

Fox Valley Wave Swim Team

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Important Dates

Sept 8
Timber Rattler Game @
6:40pm

Sept 11
First DAY of Practice!! 🤗

Sept 17
Parent Board Meeting 6:00
to 7:15pm- Virtual

Swim Meets
No Meets in Sept



Fall/Winter Registration

Fall/Winter 2023-24 swim season is quickly approaching.

The first day of practice will be **Monday, September 11, 2023**. We are waiting on pools to finalize our practice schedule. The website will be updated as soon as we have the schedule finalized and an email will be sent out. The pools we are tentatively using for practice this season include Neenah Middle School (*former Neenah High School*) and Appleton North, West, and East High Schools.

PRACTICE TEAM MOVEMENT

We will have six practice teams this season. Unless you have been approached in-person or by email, your child will be in the same practice group they were in for the summer 2023 season.

Our coaching staff has extensive experience and takes into consideration many factors when determining practice team placement. The coaches consider age, ability, attitude, and they also give thought to factors including coachability, maturity level, dedication to the sport, group sizes and group capacities. Coaches place swimmers where they will be most successful.

REGISTRATION PROCESS – OPENING FRIDAY September 1st.

1. September 1 – September 6: All current members (swam Summer 2023)
2. September 7 – September 9: All previously active members
3. September 10: Waitlisted swimmers will be notified of openings

FORMS TO BE INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION

As part of the registration process, you will be required to review and agree to:

- Code of Conduct, Anti-bullying Policy, and Safe Sport Athlete Protection Training*
- Volunteer and Fundraising Policy Requirements
- Medical Release and Liability Waiver
- Concussion and Covid Waiver
- Photo Release and Electronic Communication Policy

***The Code of Conduct, Anti-bullying Policy, and Safe Sport are IMPORTANT policies you and your swimmer(s) should review TOGETHER! Please make sure to review them with your swimmer(s), so they are clear about the role they play in meeting these team expectations.**





September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our September babies, we will personally recognize you all next month once registration is complete, so we do not miss any of you!

FEE STRUCTURE

Fees include our participation fee AND the \$88 USA Swimming registration fee. The USA Swimming Registration is required and includes Splash monthly magazine, USA Swimming Deck Pass account, and Meet insurance. Credit card and/or ACH fees will be added at time of payment in addition to the fee.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The Fox Valley Wave thrives due to the combined efforts of our coaches and parent volunteers. To continue to succeed, it is essential that each family volunteers their time before and during home meets as needed. ***Each family is expected to volunteer for a minimum of two slots at our home swim meet on December 15-16, 2023.***

If you know you are unable to volunteer at the Meet, opportunities to serve on the meet planning committee will be publicized, and you can fulfill your requirement in this manner. You will be required to track your time and have a board member verify your hours. ***If you cannot or will not volunteer, you will be charged a \$200 fee, invoiced to your account following the last meet volunteer opportunity.***

FUNDRAISING FEE

Fees and money raised from our Swim Meets do not meet all our budgetary requirements. For this reason, we are requiring all swimmers to participate in fundraising. Fundraising requirements for Fall/Winter 2023-2024 will be \$75 per swimmer. ***These fees will be billed to each swimmer's account on November 1, 2023.*** Participating in the Script Program is a way to help offset the fundraising fee.

GET ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

During the first week of practice there will be a greeter at the following practices:

- Swells and Wavelets practice on ***Monday and Tuesday***
- Breakers practice on ***Monday and Wednesday***

This will be an informal time to answer any questions you may have about our team and the sport of swimming. If you are new to our team, but your swimmer has been placed into a different group than listed above, please reach out our education coordinator Katie Loken at education@foxvalleywave.org to set up a time to meet.

Timber Rattler Social

Join us for a night at the ballpark!

When: September 8, 2023, at 6:40pm

Where: Wisconsin Timber Rattlers' Stadium



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets, we have about 50 tickets reserved but can add more if there is more interest.

Deadline to purchase tickets is September 7, 2023

Welcome Coach Scott

The Wave would like to **Welcome Coach Scott** as the new Tidal Waves coach! Below is a message from Coach Scott:

Hey Y'all!

I am Coach Scott, and I will be leading the Tidal Waves (*Gold*) group for this upcoming season. I have been around the sport of swimming for most of my life (30+ years) whether it be as observer, athlete, or teacher/coach. I grew up in the small town of Canandaigua in upstate New York where I played all sorts of sports and spent tons of time at the park across the street with the neighborhood crew. After High School I went RIT in Rochester, New York, where I swam, while majoring in Packaging Engineering and minoring in American Sign Language.

Here are some fun facts about me:

Favorite swimming events: 100 Free, 100 Breast, 100 IM (the best)

Favorite non-swim sports I've played: Lacrosse, Kickball, Ultimate Frisbee

Favorite NFL team: Jacksonville Jaguars

Favorite MLB team: Minnesota Twins

Favorite foods: Salmon, Chicken Parm, Wings, Asparagus, Broccoli, Bacon

Favorite movies/tv: Star Wars, Marvel, Lord of the Rings

Favorite video games: Zelda, Pokemon, Civilization and others



Thank you, Mayfly Sponsors!



Congratulations Swimmers!

Central Zone 14 and Under Championships



Congratulations to Maddie Loken and Reese Jensen who participated on Team Wisconsin at Central Zone 14 and under Championships!

Maddie earned a podium spot taking **2nd Place** in the Girls 13-14 50 Breaststroke and **15th Place** in the 100 Breast. **Way to go Maddie!**



Reese earned a podium spot taking **5th Place** in the 50 butterfly, **7th Place** in the 50 Breaststroke and 12th Place in the 50 Backstroke. **Great job Reese, we are so proud of you!**

SwimStrong Dryland Elite Camp Showdown

Congratulations to Ana Flanagan who participated at SwimStrong Dryland Elite Camp Showdown! Ana earned **1st Place** in the 100 Breaststroke, **4th Place** in the 200 Breaststroke, and **7th Place** in the 50 Free!

All three events were NCSA times! Ana also qualified at Wisconsin State for Long Course Junior Nationals with her 100 Breaststroke time! Let's Go Ana!!!

Mandatory Parent Meeting

We will be holding a **MANDATORY** In-Person Parent Meeting on **October 5, 2023, at Appleton North High School Library from 6:30p to 7:30p.**

While parents attend the meeting there will be an **ALL-Team Practice** from **6:00p to 7:30p** in the pool.



Parent Board Elections

Are you looking for ways to get involved with the swim team and help move the team forward successfully? **Our Wave Parent Board has openings**, and we are accepting nominations for our elections which are held in November.

The Parent Board is responsible for the business and financial side of our swim team. We are always seeking effective ways to manage and add value to our swimmers and their families.

The Board make-up and openings currently look as follows:

President – Brian Flanagan/ **Available Nov. 2024**

Vice President – Andrew Skorr/ **Available Nov. 2024**

Secretary – Ignacio Cortina/ **Available Nov. 2024**

Treasurer – Susan Greenway/ **Available Nov. 2024**

Communications Coordinator – Angie Borchardt/ **Available NOW**

Education Coordinator – Katie Loken



The following roles are not required to be Board roles:

Social Coordinator – Mary Vande Slunt

Swim Meet Committee Chairman – Angie Borchardt/ **Available NOW**

Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator – OPEN/**Available NOW**

The **commitments** to be on the board are:

- Support our coaches and team administrator.
- Be a point-of-contact for swim families who have questions and accept suggestions.
- Attend one virtual meeting per month (**currently Sundays at 6:00pm; however, subject to change**).
- Complete a two-year term with the option to renew.

Role descriptions can be found in our Bylaws under the Parent Info Tab on the website. You can also reach out to an existing board member to discuss the role available. Contact information for the board can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you for a great Summer!

