

# Newsplash

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## **ST @ CREEKSIDE - Saturday, Jun 8**

**Online meet sign-up process:** Sign-ups are online via [TeamUnify](#) or the Sports Engine Motion App and are OPEN.

**"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Wed, June 5.** This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions.

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:**

7:00am Gates Open

7:00-7:45am Swimmer Check-in

7:15-7:45am Cudas warm-up

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

**\*7:45am Swimmer check-in tables CLOSE!**

7:45-8:00am Sea Otters 13 & Up warm-up

8:00-8:15am Sea Otters 12 & under warm-up

8:00am Stroke & Turn Meeting (near announcer's table)

8:10am Pass out Relay cards – Coaches Tables

8:15am First Call: Clerk of Course, Timers & Recorders to their chairs for instructions

8:20am Team Cheers and National Anthem

8:30am Meet begins with medley relays

**\*if you are not checked in by 7:45am you will NOT be able to swim**

### **General Information:**

- Creekside Cabana 3840 Yerba Buena Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. You can also scroll to find it [here](#).
- **Spot-in-the-Lot WINNER!!!** Congratulations to **The Partsch Family** for winning a front row parking spot at the meet this Saturday. Your spot will be located in the lot in front of the main gates.
- Creekside has NEW bathrooms, please help to keep them nice and clean.
- No baby pool or sand playing, please.
- Cuda Cafe is open (cash or cards)
  - Breakfast - parfaits, fruit cups, burritos and the normal snacks like donuts
  - Lunch - hamburgers/veggie burgers, hotdogs, teriyaki chicken rice bowls, pulled pork (and we hope to offer a new veggie option)
- 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 meet.
- 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.***

**Information on Relays:** See Newsplash #5 for details about [relays](#), or on our website.

### **RIBBONS - SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

We anticipate that 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**

- **Otter Buddies**  
Stop by the pool deck before or after practice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to make a friendship bracelet for your buddy for the upcoming meet. Looking for your rock? Check the rock garden by the bike rack!
- **Freestyle Friday - June 7**  
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.
- **Tie Dye - SHIRT PRE-ORDERS EXTENDED THROUGH SUNDAY NIGHT! - Thursday, June 13**  
Bring your 100% cotton clothing and join our annual tie dye party after practice on June 13. Please note that each child 10 or under must have a parent present to actively help with the tie dyeing process.  
*LAST CHANCE FOR SHIRT PRE-ORDERS! Save time and skip the line by preordering your 100% cotton shirt through the Team Store! Ordered shirts will be shaped to the design of your choosing and presoaked so that they are ready for immediate dye application. Purchase by Sunday, June 2, via <https://stseaotters.square.site/> or using the attached Tie Dye QR code.*
- **Cardboard Boat Regatta - Saturday, June 15**  
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.*

#### Timeline:

- 5:00pm      Boat check in
- 5:30pm      Judging  
*Award Categories: Best Decorated, Most Creative, Team Spirit, Can't Believe It's Cardboard, Judges' Choice, Sea Otters' Choice*
- 6:00pm: Races begin

#### Important Info:

- Boats will be raced in the pool. Each heat will be 50 yards (two lengths of the pool). Depending on the number of entries, your boat may have to survive multiple heats.
- Boats must be human-powered. There is no limit to the number of crew members on each boat.
- Materials allowed:

- Cardboard or paper (no plastic, waxed cardboard, or waterproof cardboard)
  - Duct tape, or any type of packaging tape
  - Adhesive products such as Liquid Nails for gluing the boat together
  - Paddles are allowed, but must also be made out of cardboard and duct tape
- **Laser Tag at Lasermassx - Tuesday, June 18 (evening)**  
Join your fellow Sea Otters for some laser tag at Lasermassx! 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.
- **Help needed!**  
We are looking for current and alumni Otter families near Rancho to display a small window sign for an upcoming team scavenger hunt. Learn more and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/STScavengerHunt>.

### **SEA OTTERS SHIRTS & MERCHANDISE**

(Most of) our shirt pre-order has arrived! Thank you to everyone who has picked up their pre-ordered shirts so far. Please contact [Amy and Kelly](#) to arrange getting them to you.

As soon as the ***hats, visors, and patches*** arrive, we will reach out to the families who pre-ordered them via e-mail. We apologize for the delay; we are as frustrated by it as you are.

**Check out the [Sea Otters team store](#) for our new items!** Our new car magnets, water bottle stickers and lawn signs are available for sale.

### **SENIOR SEA OTTERS CELEBRATION**

Join us on Saturday, June 15th, at the last home dual meet of the season, as we celebrate our graduating Senior Sea Otters. We'll take a short break between backstroke and breaststroke to honor our Seniors. Victor will be on-hand to take photos, and all graduating swimmers will have the opportunity to take pictures with their families, friends, Coaches and teammates.

**Seniors:** Don't forget to add additional music to the song section of the spotlight Google file. We're going to create a Senior playlist based on your song choices to play throughout the meet.  
\*Please ensure all songs are family-friendly.

### **FUNDRAISING**

- **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](mailto: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.
- **MOD Pizza Night:** June 6th all day @ 5670 Cottle Road, Ste 20 San Jose. Use code MODGIVES25 online or show the attached flyer in person for 25% to Sea Otters.
- **Let's Raise Some Dough!:** The Krispy Kreme Fundraiser is OPEN and will run through Sunday, June 9th. Email your family and friends to invite them to support the Sea Otters. We get 50%! Flyer attached below with a QR code they can use to buy a digital

dozen, redeemable at any Krispy Kreme location. Here's a direct link to the form:  
<https://forms.gle/mo7qgvZkmpWu3Jqm9>

- 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](mailto:stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com) with any questions:

### **PHOTOS BY VICTOR**

For the past several years, Victor Bifforf has graciously donated his time and energy to our team. He attends most of our meets and takes great candid and action photos of our Sea Otters. Please find the pictures from our meet at Pinehurst on May 18 [here](#) and feel free to download, and share them with family and friends. Please thank him next time you see him. More to come...

### **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.

### **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)

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