



Charger Family,

I hope everyone is settling back into a more normal routine of school and swim practice. I sure am.

Some very exciting news. You may have heard that the oldest swim club in Santa Fe, the Seals have decided to merge with our club. This is amazing news on a few fronts.

First, it brings the legacy and local reputation of the Seals to our club that makes us stronger and our reach to local families wider. **Second**, it adds another 15 swimmers to our totals, which makes our groups more diverse and competitive. **Third**, it allows us to control even more lanes at the Chavez Center, which are always in short supply and gives us more flexibility for our practices.

And most important, it brings to our club two new coaches who have almost 100 years of coaching under their belts. The addition of Vivian Gundzik and John Murphy bring incredible knowledge and experience to our team. A sincere welcome to you both. We are so privileged to have you on our coaching staff.

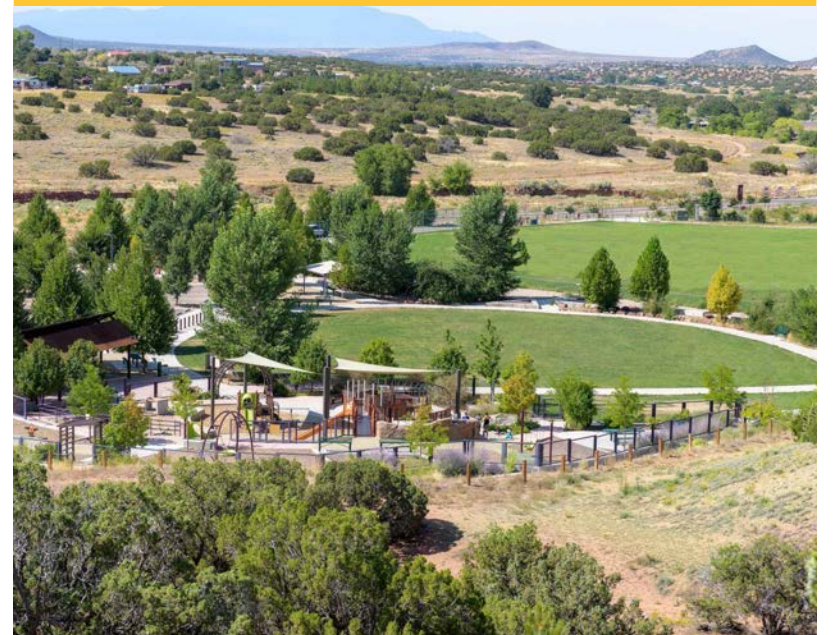
Keep swimming fast and having fun!

Mikey Hersom
President



TEAM PICNIC SWAN PARK

Oct 5, 2024 at 12PM



This will be a team potluck at Swan Park. The team will provide sub sandwiches, but we need families to bring other side dishes, deserts and drinks.

Food donations count towards your 12 hours of community service to the team. Please go to [Team Unify](#) and indicate that you will be coming, then click on job signup to pick out your food donations.

Thanks all! We hope to see you next week!



COACHES Corner



Some of you may have noticed many new faces while at practice the last few weeks. As we welcome the former Seals swimmers and coaches onto our team and into our training groups I want everyone to remember back to when they may have been a new member of this team. At a certain point you all joined from other teams or from not having swum on a team before at all. Thinking back to that time what would you have liked to see from your coaches, teammates, etc to help with that transition to make it easier?

My expectation is that all of our former swimmers and families not only embrace these new families, but help them learn how we do things on CAQ-SF. I will do my part as the Head Coach but one of this team's greatest strengths is the support and help that each family provides to the whole. There's that age old acronym for T.E.A.M. (together everyone achieves more). Though this is an individual sport we can all help one another be better than we could be on our own.

This means our veteran swimmers should help their new lane mates learn what the workouts mean and what is expected in terms of focus and attention. For our veteran families this means helping that new family learn how to sign up for meets, or showing them how to find their kids on "meet mobile". I can't do it alone and need you all. If we all help out in these seemingly "little" areas it will lead to a much stronger team.

Lee Romero Taylor
Head Coach

TYR 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**

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!

Register for the 2024-2025 Swim Season.

All swimmers must renew their membership to remain eligible to swim (instructions were sent out by coach Lee, so please check your email).



Step 1.
Register with Charger Aquatics Santa Fe via Team Unify



Step 2.
Register with USA Swimming



SWIMMER Spotlight



Ruby Sallah

Ruby can be found (and heard) at almost every single practice offered to her group 8-9 times per week. While her work ethic in the pool has really taken off over the last couple years, what I've noticed the most from her and the reason she is our swimmer of the month is due to her leadership. She has embraced the role of a leader on this team and is always willing to help her teammates.

Thank you for all that you do not just to make yourself better, but to help this team be better Ruby!

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!

September Birthdays:

Campbell Brunner (12)
Geneva Coop (11)
Sofia Fuge (15)
Andre Hersom (15)
Liliana Moore (11)
Lucia Roth (16)
Danner White (10)



HELPFUL APPS



Meet Mobile

For a small annual fee track your swimmers times and placement during meets, view records and time standards, team scores and more.



OnDeck

This free app allows you to view your swimmers best times, upcoming events and entries, and past meet results.



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