



Charger Family,

Happy New Year to all of you. 2025 is already shaping up to be our Club's best year yet.

For all of you that had swimmers and helped out at our meet on January 4-5, thank you. It was the highest attended meet in our Club's history with 36 kids across all four swim teams. Amazing!! Let's keep that energy and attendance levels the whole year.

Our scholarship program is up and running, and we have already approved family applications. We have received sponsorship funding from the Del Norte LOV Foundation, the Anchorum Health Foundation and Health Front. And we are actively pursuing additional sponsorships throughout the city.

Our next big event is our annual **Swimathon on Wednesday, February 12**. This is always our largest fundraiser of the year, and we need all families to try and raise as much money as possible so that we can continue to expand new opportunities for our swimmers.

Mikey Hersom
President



ANNUAL SWIMATHON



When: Wednesday, February 12th
4:30 - 6 PM

Where: GCCC
3221 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe



COACHES Corner



Happy New Year families!

With the season of giving behind us I want to thank the following donors and sponsors for their contributions to our program and specifically to the Vivian Gundzik scholarship fund. Please join me in extending a **huge thank you to Coach Vivian, Del Norte Lov Foundation, Anchorum Health Foundation, and Health Front Emergency Physicians.**

These donors have helped us bolster our scholarship fund which is already helping families in need of financial assistance and enabling their children to swim on the team when they might not be able to otherwise. This sport should not be exclusive to those with the financial ability to pay for it but rather it should be for all those who have a desire to swim. This sport changed my life and I don't want anyone to loose out on that opportunity.

I am so grateful for this program to finally be in use and want to also extend a thank you to one of our board members and swim parents, Katie DiDomenico, who has been integral in getting it off the ground and running.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Lee Romero Taylor

Head Coach

ANNUAL SWIMATHON

With all that said please mark your calendar for our annual swimathon on February 12th during our normal practice time. This is a time in which all of our families and corporate sponsors can come together and raise funds for the team to not only go toward future scholarships but team gear, lane rentals, travel fees, etc.

Last year we raised close to \$12,000 and I would love to see that mark surpassed this year. Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming days.

VIVIAN GUNDZIK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are excited to share that our club now has the opportunity to support swimmers that need financial assistance with team and meet fees.

With the merger of the Seals and Chargers teams, we had an opportunity to continue the passion and generosity that Vivian has shared with the Santa Fe community for years, and create a formalized process to increase access to swimming for our Santa Fe youth.

We have received a few generous donations from local agencies, our coaches and families and have set goals to expand our outreach to include swim lessons for underserved communities. This has been a passion project for our board members and was created in honor of Vivian and the enormous impact she has had on our Santa Fe swimming community over the years.

Thank you, Vivian for being a part of our team and continuing to support our kids!

To donate, please call coach Lee

To apply for assistance [click here](#)



SWIMMER Spotlight



Calder Wood

Calder is one of our new swimmers who joined us this season from the Seals. His energy and enthusiasm at practice and meets is contagious and he has been a great addition to this team. He also achieved his first 11-12 state cuts at our meet in early January in the 50 free and 200 free while also dropping massive time in his other events.

Congrats Calder! Keep it going!



Have questions or news to share?

Send them to SFAquaticsBusiness@gmail.com

OLDER AND WISER!

Happy birthday to all our swimmers who are having or had a birthday recently! If we missed any please let us know!

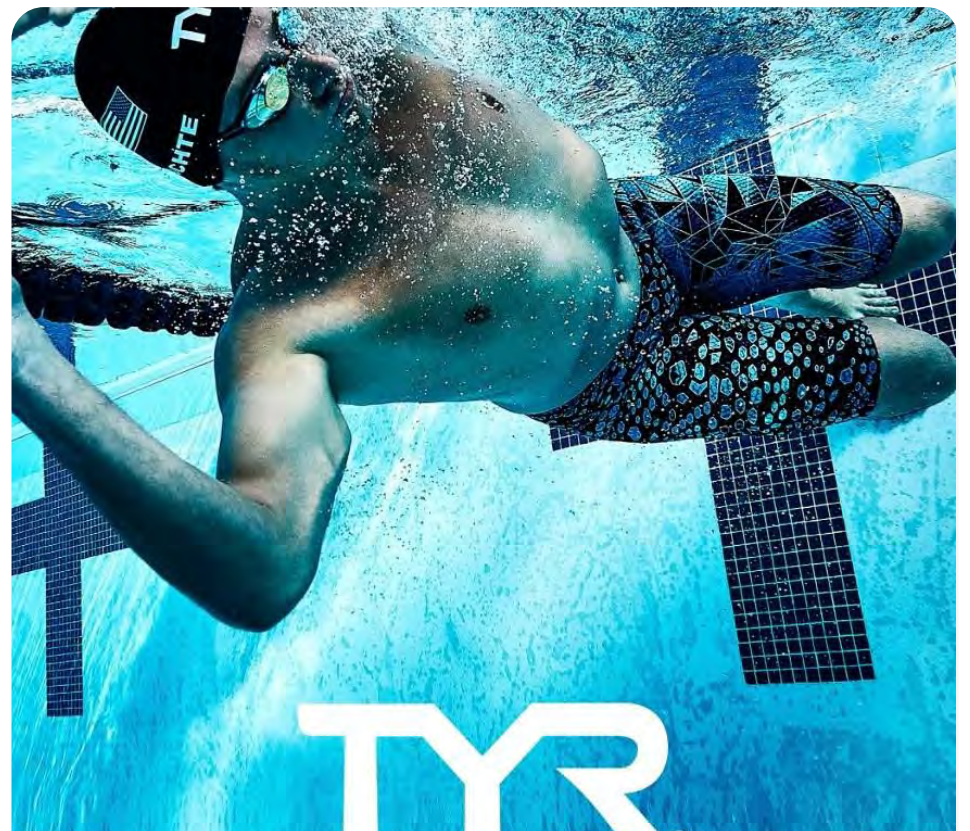
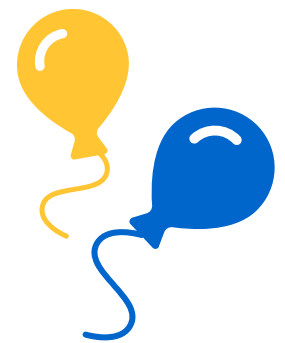
January Birthdays:

Colin Forsberg (17)

Tommy Martine (15)

Alex Martine (15)

Sarah Weigle (11)



TYR TEAM GEAR

Our new TYR Team Portal is now open!

1. Go to teams.tyr.com
2. Create a username/account
3. Input the access code of **04219**