

Newsplash

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2024 SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE STARTS TOMORROW - MONDAY, JUNE 10

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.	

FUNDRAISING

Spot-in-the-Lot & Pop-up-Spot

WINNERS!!! Congratulations to the following families.

- **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 6/15.
- **Pop-up-Spot: Emmy!** You get to select your spot for 6/15! Please contact [Scott Fischer](#) to select a location, or one will be selected for you.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser - EXTENDED

ONE WEEK! Deadline to get your orders in is **Sunday, June 16th!** Sea Otters get 50% of proceeds, so share with your friends and family! You can send them this link (<https://forms.gle/Mo8KLxQ2L7UVFxQu8>) and they can fill out their order directly!

- **Prizes For Top Sellers!!**
 - Top 3 sellers from all age groups will win a **Nintendo Switch Lite!!!**
 - Top selling age group will win a **Pizza Party after practice!**
 - Water bottle sticker for every Otter that sells at least 1 Digital Dozen

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

RIBBONS - SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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.** 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](#).

CHAMPS! CHAMPS! CHAMPS!

ALL ADS AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY FRI, JUNE 14. The forms contain costs and payment information. Please use the Google form links below to purchase.

The “Good Luck” pages for the Champs Program will be set up next to the Otter Buddies activity during practice this week. Come and leave a note for your otter friends and family!

- **Sea Otters Personal “Good Luck” Ads (swimmers) - Deadline is Friday, June 14**
It's time to celebrate your Otters by creating a personal [Good Luck Ad](#) for the CHAMPS 2024 Program. Ads are available in 1/4, 1/2 and full page sizes and offer a special way to give your swimmers encouragement for CHAMPS, as well as acknowledge their season accomplishments. Click on the link above for more information and to submit your ad.
- **Sponsorship (businesses) - Deadline is Friday, June 14**
Be a Champion for Our Event! [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) include,
 - Premium Recognition: Feature in our Cabana League Championship Meet Program, reaching 500+ families and friends across South San Jose.
 - Social Media Spotlight: Announcements on the Shadow Brook Sharks Instagram page, showcasing your support to our community.
- **Program Sales - Deadline is Friday, June 14**
Shadow Brook is now taking orders for [Champs Programs](#). The cost is \$30 per program and can be purchased by sending money through Venmo. Click the link to order yours today.

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.

SHADOW BROOK SHARKS @ SANTA TERESA - Saturday, Jun 15

Join us on this Saturday, at our last home dual meet of the season, as we celebrate our graduating Senior Sea Otters. Make sure you gather round the pool between backstroke and breaststroke and cheer on this great group of Seniors as we honor and celebrate them. 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. Senior Families, be on the lookout for an email from [Stacy Valenta](#) with additional details about the celebration.

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.

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 12.** 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 for Shadow Brook Sharks @ ST - Saturday, 6/15

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 (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

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

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](#).

SPIRIT ACTIVITIES

- **Otter Buddies**
Stop by the pool deck before or after practice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to make a card or sign for your Buddy.
- **Tie Dye - Thursday, June 13**
Bring your white, prewashed, 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.

Preorder a shirt? Look for the pickup line to grab yours!

- **Freestyle Friday - June 14**
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.
- **Cardboard Boat Regatta - Saturday, June 15 - 5PM Check-In**
Judging starts at 5:30, with races beginning at 6PM. Please refer to the email sent out on June 4 for additional details.
- **Spot Otters Out of Water - Team Scavenger Hunt - Starting June 17**
Search for Otters throughout the Rancho Santa Teresa neighborhood during the bye week. Otter signs will be visible from the sidewalk. The first one to submit the location of all the hidden Otters will win a prize and be named the Top Otter Spotter. Everyone finding all the Otters, or Otter Buddies who search together, will be entered in a prize drawing. Look for additional details in next week's Newsplash. You otter catch them all!
Interested in hosting an Otter sign? Learn more and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/STScavengerHunt>.
- **Laser Tag at Lasermass - Tuesday, June 18 (evening)**
ONLY 13 SPACES LEFT! Signup today to reserve your spot! Signups will close on Thursday, June 13th at 9pm.
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

(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.

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 below, and be sure to thank him next time you see him.

- ST @ Pinehurst May 18th: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xJQ9MNaS8zqTQo8T8>
- (NEW) Almaden @ ST June 1st: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QTxcErWak4XiCC969>

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.

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">• 6/10: Shift to summer practice schedule• 6/10-12: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 6/13: Tie Dye (at practice)• 6/14: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with Otters• 6/15: Shadowbrook @ Santa Teresa, Dual Meet• 6/15: Cardboard Boat Regatta & Kona Ice Fundraiser – Rancho• 6/17: Scavenger Hunt Starts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6/18: Laser Tag – Lasermass• 6/21: Freestyle Friday – Socialize with Otters• 6/24-28: Spirit Week• 6/24-26: Otter Buddies Activity (at practice)• 6/24: Great America• 6/28: Pancake Breakfast Car window decorating 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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