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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 environment to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

June 6, 2024

Neil's Notes

Thank you to all our families for pulling together to host another great event. We provided racing opportunities for 60 of our own athletes along with 620 additional LSC swimmers. Except for one small glitch towards the end of the meet Sunday afternoon the meet went off without a hitch and our athletes did amazing!

Our final hosted meet of the season is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 21-22 at the RecPlex Aqua Arena in Pleasant Prairie. Volunteer sign-up is open ... for the Summer Sizzler families need to select three spots for this event. Don't forget to enter your swimmers in this meet by sending an email to south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com (be sure to state which day(s) your swimmer is attending).

We are all set to return to the Racine Aquatic Center on Monday, June 10. Rumor has it the road is finished too.

We are heading back to the Bird Bath Invite in Appleton this summer. The meet is scheduled for July 12-14 at Erb Park. Entries are due June 23. This is an outdoor event and a lot of fun. Take advantage!

We are scheduled to begin AM practices for Senior swimmers on June 12. All swimmers planning on training in the mornings will need to secure a pass for the Johnson Aquatic Center (\$25 for the season). Check the Racine County website for more information or simply stop by and purchase a pass. If morning practice needs to be canceled because of thunder and/lightening, a message will be out at 6:15 AM (will go out via email and postings on Facebook and Instagram).

Our Annual Team Picture is scheduled for Monday, June 24 at the Racine Aquatic Center beginning at 5:00 PM. ALL athletes who are currently on the team and/or swam with TEAM SEA last Fall & Winter Season are welcome to attend. The process is simple. VIP will take an individual picture of all our swimmers/coaches and composite those pictures into a team picture. Additionally, VIP

will take individual posed pictures for all families interested (can be sibling or friend pictures too). Families will be able to order pictures online ... information will be shared when received.

Save the date ... our annual banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13. More information can be found on our website.

Please ensure your swimmer is registered for our current season ... either signed up online through our website and/or have submitted the first and second payments. Additionally, all our athletes need to carry a YMCA membership while training with TEAM SEA.

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).

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Jun 21-22	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/7
Jun 28	Conference Meet	6/14
Jul 11-14	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
Jul 12-14	Bird Bath Invite	6/23
Jul 19-21	Regionals	TBA
Jul 23-27	Junior Nationals	TBA
Jul 26-28	12&U State	TBA
Jul 30	Conference Champs	TBA
Aug 1-4	13&O State	TBA
Aug 8-11	14&U Zones	TBA

9th Annual Pirate Plunge Recap & Highlights

TEAM SEA posted amazing results during last weekend's 9th Annual Pirate Plunge.

As a team, we posted a strong 80% best times and only ten DQs out of 281 swims (three each Butterfly and Backstroke, two IM, and one Breaststroke and Freestyle).

New State qualifying times were posted by Matilda Gurjahr 8&U 50 Freestyle 43.66, 50 Backstroke 53.14, 50 Breaststroke 54.28, Brady Moore Senior 200 Backstroke 2:23.87, 200 Freestyle 2:06.30, Rhemy Thompkins 10&U 50 Freestyle 37.53, and Harrison Yanke 10&U 100 Breaststroke 1:52.07, 100 Freestyle 1:28.79.

Congratulations to Matilda Gutjahr on setting the 8&U 400 Freestyle team record, 7:46.91.

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history included Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 8th 50 Freestyle, 3rd 200 Freestyle, 5th 50 Breaststroke, 2nd 100 Breaststroke, Molly Staniger 8&U 9th 200 Freestyle, Claire Speers 8&U 10th 200 Freestyle, 9th 100 Breaststroke, Rhemy Thompkins 9-10 7th 400 Freestyle, Harrison Yanke 8&U 4th 50 Freestyle, 2nd 100 Freestyle, 3rd 50 Backstroke, 2nd 50 Breaststroke, 2nd 100 Breaststroke, 2nd 50 Butterfly, Brady Moore 17-18 5th 100 Freestyle, 8th 200 Freestyle, 5th 100 Backstroke, 5th 200 Backstroke, and Jordan Borzynski 9-10 10th 400 IM.

Cutting five or more seconds in a single event were Juliana Aburto -5.42 100 Breaststroke, Jett Adams -37.10 200 Freestyle, Ale Arteaga -5.42 400 IM, Jordan Borzynski -34.38 400 Freestyle, Ireland Byrne -32.88 400 Freestyle, Max Carlson -21.29 200 Freestyle, Eli Coughlin -19.91 200 Backstroke, Aisling Fahy -25.86 200 Backstroke, Ciara Fahy -38.62 200 Freestyle, Nathaniel Foster -18.52 200 IM, Nicholas Foster -31.86 200 IM, Jack Gerszewski -42.30 100 Backstroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -10.42 100 Breaststroke, Matilda Gutjahr -6.30 100 Breaststroke, Sophie Gutknecht -19.82 100 Backstroke, Charlotte Horton -6.50 100 Breaststroke, Julie Horton -8.56 50 Breaststroke, Levi Jansen -17.87 200 IM, Natalie Johnson -6.90 100 Freestyle, Ava Kerbawy -16.45 200 Freestyle, Ella Kirchenberg -29.33 200 Freestyle, Grayson Kirchenberg -23.75 200 Freestyle, Delilah Kuhl -13.84 100 Backstroke, Fiona Marini -152.29 400 Freestyle, William Martin -5.39 100 Freestyle, Ryan McGillis -14.76 400 Freestyle, Allie Mertins -20.04 400 Freestyle, Brady Moore -22.36 200 Backstroke, Arya Morey -8.21 100 Backstroke, Evan Olson -23.66 200 Freestyle, Claire Speers -7.62 100 Breaststroke, Olivia Speers -85.28 200 IM, Ellie Staniger -36.04 200 Freestyle, Kaylee Staniger -23.23 100 Backstroke, Molly Staniger -35.24 50 Freestyle, John Westfall -8.46 50 Breaststroke,

Harrison Yanke -18.22 100 Freestyle, and Vivienne Yanke -25.49 100 Butterfly.

Achieving 100% best times were Jett Adams, Ireland Byrne, Max Carlson, Eli Coughlin, Ciara Fahy, Nathaniel Foster, Nicholas Foster, Jack Gerszewski, Matilda Gutjahr, Adriana Hotchkiss, Levi Jansen, Ella Kirchenberg, Grayson Kirchenberg, Delilah Kuhl, Sebastian Malfavon, Allie Mertins, Brennan Meyer, Lila Rudoll, Evalyn Speers, Kaylee Staniger, Kylie Thomas, Aubree Van Dyke, Molly Warren, Harrison Yanke, and Vivienne Yanke.

Congratulations to these athletes on racing in their first SEA meet ever ... Sebastian Davalos, Pedro Nogueira, and Zoe Pomeroy.

Don't forget to sign-up for Summer Sizzler!

Swim for a Cause Recap

Our annual Swim for a Cause event was held Sunday, May 19 at the Y. We had a great time swimming for a hour straight (totals are below), winning some great prizes, enjoying some tasty food from Olive Garden, and raising funds for the Racine Friendship Clubhouse. T-shirts are on their way and will be handed out at practice when received. Way to go swimmers!

3800 - Ireland Byrne, Zack Steenrod
3650 - Kaylee Staniger
3450 - Evan Steenrod
3400 - Vivvy Yanke
3300 - Evan Olson
3200 - Olivia Speers
3150 - Harrison Yanke
3050 - Evalyn Speers
3000 - Ciara Fahy
2750 - John Westfall
2650 - Claire Speers
2550 - Nate Steenrod
2500 - Natalie Johnson
2450 - Matilda Gutjahr
2350 - Maren Jagel
2250 - Sylvie Carson
2200 - Summer Gustafson-Binger
2100 - Emma Masaya, Molly Staniger
2000 - David Binder
1600 - Jack Gerszewski
700 - Ellie Staniger

RaiseRight Fundraising Information

SEA offers RaiseRight (formally 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! RaiseRight 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 RaiseRight 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 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.

RaiseRight 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 9	June 13-14
July 14	July 18-19

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.

OST (Off-Season Training)

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 four weeks (Monday-Wednesday, August 5-28). Gold and Senior will swim 7:30-9:00 AM and Bronze and Silver will swim 9:00-10:00 AM with each each covering starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes for one stroke (the order by weeks is Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly).

The cost for Gold and Senior is \$160 for all four weeks or \$40 per week.

The cost for Bronze and Senior is \$120 for all four weeks or \$30 per week.

To sign-up simply email Coach Neil and forward payment on the first practice your athlete attends. Take advantage!

All practices will be held at the outdoor SCJ Community pool and all participants will need a membership to the pool. There will be no refunds or "make-up days" for inclement weather/canceled practices.

May Birthdays

Jack Borzynski, Sylvie Carlson, Haylee Clouse, Ezra Coughlin, Emma Ebert, Aisling Fahy, Sophie Gutknecht, Adriana Hotchkiss, Carter Justman, William Martin, Makenna Menken, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod.

June Birthdays

Gennie Bruzas, Max Carlson, Eli Chentnik, Mason Fisher-Sedlachek, Eveln Gutknecht, Callie Klepp, Sebastian Malfavon, Arya Morey, Bizzy Strickling, Cloey Sullivan, Grayson Sullivan, Aubree Van Dyke, Mason Walker.

Extended Calendar

June

- 11 Last day of school (RUSD)
- 12 AM practice begins for Seniors
- 21-22 SEA Summer Sizzler
- 21-22 No practice, we host Summer Sizzler
- 24 Team Picture, 5 PM at RAC
- 28 Conference Meet, 50-meter pool

July

- 4 No practice, Happy Independence Day
- 11-14 Speedo Sectionals
- 12-14 Bird Bath Invite
- 19-21 Regionals
- 26-28 12&U State
- 30 Conference Champs Meet
- 31 Last day of Spring & Summer practice

August

- 1-4 13&O State
- 8-11 14&U Zones
- 13 Annual Awards Banquet
- 13 High School girls swimming begins

September

- 23 Tryouts
- 23 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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