

# 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!](#)



## **DUAL MEET #3 vs. CROSSGATES:**

Congratulations Sea Otters on our second dual meet win! Final score is Sea Otters 305 and Gators 175.

 **CALLING ALL SEA OTTERS:** The countdown is on - **20** practices left this season! *Please note: Fri, July 4 practice will be moved to Sat, July 5.*

## **RIBBONS - Available on Monday, June 16**

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.*** Questions? Contact our Awards volunteers, [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.

**Online meet sign-ups for CHAMPS are now open!** Please declare if you will be attending CHAMPS and sign up for events - available in TeamUnify and in the SportsEngine Motion App. The deadline to sign-up is June 25.

## **Santa Teresa @ Almaden Dolphins Dual Meet - Saturday, June 21**

Online meet sign-up process:

***“Declare” for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Wednesday, 6/18.*** 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

### General Information:

The timeline for the meet will be sent out later this week.

- Almaden Cabana Club, 6975 Bret Harte Dr, San Jose, CA 95120. You can also find it [here](#).
- **Spot-in-the-Lot WINNER!!!** Congratulations to the **Doerr Family** for winning 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.
- 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.***

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

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

Save the date for fun inside and outside of Rancho!

- **Tie Dye - This Wednesday!** Bring your washed 100% cotton clothing and join our annual tie dye party after morning practice on June 18. Please note that each child 10 or under must have an adult present to actively help with the tie dyeing process. Preordered shirts will be shaped and ready to dye at the event.
- **Otter Buddies:** Stop by the pool deck before or after practice this week to write an acrostic poem 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 20!** Questions/comments, please reach out to [Emily Becker](#).
- **Car Window Decorating, Friday, June 20:** Sea Otters, show your team spirit as we head to Almaden by decorating your car! Stencils and car markers are available at the swim table near the entrance - grab what you need and get creative. Let's make a splash on the road and show our Sea Otter pride!
- **Swim Up Movie Night, June 24, 8:30pm:** Enjoy a movie while floating with friends! Click [here](#) to help choose what we'll show - voting closes Tuesday night!
- **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. *For more information please refer to the email that was sent out on Friday, June 13.* If you'd like to help volunteer, please contact [Alicia LaMarche](#) or [Allison Rice](#).

## **SEA OTTERS MERCHANDISE**

**Thank you to all who purchased items in the second merch order!**

- You will be able to pick up your items at our next home meet on 6/28. If our vendor is able to complete the merch sooner, additional information about earlier pick up will be provided.

### **More hats coming soon!**

- Due to the popularity of hats this year, we will be adding snap-back trucker hats to the [Sea Otters Team Store](#). They also will be available for purchase at our next home meet. We hope to have a restock of the lifeguard-style sun hats as well.

### **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>.

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

- **Otter-Thon! THANK YOU** to all the Otters that participated on Friday! It was so fun to see you swim and support your team. Please take the envelope you received on Friday and collect your donations! If you have any questions about payment or did not pick up your envelope please [email us!](#) Donations are **due Friday, June 20th** in order to be eligible for prize tickets!
- **Weekly Prize Drawings:** Ticket sales are complete, please continue to check the Newsplash for winners!

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

## **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. These photos are free to download and to share with family and friends. Please thank Victor the next time you see him. Here are the photos from,

- May 17 - Donut Meet: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xfXCMPmGsDqQ41ob6>
- May 31 - Shadow Brook: ST @ Shadowbrook: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gQmCbmkPwQguLDHo9>

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 SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

<b>2025 Summer Practice Schedule</b> <b>June 11 - July 11</b> <b>MONDAY-FRIDAY</b>		
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Coaches</b>
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
<b>*Evening Practices</b> <b>MONDAY-THURSDAY</b>		
All Ages	7:30pm - 8:15pm	Coach David
<b>*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.</b>		

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

- 6/16-20: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice
- 6/18: Tie Dye, at morning practice
- 6/20: Car Window Decorating (at practice) & Secret Sea Otters Delivery #4
- 6/21: Santa Teresa @ Almaden
- 6/23-27: Otter Buddies Activity, at practice
- 6/24: Swim Up Movie Night (Rancho)
- 6/27: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5
- 6/28: Creekside @ Santa Teresa
- 6/28: Cardboard Boat Regatta, 5-7pm (Rancho)
- 6/30-7/11: Otters Out of Water Scavenger Hunt
- 7/5: Sea Otters Sleepover!
- 7/7-11: Spirit Week, at practice
- 7/11: Pancake Breakfast & Car Window Decorating, at practice
- 7/11: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #6 and Reveal
- 7/12: CHAMPS, hosted by Pinehurst
- 7/14: Awards Night

## **Santa Teresa Sea Otters Board Members**

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