

## 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.*

September 29, 2023

### Neil's Notes

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Fall & Winter Season ... the beginning of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Look for a lot of fun things along the way during our new season to commemorate our 40<sup>th</sup> year!

We currently have a dozen new swimmers testing the waters here at TEAM SEA! Please make their parents feel welcome when you attend practice ... don't be shy to reach out and say "Hi."

If you have not done so yet, please ensure you register your swimmers. If you plan on paying in full, go through the online registration process on our website. If you plan on making monthly payments, please forward \$200 per swimmer for the first payment (the payment schedule is located on the Registration & Fees page of our website).

Entries are due October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the first meet of the season we are attending, OZ Swim Your Own Age in Mequon at Homestead High School. If you are interested in having your swimmers attend this event, please send an email to me by the entry deadline (this meet is USA Swimming sanctioned and all athletes will need to have a current USA Swimming membership).

One of the most important traits of our team is communication. I try really hard to be super responsive when families reach out to me with questions or concerns. Please, if you are confused about anything, do not hesitate sending an email or text or even calling.

We all have great jobs to do here at TEAM SEA. Swimmer's swim, coaches coach and parents have the most important job of all ... love, support, and transport. LOVE your swimmers unconditionally (win, lose, draw), SUPPORT your swimmers (ensure they have the equipment they need, feed them, make sure they get eight hours or more of sleep each night, etc.), and TRANSPORT them (get them to practice regularly and to meets on time).

What is not your job as a parent? DO NOT COACH your swimmers. Please leave that

to your professional coaching staff. When you coach your swimmers, they become confused and, if they are listening to you, will not want to make changes in stroke mechanics and or race strategies because what the coaching staff explains differs from what you may have told them. Let's work hard on staying in our lanes.

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](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).

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Oct 13-15	OZ Swim Your Own Age	10/3
Nov 5	SEA Pentathlon	10/23
Nov 12	SSTY Fall Invite	11/1
Nov 17-19	HPAC Invite	10/16
Dec 1-3	Y-Finalist	11/13
Dec 6-9	Junior Nationals	11/15
Dec 9-10	Single Age State	TBA
Dec 10	Conference Meet	TBA

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Online Store Open

Families interested in ordering any items in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary online store can do so through October 6<sup>th</sup>! The link was shared via Facebook and through this week's newsletter email. Take advantage!

### Halloween Party Makes Its Return!

Save the date for the return of our annual Halloween Party to be held at Park High School on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, begins at 5:30 PM.

Of course, this also marks the return of our annual glowstick swim ... if you have never seen and/or experienced this, you don't want to miss it.

Pizza will be provided! A list of other items for families to donate can be found below, please contact Coach Neil if you are willing to help make this event a success!

Veggie tray (need two) -

Fruit plater (need two) -

Brownies (need three) -

Paper plates & napkins -

Single serving juice boxes/bags (need a handful of these) -

Case of water (need two) -

Box of single serving chips (need two) -

If there's something else parents think about be cool to bring, please reach out to Coach Neil and let him know!

Looking forward to a great night of fun!

#### **40 For 40 Trophy Available**

To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a new trophy (it goes without saying that it will be "cool") will be available during August's 2024 annual banquet (currently scheduled for August 8, 2024).

To "win" this trophy, athletes need to notch 40 best times during the next two seasons (2023-2024 Fall & Winter and 2024 Spring & Summer). Athletes entered at NT = no time (never having raced in a particular event before), will be credited for a best time if the event is scored legally.

Good luck!

#### **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, but 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.

#### **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>
October 15	October 19-20
November 12	November 16-17
December 10	December 15-16
January 14	January 18-19
February 11	February 15-16
March 10	March 14-15

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).

#### **August Birthdays**

Tommy Aegler, Rylie Bergemann, Eli Ehmcke, Nina Fick, Matilda Gutjahr, Levi Jansen, Ella Kirchenberg, Vivi Koshen, Sydney Mason-Terry, Brooklyn Podoba, Riley Saenim, Rhemy Thompkins, Harrison Yanke.

#### **September Birthdays**

Zoe D'Alessandro, Jack Gerszewski, Lindsey Hohnl, Audrey Lescher, Claire Speers, Evalyn Speers, Tiffany Vaillancourt.

#### **Extended Calendar**

##### October

13-15 OZ Open

27 Halloween Party! (no practice)

### November

- 3 Practice at Park HS
- 4 WIAA Sectionals
- 5 SEA Pentathlon
- 11 WIAA State
- 12 SSTY Fall Invite
- 13 HS Boys season beings
- 17-19 HPAC Invite
- 23-24 No practice, Happy Thanksgiving

### December

- 1-3 Y-Finalist
- 6-9 Junior Nationals
- 9-10 Single Age State
- 10 Conference Meet
- 25 No practice, Merry Christmas

### January

- 1 No practice, Happy New Year
- 13-14 SEA Penguin Challenge
- 19-21 LCB Invite
- 21 Conference Meet

### F.A.Q.

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- 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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Respect \* Responsibility  
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