


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!](#)


Congratulations to Kameron Kleiner for breaking the 13-14 Boys 50-yard Backstroke third-place record at last week's home meet against Crossgates – with a time of 28.10... that's fast!
Way to go, Kameron!

 **DUAL MEET #4 vs. ALMADEN:** Our Otters gave it their all on Saturday, but the Almaden Dolphins came out ahead with a final score of 283-197. Great effort by all our swimmers—we're proud of the team!

 **CALLING ALL SEA OTTERS:** The countdown is on - **15** practices left this season!
Please note: Fri, July 4 practice will be moved to Sat, July 5.

 **SEA OTTERS SLEEPOVER & MIDNIGHT MADNESS:** Please refer to the email that was sent out on June 13 for all the details (or attached) and sign up ASAP if you are planning to attend! ***If there is not enough interest, we will need to cancel the event.*** (Currently, we only have three Sea Otters signed up!) Don't miss this unforgettable night with your Sea Otters family. For more information or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact [Alicia LaMarche](#) or [Allison Rice](#).

 **RIBBONS - Available on Monday, June 23**
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](#).

 **TEAM PHOTOS - Available on Monday, June 23**
If you ordered photos from Jim Nelson Photography, they'll be available at morning practice starting Monday, June 23. Look for Bex or Emily. They'll also be available at the swim up movie Tuesday night, which starts right after evening practice. Contact [Lauren Sullivan](#) if you have any questions!

SENIOR SEA OTTERS CELEBRATION

Be sure to join us at our last home meet on Saturday, June 28 to 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.

Creekside Cudas @ Santa Teresa Dual Meet - Saturday, June 28

Online meet sign-up process: **"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Wednesday, 6/25.** 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 Creekside Cudas @ ST - Saturday, June 28

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 Creekside 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](#).

Additional Meet Information:

- **Spot-in-the-Lot and Pop-Up Winners!**
 - **Spot-in-the-Lot - Congratulations to The Rice Family!** You won a front row parking spot at the meet this Saturday. Your spot will be located in the front of the parking lot.
 - **Pop-up-Spot - Congratulations to The Polson Family!** 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.***
- Swimmers...please wear your 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, game room 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!!!

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!



17 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

- 🍿 **Swim Up Movie Night, Tuesday, June 24, 8:30pm:** Float with your fellow Otters for an evening poolside showing of Luca! Movie starts at 8:30pm; popcorn will be provided.
- 🛶 **Cardboard Boat Regatta, Saturday, June 28:** Join us this Saturday for the Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, featuring Kona Ice! All Sea Otters are invited to join forces with their swim team friends to build a seaworthy vessel using only cardboard and duct tape. Check-in: 5pm; Judging: 5:30pm; Races, 6pm. Kona Ice will be on-site from 5-6:30. *Please refer to the email sent out on Thu, June 5 for all the details!*
- **Otter Buddies:** Stop by the pool deck before or after practice this week to make a spirit sign to exchange with your buddy before the final dual 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 28!** Questions/comments, please reach out to [Emily Becker](#).
- **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 the next issue 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 MERCHANDISE

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

- You should be able to pick up your items at the home meet this Saturday, June 28.

More hats available now!

- Due to the popularity of hats this year, we have added snap-back trucker hats to the [Sea Otters Team Store](#). They also will be available for purchase at our next home meet. We have restocked 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.
- 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** for all your hard work getting donations! We are blown away by the support! For those swimmers that earned tickets for prize drawings, your envelopes will be in the awards box starting Monday! The prize drawings will be located at the table with the Sea Otter Buddy activity. You have until the end of the Home Meet June 28th to enter. If you are not going to be at practice or have any questions please [email us](#)!

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

PHOTOS BY VICTOR

For the past several years, Victor Bifford 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. 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

[2025 season calendar](#)

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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2025 SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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

2025 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

- 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