

# 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! Also, in that area, you will find our [Sea Otters of the Week!](#)


## SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS ON WED, JUNE 11

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
6 & Under	11:30am - 12:15pm	Coach Abi
*Evening Practices MONDAY-THURSDAY		
All Ages	7:30pm - 8:15pm	Coach David
*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.		

### **DUAL MEET #2 vs. PINEHURST:**

Congratulations Sea Otters on your first dual meet win of the season!

Final score was Sea Otters 284 and Piranhas 196.

 **CALLING ALL SEA OTTERS:** The countdown is on—only **24** 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!

## **MAKE A SPLASH! SUPPORT OUR TEAM**

- **Otter-Thon is back!** After a long break, the Otter-Thon is making a splash again. You have **ONE MORE WEEK** to collect pledges.
  - When: THIS Friday, June 13, 2025
  - Where: During your regular practice time (no Otter-Thon during evening practice)Swimmers will collect donations and earn tickets for awesome prize drawings — you choose which prizes to go for! Pledge sheets are available at practice, so ask your Coach if you need one. *Please refer to the email sent out on Mon, June 2 for all details!*
- **Weekly Prize Drawings:** Next week is your last chance to purchase tickets, don't miss out! Congratulations to last week's winners, The Rice and Johnson families! We appreciate everyone that has participated in the weekly drawings!

If you have questions or want to make a donation, contact [Tracy or Michelle](#) at [stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com).

## **RIBBONS - Available on Monday, June 9**

Dual Meet ribbons will be available by Monday this week in the file boxes near the office. There is one folder for each family. **Please recycle unwanted ribbons in the designated container.** Volunteers process over 1200 ribbons at each meet and mistakes sometimes happen. Please email requests for corrections/missing ribbons to our Awards volunteer, [Sarah Miers and Nicole King](#).

## **CHAMPS SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY**

We need and want all of our athletes to swim at CHAMPS on July 12. To be eligible for CHAMPS swimmers 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.

## **Crossgates Gators @ Santa Teresa Dual Meet - Saturday, June 14**

Online meet sign-up process: **"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Wednesday, 6/11.** 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 if needed, you can make changes prior to each 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, June 14**

5:30-6:45am	Meet Set-up Volunteers ONLY
~6:45 & after	Family Set-up
7:00-7:45am	Swimmer Check-in
7:00-7:15am	Sea Otters 13-18 Blue & Yellow warm-up
7:15-7:30am	Sea Otters 11-12 warm-up
7:30-7:45am	Sea Otters 9-10 warm-up
	(There will be no 6 & Under or 7-8 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 (at the baby pool)
8:15am	First Call: Clerk of Course, Timers & Recorders Announcement
8:20am	Team Cheers and National Anthem
8:30am	Meet Begins with Medley Relays

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

**Swim Meet Set-up:** Families will be allowed into the club after the meet set-up team has completed their work, which will be approximately 6:45am. Any pop-ups that are in the pool area before the set-up team is done will be removed.

In order to provide space for both teams, please follow the guidance below for pop-up set up.

- Sea Otters are in the front area of the tennis courts, towards the adult pool.
- Guest teams will set up in the grass area by and including the upper deck toward the basketball court.

**Please note:** There should be 2-3 families per pop-up. This helps with space, and increases community and team spirit!



#### **Additional Meet Information:**

- **Spot-in-the-Lot and Pop-Up Winners!**
  - **Spot-in-the-Lot - Congratulations Wyatt To!** You won 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.
  - **Pop-up-Spot - Congratulations Rich Burnley!** You will get to select your spot! Please contact [Scott Fischer](#) to select a location.
- 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 Mark know as soon as possible.***
- **For the safety and privacy of our swimmers, photos may not be taken from behind the starting blocks.** This rule helps prevent inappropriate angles, especially when swimmers are bent over on the blocks. If you're bringing guests to the meet, please make sure they're aware of this rule. And if you see someone taking photos from that area, kindly inform them of the rule. Protecting our swimmers is our top priority - thank you for your support.
- Swimmers...please wear your NEW personalized Sea Otters swim cap. Remember, no high school or competitive swim team caps are allowed at cabana club meets. If you have not yet received it, you can pick up your 2025 cap at the merchandise tent, near the diving well. Non-personalized Sea Otters 2025-style swim caps (\$10) or the blue ST swim caps from previous years (\$5) will also be available for sale. Contact [Amy & Kelly](#) for more info.
- 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!!!

## 17 **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

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

- **Otter Buddies:** Stop by the pool deck before or after practice this week to make a bag tag or bracelet to exchange with your buddy at the meet, and to read your Otter Mail. Materials will also be brought to the meet - just look for the Otter Buddies box!
- **Secret Sea Otters - Delivery Friday, June 13!** Questions/comments, please reach out to [Emily Becker](#).
- **Tie Dye, June 18:** Bring your 100% cotton clothing and join our annual tie dye party after practice on June 18. Please note that each child 10 or under must have a parent present to actively help with the tie dyeing process.
- **Swim Up Movie Night, June 24, 8:30pm:** Enjoy a movie while floating with friends! Vote [here](#) to help choose what to show.
- **Cardboard Boat Regatta, June 28:** Save the Date - and your cardboard - for the Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta! All Sea Otters are invited to join forces with their swim team friends to build a seaworthy vessel using only cardboard and duct tape. *Please refer to the email sent out on Thu, June 5 for all the details!*
- **Spot Otters Out of Water - Starting June 30:** The team scavenger hunt is back! Otter signs will be scattered throughout the Rancho Santa Teresa neighborhood during the bye week. Look for additional details in upcoming issues of the Newsplash. You otter catch them all! **Interested in hosting an Otter sign?** *Learn more and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/STScavengerHunt>.*
- **Sea Otters Sleepover, July 5 (Rancho):** Get ready for a night of fun under the stars! The Sea Otters are hosting a poolside sleepover packed with swimming, games, a talent show and more! Don't miss this unforgettable night with your Sea Otter family. More information will be shared this week! If you'd like to help volunteer, please contact [Alicia LaMarche](#) or [Allison Rice](#).

## **SEA OTTERS MERCHANDISE**

**The Santa Cruz-Style Logo Shop Has Reopened!**

- ***Due to popular demand, we will be doing a second run of Santa Cruz-style items. We've added 4 additional items — a crewneck sweatshirt, a performance fabric tee, ladies PJ shorts and boxer shorts.***
- Get them while you can! You can pre-order at [Sea Otters Team Store](#) or the merchandise tent, located near the diving well at our home meet this week. Plus, check out all of the great sale items available at the tent.
- **The online sale will end next Saturday, June 14 at 10 pm.**


**Don't forget to pick up your gear!**

- There are still a few families that have not yet picked up their swimmer's personalized swim caps and swimmers' shirts. They will be available at the merch tent at the home meet this Saturday.

**Team Swimsuits:**

- The custom team suits will continue to be available to purchase at the [Agon Swimmer Storefront](#) throughout the summer, and can be shipped directly to you. To determine what swimsuit size to order, please reach out to our merchandise leads, [Amy & Kelly](#) with any questions, [merch.stseaotters@gmail.com](mailto: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>.



 **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!

### **PHOTOS BY VICTOR**

Here are the photos from the Donut Meet: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xfXCMPmGsDqQ41ob6>  
More to come!

### **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](http://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.*

**SportsEngine Motion 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.

**Meet Mobile App:** The MeetMobile App displays meet results during all home and some 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)

[2025 season calendar](#)

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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### **2025 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6/9-13: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice</li><li>● 6/11: Shift to Summer Practice Schedule (Wed)</li><li>● 6/13: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #3</li><li>● 6/13: Otter-Thon!! At practice!!</li><li>● 6/14: Crossgates @ Santa Teresa</li><li>● 6/16-20: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice</li><li>● 6/18: Tie Dye, at morning practice</li><li>● 6/20: Car Window Decorating (at practice) &amp; Secret Sea Otters Delivery #4</li><li>● 6/21: Santa Teresa @ Almaden</li><li>● 6/23-27: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice</li><li>● 6/24: Swim Up Movie Night (Rancho)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6/27: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5</li><li>● 6/28: Creekside @ Santa Teresa</li><li>● 6/28: Cardboard Boat Regatta, 5-7pm (Rancho)</li><li>● 6/30-7/11: Otters Out of Water Scavenger Hunt</li><li>● 7/5: Sea Otters Sleepover!</li><li>● 7/7-11: Spirit Week, at practice</li><li>● 7/11: Pancake Breakfast &amp; Car Window Decorating, at practice</li><li>● 7/11: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #6 and Reveal</li><li>● 7/12: CHAMPS, hosted by Pinehurst</li><li>● 7/14: Awards Night</li></ul> |
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