



# 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 #5 vs. CREEKSIDE:** We always enjoy the friendly rivalry with Creekside, and yesterday was no exception! Congrats to our Sea Otters on another win — final score: Sea Otters 309, Creekside 171.

 **DUAL MEET CHAMPS:** Congratulations to the Almaden Dolphins on an undefeated season and their first dual meet championship win since 2013!

 **SHOUT OUT:** A big thank you to Sameera Lingam and Ashvika Nambiar for donating \$31 to the Sea Otters from their recent craft fair — they generously gave all of their proceeds to support the team!

 **CALLING ALL SEA OTTERS & BYE WEEK:** The countdown is on - **9** 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 no later than Wednesday, July 2! If there is not enough interest, we will need to cancel the event or change it to the Midnight Madness option only.** (Currently, we only have 16 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**

If you ordered photos from Jim Nelson Photography, they are available in the awards file box near the office. Please be sure to pick them up!

 **SEA OTTERS MERCHANDISE:** A limited supply of merch will be available at Champs!

We will have a small assortment of gear at the Championship meet, including large straw hats, snapback trucker hats, swim caps, tattoos, and stickers. Plus, our brand new PJ shorts with the popular Santa Cruz-style logo will also be available. Come find Kelly or Amy in the Sea Otters tent area to purchase.

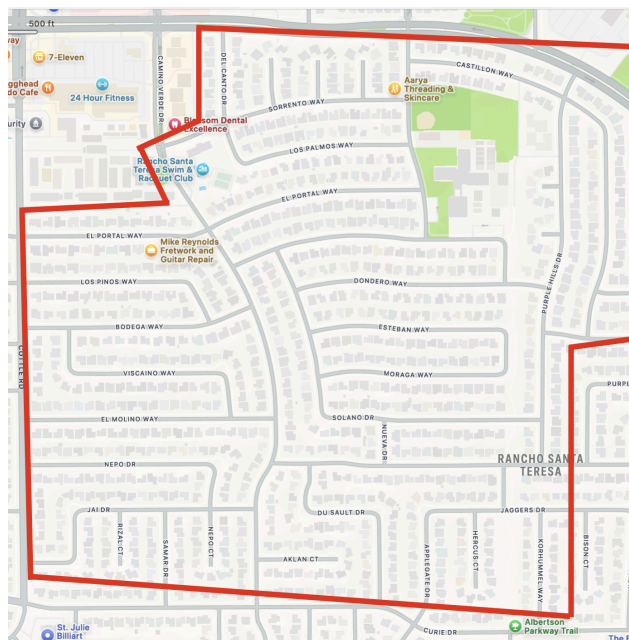
## 17 ACTIVITIES

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

- 🚣 **Cardboard Boat Regatta:** Congratulations to all the Cardboard Boat Regatta participants, especially our winning boats:
  - **Best Decorated:** Pirate's Booty
  - **Most Creative:** Toothless the Dragon
  - **Team Spirit:** Taffiti
  - **Can't Believe It's Cardboard:** USSOS Black Cat
  - **Judges' Choice Award:** Patriot
  - **Sea Otters' Choice Award:** Lightning McQueen
  - **Most Spectacular Sink:** Ballinger Bullet
  - **2025 Cardboard Boat Regatta Champion:** Wiener of the Waves
- 🔍 **Spot Otters Out of Water - Starting Monday!**

35 Otters are hidden throughout the Rancho Santa Teresa neighborhood! Each Otter is 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 35 and be named the Top Otter Spotter! Send Otter locations or photos of Otter Buddies searching together to [activities.stseaotters@gmail.com](mailto:activities.stseaotters@gmail.com) no later than July 11 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.**
- **Otter Buddies** - Participate in the Team Scavenger Hunt with your Otter Buddy to receive an extra prize drawing entry!
- **Secret Sea Otters** - No delivery this week! Questions/comments, please reach out to [Emily Becker](#).



## 👉 MAKE A SPLASH! SUPPORT OUR TEAM

**Otter-Thon! THANK YOU** for making this year's Otter-Thon a huge success! We will be pulling prize winners on Monday and will email you if you are the winner! A full list of winners will be posted in the next Newsplash. 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!

## **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**

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**

- 6/30-7/11: 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