



Newsplash: A Weekly Update



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Please be sure to check the dry erase board located near the girls restroom for up-to-date reminders!

 **TIME TRIALS SUCCESS:** We had an incredible 159 swimmers show up for Time Trials yesterday—and the energy and team spirit were off the charts! Thank you to everyone who came out and cheered on your fellow Sea Otters. Let's keep that momentum going strong into practices and upcoming dual meets. Amazing job, team - let's keep it up!

 **CALLING ALL SEA OTTERS:** The countdown is on—only 36 practices left this season! We encourage all swimmers to come to as many practices as possible. It's a great way to build skills, bond with teammates and let our coaches cheer on your progress. Let's make every practice count!

SWEETEN THEIR SWIM!

Thank you so much to the families that have donated fun treats for our younger swimmers (ages 6–10)! We continue to invite families to help keep the smiles going by donating snacks, gift cards, or small contributions. Every bit helps support the kids and our amazing coaches! To contribute, please reach out to [Coach Kim](#) or drop off your contribution at the swim table near the entrance - thanks again for your support!

RANCHO SERVICE PROJECT - Huge Success!

THANK YOU to the Sea Otters who spent their Saturday removing bushes and ivy, picking up trash, weeding, and performing other grounds maintenance as part of the 4th Annual Rancho Service Project. Many thanks to our amazing community!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Save the date for future fun at and outside of Rancho!

- **Drive-In Movie, May 25:** Join us in seeing Lilo and Stitch at the West Wind Capitol Drive-In on Sun, May 25 at 8:50pm. Plan to arrive about 15-30 minutes early to get your parking spot and get set up. Admission is \$11 for ages 12 and up, \$2.75 ages 5-11 and free for 4 and under. We will be parked to the right of the screen, look for the balloons. *This is not a drop off event.* Please contact [Alicia](#) or [Allison](#) for more information.

- **Otter Buddies, May 27-29:** Complete the first activity for your Otter Buddy at practice. Didn't find your buddy at the Donut Meet? Pairs will be posted at the pool.
- **Car Window Decorating, May 29:** Car Window Decorating - Sea Otters, show your team spirit at our first away meet by decorating your car! Stencils and car markers are available at the swim table near the entrance - grab what you need and get creative. Let's make a splash on the road and show our Sea Otter pride!
- **Secret Sea Otters:** Signups are now closed; be on the lookout for an email identifying your Secret Sea Otter. First deliveries will occur May 30. Email [Emily](#) with any questions.
- **P'Otterluck Dinner & Rally, May 30, 5:30-7:30pm at Rancho:** We're shaking things up this season with a new and improved P'Otterluck Rally! Bring your own dinner, or [purchase a taco/quesadilla plate](#) - \$10 (6&unders) or \$15 for kids 7+ and adults before May 27. *Entry and swimmer s'mores are free.* Get ready for fun, food, and Sea Otter spirit! You won't want to miss this!
- **Tie Dye, June 18:** Join our annual tie dye party after practice on June 18. *Back by popular demand: save time and skip the line by preordering your 100% cotton shirt through the Team Store between now and June 1!* Ordered shirts will be shaped to the design of your choosing and presoaked so that they are ready for immediate dye application. Purchase via <https://stseaotters.square.site/>.

SEA OTTERS MERCHANDISE

Sea Otters Online Team Store - Pre-Sale Orders Close Tonight:

- Parents, grandparents, siblings, extended family and friends will all have the opportunity to purchase this year's Sea Otters spirit shirt design as tees or sweatshirts.
- You can also pre-order Sea Otters pajama bottoms and new Otter Pop tees and hoodies.
- Items are listed on our [Sea Otters Online Team Store](#) for purchase. <https://stseaotters.square.site/>
- **Online Sea Otters team store orders are due TODAY - Sunday, May 18th by Midnight. REMINDER: this is your only chance to buy these shirts. We will not be ordering large quantities to keep in stock.**

Team Swimsuits:

- This year's team suits are available to purchase at the [Agon Swimmer Storefront](#). To determine what swimsuit size to order, Please reach out to our merchandise leads, [Amy & Kelly](#) with any questions, merch.stseaotters@gmail.com.
- Just a reminder that custom swimsuits are not required, but swimmers should wear suits in the team colors of navy, yellow and/or white to our swim meets.
- An alternate resource is [SwimOutlet](#), where you can get suits, team parkas, goggles and more. If purchased at the Sea Otters page, the team receives a small percentage of the sales. <https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/stseaotters>.

MAKE A SPLASH! SUPPORT OUR TEAM

Silent Auction Winners! Thank you to all our of our Sea Otters who supported our silent auction for a chance to win a Pop-Up-Spot and a reserved Spot-in-the-Lot for all of our home meets!. And a HUGE congratulations to our winners!

- Govig-Algren-Fusilero Families - Pop-up-Spot WINNER
- The Burns Family - Spot-in-the-Lot WINNER

If you missed out on securing your spot, you still have a chance! We are still selling tickets for weekly drawings.

- **Weekly Drawings:** Purchase tickets and enter to win a Pop-up-Spot at home meets and/or a Spot-In-The-Lot at all dual meets, home and away! Tickets will be sold at all home swim meets.

Tickets prices,

- 1 ticket for \$1
- 12 tickets for \$10
- 25 tickets for \$20
- **This week's WINNER is the Shueh Family.** Congratulations, you will have a parking spot reserved at our first meet against Shadowbrook!
- **Special Project Donation:** Help create a scholarship fund to keep the team accessible to all. Let us know if you'd like to contribute to this project.
- **Underwater Photos:** June 8th! Save the date and stay tuned for how to sign up.

Thank you for supporting the Rancho Santa Teresa Sea Otters! If you have questions or want to make a donation, contact [Tracy or Michelle](#) at stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com.

2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Please note: There will be NO practice on Monday, May 26.

2025 Summer Practice Schedule June 11 - July 11 MONDAY-FRIDAY		
Age Group	Time	Coaches
13-18 Yellow	7:30am - 8:30am	Coaches Mark & David
13-18 Blue	8:30am - 9:30am	Coaches Mark & David
11-12	9:30am - 10:30am	Coach David
9-10	10:30am - 11:30am	Coaches Kim & Abi
7-8	11:30am - 12:15pm	Coaches David & Abi
6 & Under	11:30am - 12:15pm	Coach Abi
*Evening Practices MONDAY-THURSDAY		
All Ages	7:30pm - 8:15pm	TBA
*Please note, evening practices will be reserved for swimmers who have camp/school/work conflicts that exclude them from attending their age groups' morning practice.		

TEAMUNIFY & MOBILE APP TIPS

We use a swim team management software called TeamUnify, which hosts our team website. For access, always use our team specific domain www.stseaotters.com. From there you can browse for general team information without logging in.

Log-in to:

- register your swimmer.
- see your volunteer shifts.
- sign-up your athlete for swim meets.

Please note: You must use the same email your family used for registration to log-in to Team Unify (TU). TU only supports one login email address per family.

Mobile APP: TeamUnify provides a FREE and simple-to-use mobile app called **SportsEngine Motion**, available in the App Store and on Google Play. Log-in to the app with the same credentials as the team website. Access app Tips-and-Tricks [here](#), and on our website.

SEA OTTERS INFORMATION ON-DEMAND

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

[2025 season calendar](#)

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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2025 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/7-18: T-shirt sales open (Online)• 5/25: Drive-In Movie• 5/27-29: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice• 5/29: Car window decorating, at practice• 5/30: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #1• 5/30: P'Otterluck Dinner, 5:30-7:30pm (Rancho)• 5/31: Santa Teresa @ Shadowbrook• 6/2-5: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice• 6/6: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #2• 6/7: Pinehurst @ Santa Teresa• 6/8: Underwater Photos Fundraiser (Rancho)• 6/9-13: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice• 6/11: Shift to Summer Practice Schedule (Wed)• 6/13: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #3• 6/14: Crossgates @ Santa Teresa• 6/16-20: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6/18: Tie Dye, at practice• 6/20: Car Window Decorating, at practice• 6/20: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #4• 6/21: Santa Teresa @ Almaden• 6/23-27: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice• 6/27: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5• 6/28: Creekside @ Santa Teresa• 6/28: Cardboard Boat Regatta, 5-7pm (Rancho)• 7/5: Sea Otters Sleepover! Details coming...• 7/7-11: Spirit Week, at practice• 7/11: Pancake Breakfast & Car Window Decorating, at practice• 7/11: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #6 and Reveal• 7/12: CHAMPS, hosted by Pinehurst• 7/14: Awards Night |
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