

Newsplash

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CHAMPS Edition

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****ONLY 5 MORE PRACTICES UNTIL CHAMPS!****

SPIRIT WEEK IS HERE!!! Dress according to our daily themes, and stay after practice for a fun game!

- MON: Dress Like Your Coach Day | Balloon Relay Race | Great America Off-Site
- TUE: Twin Day | Water Balloon Volleyball
- WED: Hawaiian Day | Bucket Brigade
- THU: Wear Tie Dye | Balloon Toss
- FRI: Pajamas Day & Pancake Breakfast | Car Decorating



OTTER BUDDIES - CROWNS FOR CHAMPS

Stop by the pool deck after practice this week to decorate a crown for your Buddy to wear during the Champs Parade!

SPOT THE OUT OF WATER OTTERS - Ongoing!

The scavenger hunt continues! Send your list of Otter out of Water locations, along with what they're holding, to activities.stseaotters@gmail.com by Friday evening for entry into the prize drawing. Otter Buddies sending a photo of them searching together will get an extra entry. See last week's Activities At A Glance for the scavenger hunt boundaries. Will YOU be the Top Otter Spotter and receive a prize for being the first to find all 25 Otters?

GREAT AMERICA - Monday, June 24

Spend a day at Great America with your friends! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/STGreatAmerica>. This is not a drop off event.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Friday, June 28, 8:30-11:45

Join us for pancakes (gluten-free too!), sausage and orange juice. Breakfast will be served after each practice, except the 6 & Unders, who will be served before practice. If you have a griddle and spatula the team can borrow, please drop them off in the clubhouse kitchen before 7:45am on Friday, June 28. Please bring your items labeled.

CAR WINDOW DECORATING - Friday, June 28

Get ready for CHAMPS!! Decorate your cars so all the teams know the Sea Otters are in the house! We have a bucket with (new!) car decorating supplies. Please return the supplies after you use them.

2024 CHAMPS - Saturday, June 29

PARADE OF TEAMS AT CHAMPS

It is a tradition at CHAMPS for the athletes to enter the pool deck in a Parade of Teams (think Olympic Parade of Nations) before the National Anthem and the start of the meet. This is a huge show of each team's spirit, with kids decked out in team colors, crazy wigs, mascots, etc. As you can imagine, organizing our team amongst the chaos of the morning will take everyone's cooperation. Here's what you need to know to help our parade run smoothly and to best show off our Sea Otter spirit:

1. Swimmers/coaches only will be allowed on the pool deck. Parents can view the parade from the stands.
2. **IMPORTANT: Medley Relay Swimmers** will not return to our tent camp after the parade, so they **MUST WEAR THEIR TEAM SUIT AND TAKE THEIR CAPS AND GOGGLES WITH THEM FOR THE PARADE!**
3. Athletes will gather on the large concrete area near our tent camp. Keep an eye out for Lauren Sullivan and listen for the announcement!
4. We really want to show our team spirit. This means we need to go crazy! Wear your Sea Otter Spirit shirts. Got a blue or yellow wig? A tutu? A sea otter stuffed animal? A crazy headband? How about an obnoxious noise maker? Blue and Gold body paint or Zinc? Bring it to the meet and make sure your athlete has it for the parade! And don't forget your Sea Otters tattoos.
5. The team will lend some props and decorations. We know they're fun, and your kids will want to keep them, but please return these after the parade so they can be used again next year.
6. 8 & Under Butterfly should head immediately to Clerk of the Course after the National Anthem.
7. First shift volunteers need to be ready!

GENERAL CHAMPS INFORMATION

- **We are still waiting on some information from Shadow Brook, and will share it as soon as we have it:**
 - Map of tent city, parade route and pool deck
 - Schedule of events
 - Sea Otters warm up schedule
 - Food vendors
 - Parent/Coaches relays
- **LOCATION:** Independence High School Pool, 617 N. Jackson Avenue, San Jose, CA 95133
- **PARKING:** Both school parking lots off of N. Jackson will be open. Street parking on N. Jackson or Mabury is allowed. Do not park in the lot off of Educational Park Drive.
- **POOL DECK ACCESS:** The pool deck will be **CLOSED** to families. Only swimmers, adults with the correct wristband, Senior swimmer families (for the Senior Swim), and volunteers with pool deck shifts, will be allowed on the pool deck.
- Swimmers are **NOT** required to check-in at CHAMPS. But, if your swimmer ends up sick that morning, please contact Edie Fischer at 408-921-0023 immediately, so we can manage scratches and possible relay changes.
- Volunteers **ARE** required to check-in.
- **PLEASE** read our **Coaches to Swimmer/Parent Information** sheet and for our 10 & UNDER SWIMMERS, pay special attention to the **"NAME ON THE ARM"** instructions found [here](https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/recstso/page/champs-2022/coaches-to-parentswimmer-information) on the CHAMPS website. (Please disregard the warm up times listed on this document, it is outdated and will be updated soon.)
<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/recstso/page/champs-2022/coaches-to-parentswimmer-information>

- Swimmers are awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal if they achieve a personal best at CHAMPS. We encourage our Sea Otters to always strive for a new PB... but this time, there's hardware in it!

PROFESSIONAL ACTION SHOTS OF YOUR SWIMMER AT CHAMPS

Reminder, Champs is a closed deck(only swimmers are allowed on deck).

Shadow Brook is happy to announce that Zoom Photography will be offering professional action photography services to all families at our Cabana League Championship on June 29, 2024!

To include your athlete, Register ONLINE ONLY. Photos are only taken of athletes who register online with Zoom before the race.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW: <https://www.myzoomphotos.com/cabana-club-championship>

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AWARDS NIGHT – Monday, July 1

Come celebrate the end of the Sea Otter season at Awards Night on Monday, July 1 at 6:30pm on the tennis courts. Please bring your own chairs to this event. Gates will open at 6:00pm. Large shades or pop ups are not allowed. Participation trophies will be given to all swimmers as well as High Point, Second High Point and Most Improved, in each age group, for boys and girls. All Champs awards will be available for pick-up that night as well.

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

- 6/24-28: 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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