

Newsplash

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SWIM CLINICS IN THE MORNING - Mon.

May 27 (Memorial Holiday)

There is NO evening practice.

Age group 11 & Up - Start & Turn Clinic, 8:45-10:00am

Age group 10 & Under - Start & Finish Clinic, 10:00-11:00am

ALMADEN DOLPHINS @ ST SEA OTTERS - Saturday, 6/1

On Saturday we will be hosting our first of two meets for the season. Let's be exceptional hosts to the Almaden Dolphins by being friendly, welcoming and positive. Go Sea Otters!

Online meet sign-up process: 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 29.*** This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions.

TIP: 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

Meet Timeline for Almaden Dolphins @ ST - Saturday, 6/1

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	Almaden 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:

- 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.***
- **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.
- If you are interested in swimming in a parent relay please contact [Mark Kleiner](#). A fun tradition!
- 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!
- Have FUN!!!

Information on Relays: Check our website for information on [relays](#).

SENIOR SEA OTTERS DEADLINES - DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 27

Attention Graduating Senior Sea Otters Families! Please ensure you have submitted all of the details and photos required for our Senior Sea Otters. **The deadline is Monday, May 27.**

The Senior information and photos will be used for our Senior Celebration at the Shadowbrook @ ST dual meet on June 15th, the Senior posters, the CHAMPS meet program, Awards Night, and on our team's Facebook page. For questions, please reach out to [Stacy Valenta](#).

RIBBONS - SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, MAY 28

We apologize for the delay getting your ribbons out last week, we did not receive them in time to get them out on Tuesday as planned. Thank you for your patience and understanding! We anticipate that Pinehurst and Creekside Dual Meet ribbons will be available by Tuesday this week in the file boxes near the office. There is one folder for each family. ***Please recycle unwanted ribbons in the designated container. The names on the ribbon stickers will be the names on the trophies at the end of the season, so please notify us no later than June 5 if name corrections need to be made.*** Volunteers process over 1200 ribbons at each meet and mistakes sometimes happen. Please email requests for corrections/missing ribbons to our Awards volunteers, [Michelle Partsch and Nicole King](#).

SPIRIT ACTIVITIES

- **Drive-In Night - TONIGHT - Sunday, May 26th**
Join us in seeing The Garfield Movie at the West Wind Capitol Drive-In TONIGHT, Sunday, May 26th at 8:45pm. Plan to arrive about 15-30 minutes early to get your parking spot and get set up. Admission is \$9 for 12 and up, \$2 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.
- **Otter Buddies - Let's Rock Almaden!**
Stop by the pool deck before or after practice Tuesday and Wednesday to paint a rock to exchange with your buddy at the Almaden meet.

- **Freestyle Friday - May 31st**
Bring your dinner, beverages, dessert and/or just yourself to the pool for the remaining Fridays in the season for an informal and casual evening to socialize with O'tters.
- **Sea Otter Boardwalk Day - Sunday, June 2**
Come join your Sea Otter friends for a fun day at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk! We will be selling discounted unlimited ride wristbands for \$60 (normally \$70) which will be good for Sunday, June 2nd only. Rides are open from 11am-8pm and you can pick up your wristband from Allison or Alicia between 10:30-11:30 near the Pirate Ship at the Boardwalk. To reserve your spot, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/STBoardwalk> or via the attached Boardwalk Day QR code. This is not a drop off event.
- **Tie Dye: Preorder shirts now! - Thursday, June 13**
Join our annual tie dye party after practice on June 13. *New this year: 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/> or using the attached Tie Dye QR code.
- **Cardboard Boat Regatta - Saturday, June 15** [should include more info on rules, maybe send out a separate email? eb: yep, let's do this after Memorial Day!]
Save the date, and your boxes, for the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta! All Sea Otters are encouraged to team up with their swim team friends to construct a sea-worthy vessel using only cardboard and duct tape. *Parents, we kindly ask that you support your swimmers by offering guidance and help troubleshooting while they ship build, but allow the kids the opportunity to build, learn and be creative with their Sea Otter friends.* More information to follow in upcoming Newsplash issues.
- **Laser Tag at Lasermass - Tuesday, June 18 (evening)**
Join your fellow Sea Otters for some laser tag at Lasermass! Cost is \$26 and includes 2 private games. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/STLaserTag> or via the attached Laser Tag QR code to signup and secure your spot - we are limited to the first 30 people! This is not a drop off event.
- **Great America - Monday, June 24**
Spend a day at Great America with your friends! Price is \$45 per admission ticket; chaperones and siblings are eligible for the discounted pricing. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/STGreatAmerica> or via the attached Great America QR code. This is not a drop off event.

SEA OTTERS SHIRTS & MERCHANDISE

Our shirt pre-order has arrived! Those who ordered shirts online or during Time Trials will be able to pick up their shirts at the Merchandise tent. We also have our new car magnets, water bottle stickers and lawn signs available for sale. Please note that the hats and visors have not yet arrived but we are hoping that they will before the Almaden meet.

Check out the [Sea Otters team store](#) for our new items!

The following families have not yet picked up their swimmer's shirt and personalized cap from the merch team: Conley, George, Peterson (E & E). Please contact [Amy and Kelly](#) to arrange getting them to you.

FUNDRAISING

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: Shannon Drozen!** Your spot will be reserved in the back lot, by the tennis court, next to the handicap spot on 6/1.
- **Pop-up-Spot: The Rice Family!** You get to select your spot for 6/1! Please contact [Scott Fischer](#) to select a location, or one will be selected for you.
Stop by the Fundraising booth to buy tickets for our next meet!
 - **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.
If you want to buy tickets please email stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com with a receipt of your payment, your name/phone number, and how many tickets you would like to put towards your selected drawing.
- **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 9. Sign up [here](#).
 - Package #1 \$40 per person and includes a 10 min underwater / action shot photo session. You will receive 5 edited photo files.
 - Package #2 (Perfect for families): \$80 for up to 3 people and includes a 20 min photo session. You will receive 10 edited photo files.

Be sure to send payment via the instructions at the top of the [form](#) to reserve your spot! Include parent name and swimmer name in your payment notes so we can confirm payment.
- **Let's Raise Some Dough!** The Krispy Kreme Fundraiser opens TODAY and will run through Sunday June 9th. Email your family and friends to invite them to support the Sea Otters. Flyer attached below with a QR code they can use to buy a digital dozen, redeemable at any Krispy Kreme location.
 - Water bottle sticker for every Otter that sells at least 1 Digital Dozen
 - Top 3 sellers from all age groups will win a Nintendo Switch Lite
 - Top selling age group will win a Pizza Party after practice

Email stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com with any questions:

PHOTOS BY VICTOR

Pinehurst May 18th: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xJQ9MNaS8zqTQo8T8>

2024 SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

2024 Summer Practice Schedule June 10 - June 28* MONDAY-FRIDAY	
Age Group	Time
16-18	7:30am - 8:30am
11-15	8:30am - 9:30am
9-10	9:30am - 10:30am
7-8	10:30am - 11:30am
6 & Under	11:30am - 12:15pm
Evening Practices MONDAY-THURSDAY	
All Ages	7:30pm - 8:15pm
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.	

*Last day of practice is June 28 (not June 27 as communicated in the email send out on May 21)

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.

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

[2024 season calendar](#)

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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2024 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/26: Drive-in Movie Night - Capitol, 8:45pm• 5/28-29: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 5/31: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #3 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with Otters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6/14: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with Otters• 6/15: Shadowbrook @ Santa Teresa, Dual Meet |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 Otters ● 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6/15: Cardboard Boat Regatta & Kona Ice Fundraiser – Rancho ● 6/18: Laser Tag – TBC ● 6/21: Freestyle Friday – Socialize with Otters ● 6/24-28: Spirit Week ● 6/24-26: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice) ● 6/24: Great America ● 6/27: Pancake Breakfast Car window decorating ● 6/28: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #6 and reveal Freestyle Friday – Socialize with Otters ● 6/29: CHAMPS, Independence High School ● 7/1: Awards Night – Rancho |
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