

Ralph Crocker Invite - Auburn



Congrats to all swimmers that attended the Auburn meet! We had a great showing with nearly half of our team making the trip. It was a successful travel trip for our 11 and overs (the van rides are always a favourite!).

The Auburn meet was a Prelims/Finals event, which means the 11 and Over swimmers were trying to make it to the finals at night. It was a very large meet with 6 states represented (MS, LA, GA, FL, AL, TN). In the end, everyone left with best times and great memories.

The Up and Comers!

8 and Unders

Emma Ai competed as one of only three 6-year olds to do a legal 100 IM! She was one of only a few 6-year olds at the entire meet and held her own in all her events doing proper turns, strokes, and touches!

Ophelia Wald swam in 100% new events, and did a great job! She's conscientious about making sure her turns are correct, and she showed her love for breaststroke.

Cooper Koehn shocked the pool deck by dropping 9 seconds in his 100 breast to qualify for the State meet! He placed 10th in the 10 and Under category and 1st for 8 and Unders. If he wasn't dropping time in all events,

he was swimming new ones. Congrats Cooper!

Shawn Huang rounded out our 8 and Unders with a strong performance! He showed his strength and technique progress in free, back, and breast - Shawn has an exciting future!

9-10 year olds

Yan Zhang dropped a tremendous amount of time in all her events. She especially shined in backstroke. It was great to see such progress!

Evalyn Wu took first place in the 100 breast, 50 free, 100 free, 50 back, second in the 100 back and 100 fly, and 8th in the 12 and Under 200 IM (1st for 10 and Under). Evalyn continues to amaze with her fast times and total domination.

11-12 year olds

Ethan Yu had some large drops in times and achieved times for some new events. Watch out for this up and coming breaststroker!

AddyGrace Whittington succeeded in reaching a perfect “three-peat” by finishing first in her heat in all 3 events on Saturday. She rounded out her meet with significant best times, inspired finishes, and swimming new events.

Gavin Burton had best times in his 100 free and 50 breast, and is about to bust loose as he continues to train. Gavin has an exciting future as his training meets his competitive spirit!

13 -14 year olds

Britten Whittington started her meet with an exciting 9 second drop in her 500 free. She dropped time in her 200 IM as she is starting to become a triple threat of flyer, backstroker, and distance freestyler - with IM on the

way!

Effia Wu had drops in the three mid-distance events she swam - 200 free, 200 back, and 200 IM. She's starting to solidify herself as a strong mid-distance swimmer!

Justin Chung had drops in the 200 IM and 50 breast. He is working on his sprint game in practice, but ramping up the yardage to be able to finish out all his events STRONG. Justin has a bright future!

15 and Overs

Katie Chung started the meet with a Bang! She had a 13 second drop in her 500 free, making her State cut. She made her State cut on the sprint side as well getting a best time by a second in the 100 free. She saw best times in 50 free and 100 fly as well, and is starting to realize her potential and versatility.

Finals Swims

Isabelle Anthony

"C" Final (17th-24th):

200 back qualified in 24th, finished in 24th place

To the pleasure of all STRK swimmers, Isabelle swam her 200 back final swim in lane 8. She stuck with the grueling race until the very end, taking off 4 seconds in the event! She also had best times in her 100 free, 500 free, and 100 back.

Teddy Brain

"A" Final (1st-8th):

200 free qualified in 8th place, finished in 5th place

"B" Final (9th-16th):

100 free qualified in 9th place, finished in 9th place

100 fly qualified in 11th place, finished in 9th place

200 IM qualified in 10th place, finished in 9th place
100 back qualified in 12th place, finished in 9th place

Teddy won the B final in 4 events, making for an exciting finals each night as he raced to get his hand on the wall first! Teddy also got best times in 200 IM, 100 fly, and 100 back.

Breih Magbanua

50 fly - 5th place

“B” Final (9th-16th)

100 free qualified 14th, finished in 12th place

200 fly qualified in 16th, finished in 13th place

“C” Final (17th-24th)

50 free qualified 22nd, finished 19th place

100 fly qualified 21st, finished 17th place

Breih won the “C” final in the 100 fly with his best time, winning the coveted banana given to all “C” final winners by their teammates (new STRK tradition). Breih got best times in 200 free and 100 fly.

Timur Gabitov

“A final”:

200 fly qualified in 8th, finished in 6th place

Timur was one of our highest place finishers. He was swimming with the extra motivation of the promise of sitting in the front seat of the van on the way home. He won the front seat by smashing his prelims best time by 6 seconds.

Total Time Dropped

1. Yan: 52.23
2. Cooper: 29.32
3. AddyGrace: 23.29
4. Katie: 15.22
5. Britten: 11.18

6. Timur: 10.54
7. Isabelle: 7.26
8. Ethan: 6.72
9. Evalyn: 6.63
10. Effia: 6.45
11. Justin: 5.88
12. Teddy: 3.58
13. Gavin: 3.46
14. Breih: 2.14
15. Emma: .08

Shawn: Swam all events for the first time!
Ophelia: Swam all events for the first time!

