

# Newsplash

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## **ST SEA OTTERS @ PINEHURST PIRANHAS - Saturday, 5/18**

**\*\*PLEASE READ\*\*** Online meet sign-up process: In order to ensure we know who will be swimming at each meet, *you must declare your swimmers' attendance, whether they plan to swim or not.* Sign-ups are online via [Team Unify](#) or the Sports Engine Motion App and are NOW OPEN. ***"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Wed, May 15.*** This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions.

**TIP:** After Monday, May 13 you can sign-up your Sea Otter(s) for all of our meets. Changes for each meet can be made prior to that week's deadline.

Please remember the following:

- DECLARE IF YOUR SWIMMER IS SWIMMING – YES OR NO.
  - If no, select NO and save & close.
  - If yes, select YES, select your events, then save & close.
- EVENT SELECTION:
  - 7 & Up: Enter three (3) events
  - 6 & Under: Enter Back and Free

### **General Information:**

The timeline for the meet will be sent out later this week.

- Pinehurst Cabana Club address is 886 Lewiston Dr, San Jose, CA 95136. You can also scroll to find it [here](#).
- **Spot-in-the-Lot WINNER!!!** Congratulations to **Michelle Partsch** for winning a front row parking spot at the meet this Saturday. Your spot will be located in the front of the parking lot with a sign.
- **No photos can be taken of swimmers from behind the blocks.** This is to protect swimmers from being photographed from behind, bent over. If you bring guests to the meet, please be sure you share this with them. And if you see someone taking photos from behind the blocks, please speak up and share this information with them. Protecting our swimmers is a top priority.
- Swimmers...don't forget your ST cap. Remember, no high school or competitive swim team caps. Non-personalized ST Swim caps will be available for sale at the Sea Otters tent (cash or Venmo only).

### Information on Relays:

- Medley Relays are run at the start of the meet.
  - Alternate with girls first, then boys by age groups
  - Age groups: 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18
  - Medley order: back (1), breast (2), fly (3), free (4)
- Freestyle Relays are run at the end of the meet.
  - Alternate with girls first, then boys by age groups (except 6 & Under which is mixed)
  - Age groups: 6 & Under (mixed), 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18
- Swimmers will be notified at practice no later than Thursday before the swim meet if they are on a relay team.
- ***If your swimmer has been slated to swim a relay and won't be there, please let Coach Jerry know as soon as possible.***
- As the visiting team, we will run two relay teams for each relay: "A Team", "B Team".

1 Home B Team	2 Sea Otters B Team	3 Home A Team	4 Sea Otters A Team	5 Home C Team
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- For all 10 & Under relays,
  - Each swim is one length of the pool.
  - Positions 1 & 3 start on the blocks side of the pool.
  - Positions 2 & 4 start on the far end of the pool.
- You can find information about [relays](#) on our website.

### **CHAMPS SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY**

We need and want all of our athletes to swim at CHAMPS on June 29. In order for Sea Otters to be eligible for CHAMPS they must meet the following criteria:

- Must swim at a minimum of three Dual Meets (Time Trials does not count).
- Must have a legal time for any stroke they plan to swim at CHAMPS.

### **SEA OTTERS TEAM STORE & SPIRIT SHIRTS**

**This is your last 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 are due by **10pm TONIGHT SUNDAY, MAY 12**. If you are interested in pre-ordering one of our baseball caps, visors or straw hats which are not on the online store, please email our [Merchandise Team](#) today. Delivery is TBD, so watch for announcements on pre-order distribution as well as additional fun merch items.

### **OTTER BUDDIES - SPIRIT SIGNS THIS WEEK!**

Buddy matches were posted at the Donut Meet; please check the Buddy Activity Table during practice or contact [Emily Becker](#) if you missed seeing yours. Stop by the pool deck before or after practice Monday through Wednesday to make a spirit sign to give to your Buddy at the Pinehurst meet!

### **CAR DECORATING - THURSDAY MAY 16**

We have a long standing tradition of decorating our car windows to show off our team spirit, especially ahead of away meets. We will have a blue bucket with car window pens and Sea Otter stencils at practice this Thursday. Feel free to grab what you need, and then return it for the next person. Let's all show our Sea Otter spirit!

### **SECRET SEA OTTERS - STARTING THIS WEEK!**

If you completed a form to participate in Secret Sea Otters, you should have received an email this weekend identifying your Secret Sea Otter. Please deliver an encouraging note with a little treat to your Secret Sea Otter this Friday, May 17. If you signed up, but didn't receive an email, please check your junk/spam folder and/or reach out to [Emily Becker](#).

### **P'OTTERLUCK DINNER - MAY 24**

All Sea Otters families are invited to our annual P'Otterluck Dinner located on the upper deck on Friday, May 24 at 6pm. The evening will include a potluck dinner, s'mores and a fireside chat with the coaches. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring our swim team community together for fun, fellowship and food!

Families are assigned a dish to bring based on their last names:

- A-I: Salad or veggie plate for 12
- J-N: Hot pasta dish for 12
- O-S: 2 loaves of garlic bread
- T-Z: Fruit for 12

Additional details will be provided in the next Newsplash.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

Save the date for future fun at and outside of Rancho! More details to come...

- May 26 - Drive-In Movie
- June 2 - Boardwalk Day
- June 13 - Tie Dye
- June 15 - Cardboard Boat Regatta

### **SPORTS ENGINE MOTION APP**

TeamUnify recently moved to the GoMotion App, which is not known as the "Sports Engine Motion App". Sports Engine Motion 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.

### **MEET MOBILE APP**

The MeetMobile App displays meet results during all home and most away meets. The timers record the swimmer's time and then the data is entered by the Tech Team (after referee review), which allows you to quickly receive results. You can purchase the app in the App or Google Play Store. Your subscription is good on one device, for one year.

### **SEA OTTERS INFORMATION ON-DEMAND**

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