

# Newsplash

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## **CROSSGATES GATORS @ ST DUAL MEET**

**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 ONLY and are OPEN. **"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Wednesday, 5/24.** This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions.

**TIP:** You can sign-up your Sea Otter(s) for all of the meets at one time and you can make changes for each meet, 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

## **Meet Timeline for Crossgates Gators @ ST - Saturday, 5/27**

5:30-6:30am	Meet Set-up Volunteers ONLY
~6:30 & after	Family Set-up
7:00-7:45am	Swimmer Check-in
7:00-7:15am	Sea Otters 15-18 age group warm up
7:15-7:30am	Sea Otters 11-14 age group warm-up
7:30-7:45am	Sea Otters 10 & Under age group warm-up
7:30-8:00am	Volunteer Check-in
7:45am	Swimmer check-in tables close
7:45-8:15am	Crossgates Warm-up
8:00am	Stroke & Turn Meeting
8:15am	First Call: Clerk of Course, Timers & Recorders Announcement
8:20am	Team Cheers and National Anthem
8:30am	Meet Begins with Medley Relays

**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 Meet Information:**

- If you are interested in swimming in a parent relay please contact [Mark Kleiner](#). A fun tradition! Parent relays are swum between Backstroke & Breaststroke.
- 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!

- **The diving well, back pool, kiddie pool, playground and sand volleyball courts are OFF-LIMITS during a swim meet. 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!
- Swimmers...don't forget your ST cap, goggles & towels. If you didn't pick up your personalized swim cap at the Donut Meet, [Pauline Dinh](#) will be giving them out at the merchandise tent. You can also purchase additional caps and other merchandise.
- Have FUN!!!

#### 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 home team, we will run three relay teams for each relay: "A Team", "B Team", "C Team".

1 Sea Otters B Team	2 Visiting B Team	3 Sea Otters A Team	4 Visiting A Team	5 Sea Otters C Team
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- 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.

#### VOLUNTEER INFO

We want to say a big thank you to all our volunteers so far this year! We cannot run our events and meets without you and we appreciate you all helping out to make things run so smoothly!

A few reminders about Volunteer shifts:

- Shift times are approximate. You'll need to be listening to the announcer for shift change (in between backstroke and breaststroke).

- Volunteer expectations...during your volunteer shift we expect the following etiquette and behavior:
  - You need to be on time and stay until your shift is over.
  - Your focus needs to be on the duties of your shift. This means that your kids and your phone should not be a distraction to the job you are doing. Of course, you can always step away from your shift to watch your swimmer if you are not already on the pool deck, but you should be participating in the volunteer job beyond that.
  - Children are not allowed in the snack shack kitchen or behind the counter for any reason.
  - If for some reason you need to step out or leave early, you need to communicate with the lead of your job or the volunteer coordinators immediately.
- Please reference our [Volunteer policy](#) if you have any questions.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- **MOD Pizza Restaurant Night - Thursday, May 25:** Bring in the flyer (attached to email) to MOD Pizza on Cottle or order online through the MOD app or website and use the code **MODGIVES20**.
- **Spot-in-the-Lot & Pop-up-Spot WINNERS!!!** Congratulations to the following families - you are our "Spot" winners for our first home dual meet.
  - **Spot-in-the-Lot: Behzad Biglarheges.** Your spot will be reserved in the back lot, by the tennis court, next to the handicap spot on 5/27.
  - **Pop-up-Spot: Fusilero Family.** You will get to select your spot for 5/27! Please contact [Scott Fischer](#) to select a location, or one will be selected for you.
- Please stop by the Fundraising booth to purchase tickets for a **Spot-In-The-Lot** (*home and away meets*) and **Spot-in-the-Lawn** (*home meets*). You will also have another opportunity to enter the prize drawings if you missed our P'Otterluck. You can also learn more about Sponsorships or to sign-up for Underwater Photos to be held on Sunday, June 4 and June 11, and Saturday, July 1.

## **SPIRIT ACTIVITIES**

- **Secret Sea Otters!** If you completed a form to participate in Secret Sea Otters, you should have received an email identifying your Secret Sea Otter. Please deliver an encouraging note with a little treat to your Secret Sea Otter this Friday, May 26. If you signed up, but didn't receive an email, please check your junk/spam folder and/or reach out to [Emily Becker](#).
- **4th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta** - Save the Date, June 17: Get ready and start saving your cardboard boxes. Sea Otters are encouraged to team up with their swim team friends to construct a sea-worthy vessel using only cardboard and duct tape. There will be a variety of awards, including Best Decorated, Most Creative, Race winners and many more! Don't want to build a boat? Don't worry! You will have a blast watching the Regatta and participating in all the team spirit. More details to come...

## **CHAMPS ELIGIBILITY**

We need and want all of our athletes to swim at CHAMPS on July 8. 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.

### **GOMOTION APP**

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. GoMotion 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)

[2023 season calendar](#)

Find [swim meet sign-up instructions](#) for the Sea Otters website or the OnDeck App.

Want to know how a swim meet is run? Check out [Swim Meet 101](#).

I signed up for my [volunteer shifts](#), what will I be doing?

Medley and Freestyle [relays](#)

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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### 2023 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 5/25: Restaurant Night Fundraiser – Mod Pizza</li><li>● 5/26: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #2   Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters</li><li>● <b>5/27: Crossgates @ ST, Dual Meet</b></li><li>● 6/2: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #3   Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters   Decorate your car for away meet</li><li>● <b>6/3: ST @ Almaden, Dual Meet</b></li><li>● 6/7: Restaurant Night Fundraiser – Chipotle *Blossom Hill*</li><li>● 6/9: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #4   Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters</li><li>● <b>6/10: Creekside @ ST, Dual Meet</b></li><li>● 6/14*: Shift to summer practice schedule</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6/16: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5   Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters   Decorate your car for away meet</li><li>● <b>6/17: ST @ Shadow Brook, Dual Meet</b></li><li>● 6/17: Cardboard Boat Regatta &amp; Kona Ice Fundraiser – Rancho</li><li>● 6/23: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #6   Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters</li><li>● <b>6/24: Pinehurst @ ST, Dual Meet</b></li><li>● 6/25: Restaurant Night – Vitality Bowl</li><li>● 6/30: Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters</li><li>● 7/3-7/7: Spirit Week</li><li>● 7/7: Pancake Breakfast   Decorate your car for away meet   Secret Sea Otters Delivery #7 &amp; Reveal</li><li>● <b>7/8: CHAMPS, Independence High School</b></li><li>● 7/8: After CHAMPS Party with O'tters – Rancho</li><li>● 7/10: Awards Night – Rancho</li></ul> |
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*\*Please note we will shift to summer schedule on Wednesday, June 14 (mid-week)*