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Swimmer Spotlight

Each month in this section we feature a swimmer on ATLA. If you would like to nominate a swimmer to be featured in the swimmer spotlight (even if it's yourself!), please email a coach. Any swimmer can be in the spotlight, performance is not the leading factor! :)



5th - Aoife Ryan turns 18 11th - Brianne Lynch turns 14 21st - Lydia Skovlund turns 11 22nd - Emily Ambra turns 10 31st - Luca Ambra turns 8

September Birthdays

7th - Eleni Morse turns 14 10th - Lena Cabanilla turns 10

15th - Tiernan McEachern turns 9



New Cut Times

NO NEW CUTS

New Team Records

<u>Will Anderson</u> 9&10 - 50 FR (Reset) 9&10 - 100 BR (Reset)

<u>Arianne Chan</u> 11&12 - 100/200 BR (Reset)

Dylan Nichols
15&O - 50/100 FR (NEW)
15&O - 50/100 BK (NEW)
15&O - 50/100/200 FL (NEW)
OPEN - 50/100 FR (Reset)
OPEN - 50 BK (Reset)
OPEN - 50/100 FL (Reset)
OPEN - 200 FL (NEW)



90% Attendance Club

(****** = 100%)

<u>JULY</u>

Arianne Chan**, Joanna DiSaverio**, Harlow Morris McIver, Allie McManus**, Dylan Nichols**







100 Mile Club

- 1. Arianne Chan: 274.48 miles
- 2. Dylan Nichols: 263.97 miles
- 3. Reed Vanderbeck: 218.34 miles
- 4. Dean Fields: 205.2 miles
- 5. Kian Chan: 181.88 miles
- 6. Abdo Ahmed: 127.02 miles
- 7. Alexandra Nichols: 124.48 miles
- 8. Brianne Lvnch: 122.2 miles
- 9. Melia Dunn-Bolanos: 121.69 miles
- 10. Benjamin Wienands: 111.63 miles
- 11. Sam White: 93.16 miles
- 12. Aoife Ryan: 82.64 miles
- 13. Lucy Milutinovich: 78.77 miles
- 14. Peter Latsilnik: 56.75 miles
- 15. Youssef Ahmed: 55.13 miles
- 16. Owen Kassatly: 38.11 miles
- 17. Rocco Rawlins: 21.13 miles
- 18. Jacob Knowles: 17.78 miles
- 19. Leli Ouitkin: 5.94 miles
- 20. Will Desorda: 4.64 miles
- 21. Garret Denneen: 4.25 miles

Important Dates

- 9/22 ALL OCT MEET ENTRIES DUE

Team Announcements

- Parent meeting will be on Saturday
 October 4th at 10 AM! We will be
 going LIVE in the Water Country
 conference room and will have a
 virtual option for those who cannot
 make it.
- We are hoping to bring pre-team back in November! If you have swimmers you know who want to join the team, don't forget our referral bonus!
- October/November social events are in the planning stages! If you'd like to help out with party stuff, please let a coach know!

September Practice Changes

NO CHANGES FOR NOW!



Exercise of the Month

Lateral Kick Throughs

1.Start in a tabletop position, hands under shoulders and knees under bellybutton (not your hips). Tuck toes under and lift your knees off the floor so you're balanced between your toes and your hands.



2. From there, lift your right leg and left hand off the floor, pivot on the ball of your left foot and turn your hips over.



3. Plant your left heel and keep your hips low as you extend your right leg straight out from your hip just above the floor and draw your left elbow back behind your shoulder. Pause, then reverse the steps to return to start, and repeat on the opposite side.



Recipe of the Month

Mediterranean Steak Salad

Brought to you by: Swimswam.com



INGREDIENTS For the salad

6 cups romaine/mixed lettuce, chopped 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

1/2 cup kalamata olives, pitted & halved

1/2 cup pepperonchini, sliced 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled

4-6 oz cooked steak

For the dressing

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil 2 TBSP red wine vinegar 1 tsp dijon mustard 1 large clove garlic, minced Salt & pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

https://swimswam.com/the-hungryswimmer-mediterranean-steak-salad/



<u>"Whoa, That's Cray!"</u>

Train Your Brain

Your brain has the ability to learn and grow as you age — a process called brain plasticity — but for it to do so, you have to train it on a regular basis. Eventually, your cognitive skills will wane and thinking and memory will be more challenging, so you need to build up your reserve. Embracing a new activity that also forces you to think and learn and requires ongoing practice can be one of the best ways to keep the brain healthy.

Physical and Mental Game

Research has shown that regular physical exercise is one way to improve cognitive functions like memory recall, problem solving, concentration, and attention to detail. However, it is not clear if the physical aspect alone boosts your brain or if a combination of other factors — like the mental challenge of the activity, the frequency you do it, and the desire to improve — also contribute.

Take swimming, for example. It has obvious cardiovascular and musclebuilding benefits, but also involves constant thinking, processing, and learning. You have to be mindful of your breathing rhythm and how to properly execute strokes and kicks. You also can measure your expertise in terms of endurance and speed, which motivates you to practice your skills to be a better swimmer.

A brain training activity doesn't always have to be exercise-related. Much

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research has found that creative outlets like painting and other art forms, learning an instrument, doing expressive or autobiographical writing, and learning a language also can improve cognitive function.

Prep Your Brain

These tips can support your new brain training endeavor:

- <u>Pick one new activity.</u> Devote your time and attention to only one additional activity, so you won't be tempted by other interests.
- <u>Sign up for a class.</u> Classes are a good way to learn the basics of any new activity, especially one that requires specific skills, like painting or music.
- Schedule practice time. Don't focus on the amount of time you practice at first, but rather aim for consistency. Devote what time you can, but be firm with your commitment. Schedule it and do it.

KEEP READING:

Train Your Brain - Harvard

Doing One Hard Thing Can Make You Smarter

Doing Hard Things Podcast

HOW TO: Train Your Brain to Do Hard Things

Exercising Your Brain