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Charger Aquatics Santa Fe

Charger Family,

As we wind down 2024 and look forward to another growth year in 2025, I wanted to remind us of what a success this past year has been for our club.

- Charger Aquatics was both the short course and long course state champions.
- Our Santa Fe team had individual state champions and set new state records.
- Multiple team members have committed to swim in college.
- We hosted three successful meets at the GCCC.
- We acquired the Santa Fe Seals and added two new fabulous coaches to our staff.
- We joined the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce and launched our sponsorship program.
- We started our scholarship program that we will put into high gear in 2025.
- We added three new members to our club's Board of Directors.

To the Board and active families, I want to sincerely thank you for your time, energy, donations, and commitment to our amazing swim club. There's a reason why we continue to grow, and it is because of you.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and to a big 2025!

Mikey Hersom
President



HOLIDAY PARTY



When: Friday, 12/13 6-7:30 PM

Where: GCCC

3221 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe

We will have our **Annual Holiday Party** at the GCCC after practice. All groups are welcome to attend practice that day from 4:30-6:00 PM and then head upstairs for the party. The party will take place in the community room across from the front desk.

The team will provide pizza and enchiladas, but we want to make it a team potluck so you can sign up to bring a salad, side dish, dessert or drinks. These donations will count towards your 12 hours you need to earn for the swim season (Sept 2024-Aug 2025).

We will also have a White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift that is no more than \$20. The kids really enjoy this part of the party!!



COACHES Corner



Happy Holidays!

No matter what you celebrate this can be a special time of year for all. In the swimming world this is no different, but the holidays also mean winter training! While this will present itself differently for our different groups please know that we will have practice offered as normal over the Holiday season with the only interruptions occurring when the pool is generally closed on Dec 24th and 25th as well as Jan 1st.

Those swimmers in our upper level groups, especially those in Blue can expect practices to ramp up in yardage and intensity over this period. I'm happy with the results we achieved at our mid-season meets but in order to keep improving we have to push the envelope and get out of our comfort zones! Success doesn't come with doing the same things over and over the same way, it comes with overcoming the obstacles put in front of you and with encountering a little bit of failure along the way. Please ensure you're getting the rest you need as your body will need the recovery time!

Lee Romero Taylor
Head Coach

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!

We still have a large number of swimmers that need to **register with the team and USA Swimming** for this season. Please do so ASAP and if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Coach Lee.

Here's the information on how to register for both, with our team as well as USA Swimming.



Step 1

Charger Aquatics Santa Fe Team Registration

Login to your CAQ-SF Team Unify Account and click on the "Register" button. There is a \$75 per family registration fee. New families will need to create a new account.

On bottom of the screen select the group that you are registering for and add it to the cart, then "check out" to complete the CAQ-SF membership registration process.



Step 2

USA Swimming Registration

Athletes must also register online with USA Swimming via the provided link. New parents can create one account per family, then register each child swimmer under that account. Returning families should be able to simply log in then hit "Renew" on their child's account. The USA Swimming registration is \$80.45 per child and will be paid directly to USA swimming upon registering via their website.



Have questions or news to share?

Send them to SFAquaticsBusiness@gmail.com



SWIMMER Spotlight



Nina Lyons

Nina is one of our Blue group swimmers who is day in and day out one of our hardest workers. She only ever misses practice to volunteer with the Assistance Dogs of the West on Mondays after school.

At the High Desert Classic in November Nina posted best times in 5 out of 6 events, exemplifying all the hard work she has put in within the past year after dealing with lingering injuries.

Nina also just got admitted to Grinnell College where she will be a key member of their swim team starting next year! Congrats Nina! We're all so proud of you!

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!

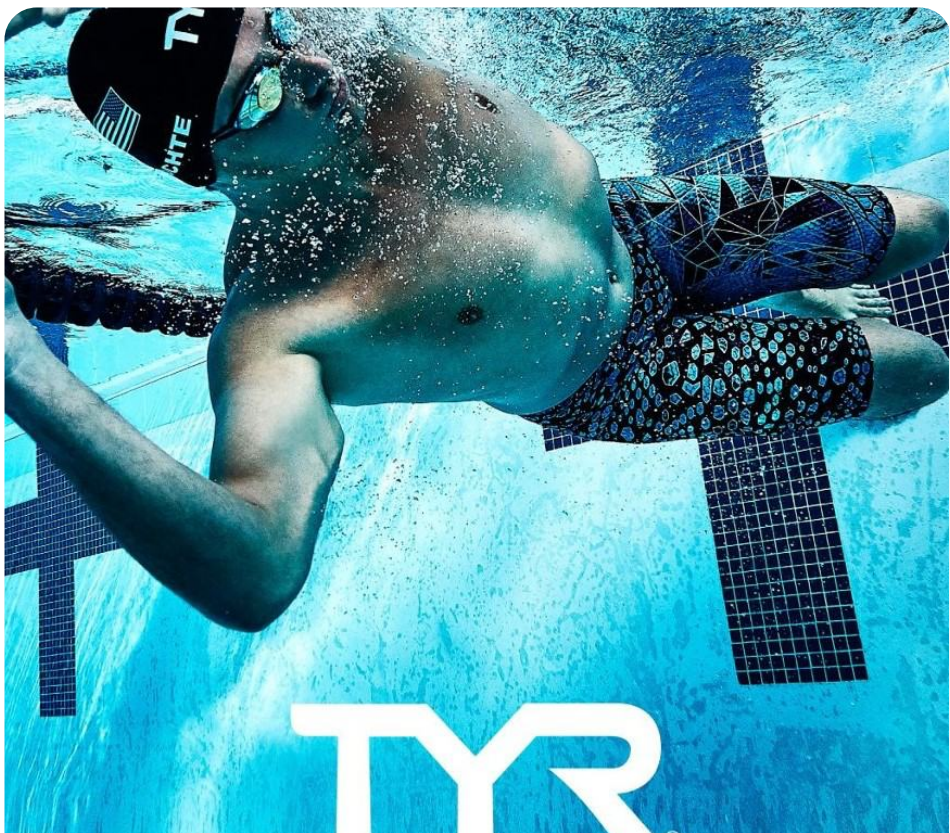
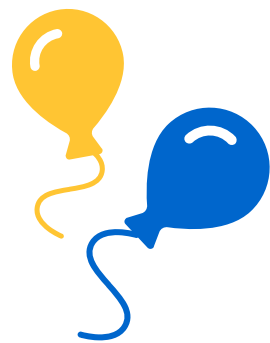
December Birthdays:

Raylee Hunt (18)

Hudson Altwies (13)

Natasha Offermann (12)

Jaden Rand (14)



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**