huge fundraisers for your child's team. As such, we need all hands-on deck to ensure we run a quality meet.

Please keep a focus on the real reason we are coming together this weekend … to host a meet for 726 swimmers. Also try and remember everything we all learned in Grade K … say please and thank you, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all, and maybe some things we didn't learn in Grade K … think about our four core YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Focus on these items anytime you interact with someone and it helps to smile too.

Know going in this is a long meet. Also know there are some parents that will work ALL sessions of this meet. Fun fact, Pat and Roger Lewno continue to volunteer at our hosted meets and they last had a swimmer on the team in 2005. They are amazing supporters of TEAM SEA and we are lucky to have them. I guess what I'm getting at is that if they can volunteer at TEAM SEA hosted meets for the past 17-years without having one of their own swimmers on the team, we all can step-up and pitch in! Fun fact … we only hosted six meets per year (or 12 total days – that makes up 45% of our operating budget).

If you have not done so, please take a look at your calendars and decide what remaining meets you would like your swimmers to attend. There are only eight weeks remaining in our season!

On June 8th Seniors will begin training in the mornings at the Johnson outdoor pool. If there is thunder or lighting 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.

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).

Pirate Plunge Meet Information

We are hosting this event in Brown Deer at 9240 North Green Bay Road. There are assigned warm-ups for this meet … please be on time.

Friday warm-ups run 4:00-5:00 PM, meet begins at 5:05 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:53 PM.

Saturday AM (12&U) warm-ups run 8:30-9:00 AM, meet begins at 9:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 1:17 PM.

Saturday PM (13&O) warm-ups run 1:20-1:50 PM, meet begins at 2:25 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:03 PM.

Sunday AM (12&U) warm-ups run 7:30-8:00 AM, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 12:00 PM.

Sunday PM (13&O) warm-ups run 12:00-12:30 PM, meet begins at 1:05 PM and is scheduled to end at 5:06 PM.

The meet landing page is fully updated … please don't forget to complete the online waiver if you are working the meet and if your athlete is racing this weekend.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
June 3-5	SEA Pirate Plunge	Closed
June 11	Conference Meet	6/2
June 17	Open Water Champs	6/12
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

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, Thornton @ 3

Drivers to date includes: Coach Neil (room for two more), Ahnna Thornton 9room for one more)

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

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 PrestroPay 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

Order By	Delivery On
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!

June Birthdays

Nolan Barrett, Max Carlson, Evelyn Gutknecht, Callie Klepp, Allison Labarber, Arry Morey, Ellie Olson, Benji Thornton, Aubree Van Dyke.

Extended Calendar

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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*Respect * Responsibility*
*Build * Promote * Achieve*