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Dual Meet Champ

Once again the 2024 season ends with a three-way tie between Almaden, Santa Teresa and Shadow Brook, all with 4-1 records. Based on league rules, the champion is determined by the team scoring the highest total number of points against the other two tied teams, which is Shadow Brook. Congratulations to Shadow Brook, to the other teams and to Santa Teresa for a fun and competitive season! We are still calculating the Dual Meet Improved award and will announce that once complete.

RIBBONS - SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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](#).

BYE WEEK: RELAYS & START CLINIC - SATURDAY, JUNE 22

There is no Dual Meet this weekend, but our Coaches will be running a Relays & Start Clinic this Saturday, June 22.

- 8:30-10:00am 13 & Up Age Groups
- 10:00-11:30am 9-10 & 11-12 Age Groups
- 10:30-11:30am 8 & Under Age Groups

FUNDRAISING

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser - Responses have been picking up so we are extending our deadline to this **Tuesday, June 18th!** The 7/8 group is firmly in the lead with 57% of the sales. If you want a pizza party for your age group reach out to your friends, family, and neighbors!

Not only do the Sea Otters get 50% of the proceeds but you are getting a DEAL on a Dozen Krispy Kreme! Krispy Kreme retail for \$19 per dozen and we are selling them for \$15! Help the Sea Otters while you save!

You can send them this link (<https://forms.gle/Mo8KLxQ2L7UVFxQu8>) and they can fill out their order directly!

- **Prizes For Top Sellers!! If you start selling today you could still in the running for the top prize!!**
 - Top 3 sellers from all age groups will win a **Nintendo Switch Lite!!!**
 - Top selling age group will win a **Pizza Party after practice Wednesday!**
 - Water bottle sticker for every Otter that sells at least 1 Digital Dozen

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

SPIRIT ACTIVITIES

- **Cardboard Boat Regatta**

Congratulations to all the Cardboard Boat Regatta participants, especially our winning boats:

- **Best Decorated:** *Black Pearl*
- **Most Creative:** *Otter Nator*
- **Team Spirit:** *Cheer Otter*
- **Can't Believe It's Cardboard:** *SSS Otter*
- **Judges' Choice Award:** *Muscle Bros*
- **Sea Otters' Choice Award:** *Creator Cruise*
- **Most Spectacular Sink:** *Shiny Strawberry Otters*
- **Perseverance:** *The LEO*
- **Most Agile:** *Black Hole*
- **2024 Cardboard Boat Regatta Champion:** *USS Windham Bay CVE93*

- **Otter Buddies**

Participate in the Team Scavenger Hunt with your Otter Buddy to receive an extra prize drawing entry! See below for more details.

- **Spot Otters Out of Water - Team Scavenger Hunt - Starting June 17**

25 Otters are hidden throughout the Rancho Santa Teresa neighborhood! Each Otter will be on a 8.5"x11" door or window sign visible from the sidewalk. Submit the location of each Otter - and what it is holding - to be entered in a prize drawing; search with your Otter Buddy for an extra entry. Be the first to find and correctly identify all 25 and be named the Top Otter Spotter! Send Otter locations or photos of Otter Buddies searching together to activities.stseaotters@gmail.com for drawing entry. See the attached graphic for scavenger hunt boundaries. You otter catch them all!

Please do not disturb the families hosting the Otters! All Otters will be visible from the sidewalk.

- **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.

- **Freestyle Friday**

Bring your dinner, beverages, dessert, and/or just yourself to the pool Friday for an informal and casual evening socializing with O'tters.

- **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>. This is not a drop off event.

SEA OTTERS SHIRTS & MERCHANDISE

Check out the [Sea Otters team store](#) for our new items! In addition to our car magnets, water bottle stickers, and lawn signs available for sale, our fitted baseball caps (sizes S/M, M/L, L/XL), adjustable visors, and patches will also be added soon. We will have all of these items, as well as swim caps, available for purchase at Champs.

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>

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.	

2024 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

- 6/17: Scavenger Hunt Starts
- 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

SEA OTTERS INFORMATION ON-DEMAND

Santa Teresa Sea Otters team website, www.stseaotters.com | [2024 season calendar](#)

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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