

Newsplash

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TIME TRIALS (AKA, THE DONUT MEET) - May 11

ALL swimmers should plan on attending our Time Trials meet this Saturday, May 11. Your Coaches will be talking about Time Trials at practice this week. Time Trials is a meet at which swimmers swim every stroke (except 6 & under). This will,

- give coaches a baseline time for each swimmer.
- allow swimmers to be placed in the correct heat at our first dual meet, so they are swimming with others that are similar to them.
- give each swimmer a seed time (starting point) for personal best swims this season.
- be used to set relays for our first dual meet.

We will not offer an alternative date, so if your swimmer is unable to make it, they will simply enter the first dual meet with a 'No Time' (NT).

Time Trials will run just like a regular dual meet, except it will just be our team and we won't run relays. We will officiate this meet, and our snack shack will be open, so come ready to swim and eat delicious food! You can also check out [Swim Meet 101](#) to learn how a swim meet is run.

Digital Online Meet Sign-up Process - PLEASE READ THIS SECTION

In order to ensure we know who will be swimming at each meet, we require you to sign-up for each meet via [TeamUnify](#). *You must declare your swimmers' attendance, whether they plan to swim or not. Sign-ups are ONLINE ONLY and are OPEN NOW. "Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on the Wednesday before each meet. For Time Trials, that means you need to submit your online sign-ups by 5pm, Wednesday, May 8.* This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions.

Time Trials:

7 & Up: Enter all four (4) events

6 & Under: Enter Backstroke and Freestyle

Dual Meets:

7 & Up: Enter three (3) events

6 & Under: Enter Backstroke and Freestyle

Timeline for Saturday, May 11

5:30-6:30am Meet Set-up Volunteers ONLY

~6:30am & after Family Set-up

7:00-7:45am Swimmer Check-in (ALL SWIMMERS MUST CHECK IN)

7:30-7:45am 15-18 age group warm up

7:30-8:00am Volunteer Check-in

7:45am Swimmer check-in tables close

7:45-8:00am 11-14 age group warm-up

8:00-8:15am 10 & Under age group warm-up

8:15am Team Cheers and National Anthem

8:30am Meet Begins

Swim Meet Set-up: Families will NOT be allowed into the club until after the meet set-up team has completed their work, which will be approximately 6:30am. **Please Note:** Any pop-ups that are in the pool area before the set-up team is done will be removed.

Additional Information About the Donut Meet

- **On the morning of the meet, each swimmer will need to check-in, on the check-in sheets, which are located at the tables as you enter the club from 7:00-7:45am.**
- After their first race, swimmers will go to the Sea Otters tent (behind the diving well) to receive a ticket for one free donut at the Snack Shack. *Swimmers will receive one ticket=one donut, after the first race only.*
- It can be cold in the morning and then, HOT! Bring layers and blankets, but be sure to have sunscreen, hats, and hydrate...drink LOTS of fluids!
- Swimmers...don't forget your goggles & towels.
- **The diving well, back pool, kiddie pool and sand volleyball courts are OFF-LIMITS during ALL swim meets. Parents, we ask for your help in keeping kids out of these areas.**
- PLEASE be sure to clean-up after yourselves. The pool will be open after the meet, and the club must be clean!
- Have FUN!!!

RANCHO SERVICE PROJECT - Huge Success!

Despite the cold and rain, Sea Otters spent last Saturday spreading mulch, picking up trash, weeding, and performing other grounds maintenance as part of the 3rd Annual Rancho Service Project. Many thanks to all the amazing Otters who participated!

SECRET SEA OTTERS - Sign-ups extended to Monday!

Still need to sign up for [Secret Sea Otters](#)? Go to <https://tinyurl.com/SecretOtters24> or scan the attached QR code to register by Monday, May 6. Be on the lookout for an email identifying your Secret Sea Otter. Deliveries will begin Friday, May 17. Email Emily Becker at activities.stseaotters@gmail.com with any questions.

P'OTTERLUCK DINNER - Friday, May 24

Save the date for the annual P'Otterluck Dinner on Friday, May 24 at 6pm. The evening will include a potluck dinner, s'mores and a fireside chat with the coaches. Additional details in the next Newsplash!

SEA OTTERS TEAM STORE & SPIRIT SHIRTS

Please visit our merchandise leads, [Amy & Kelly](#) in the merchandise tent behind the diving well at the Donut Meet this Saturday. They will be distributing our swimmer's t-shirts and personalized ST swim caps for anyone who was not at picture day. You can also pre-order this year's team shirt, purchase additional caps and other Sea Otters merchandise including hats, bottoms, older clearance shirt designs and more.

Our new online [Sea Otters team store](#) is open for business! This is your chance to pre-order tees, sweatshirts and tank tops for all of the Santa Teresa fans in your lives. Shirts are available in both this year's "Otters Era" design, as well as our crowd-favorite Retro design. Online Sea Otters team store orders will be due by **10pm on SUNDAY, MAY 12**. You can order online or in person at the merchandise tent.

Team Swimsuits

This year's team suits are available to purchase at SwimOutlet.com. It is not mandatory to have this exact suit but your swimmer must wear a navy and or yellow suit for meets. We want to make sure our Sea Otters are in team colors.

FUNDRAISING

Visit our fundraising leads, Tracy and Michelle at the fundraising tent on the upper deck at Time Trials this Saturday to learn more about,

- **Spot-In-The-Lot** (*home and away meets*) and **Pop-up-Spot** (*home meets*). 1 ticket for \$5 | 5 tickets for \$20 | 12 tickets for \$50
- **Restaurant Fundraiser Night:** Saturday, May 18 - Chipotle Night, 4-8pm. More details to come.
- **Underwater Photos:** Victor Bittorf is back and offering action/underwater photo packages and will be donating a portion of sales to the team. Photo sessions will take place in the morning at the Rancho ST pool on June 2 and 6. Keep an eye out for more details and how to sign up!
- **Employer Matching Donations:** The Santa Teresa Sea Otters are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and an approved organization in many corporate giving programs, such as Benevity. If your employer uses Benevity or another giving program, please consider donating with your company match to the Santa Teresa Sea Otters! All donations are tax deductible.
- **Benevity Volunteer Hours:** If your employer pays for volunteer hours please consider logging your Sea Otter hours through Benevity.

DOWNLOAD GOMOTION APP (ONDECK APP WILL BE RETIRED)

TeamUnify recently moved to the GoMotion App. Although the OnDeck app is still working, it will soon be retired. We suggest that you download and start using the GoMotion App before they sunset the OnDeck app. GoMotions is available in the App Store and on Google Play. Log-in to the app with the same credentials as the team website. Here you can manage your account and swimmer information, enter swim meets, check results, sign up for volunteer shifts and get up to date team news, all from your mobile device.

SEA OTTERS INFORMATION ON-DEMAND

Santa Teresa Sea Otters team website, www.stseaotters.com

[2024 season calendar](#)

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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2024 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPEN-5/5: Secret Sea Otters Sign-Up• 5/11: Time Trials (aka Donut Meet)• 5/12: Deadline for Sea Otters team store orders• 5/13-15: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 5/16: Car window decorating, Rancho• 5/17: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #1• 5/18: Santa Teresa @ Pinehurst, Dual Meet• 5/18: Restaurant Night Fundraiser - Chipotle• 5/20-22: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 5/23: Car window decorating, Rancho• 5/24: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #2 P'Otterluck Dinner – Rancho, 5:30pm• 5/25: Santa Teresa & Crossgates, Dual Meet• 5/26: Drive-in Movie Night - Capital (TBC)• 5/28-29: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 5/31: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #3 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters• 6/1: Almaden @ Santa Teresa, Dual Meet• 6/2: Underwater Photos Beach Boardwalk• 6/3-5: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 6/6: Restaurant Night Fundraiser – MOD Car window decorating, Rancho• 6/7: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #4 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6/8: Santa Teresa @ Creekside, Dual Meet• 6/9: Underwater Photos Fundraiser• 6/10: Shift to summer practice schedule• 6/10-12: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 6/13: Tie Dye (at practice) Laser Tag – TBC• 6/14: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters• 6/15: Shadowbrook @ Santa Teresa, Dual Meet• 6/15: Cardboard Boat Regatta & Kona Ice Fundraiser – Rancho• 6/18: Bowling – TBC• 6/21: Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters• 6/24-28: Spirit Week• 6/24-26: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 6/26: Great America - TBC• 6/27: Pancake Breakfast Car window decorating• 6/28: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #6 and reveal Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters• 6/29: CHAMPS, Independence High School• 7/1: Awards Night – Rancho |
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