

2025-2026 New Family Meeting

Coaching Staff



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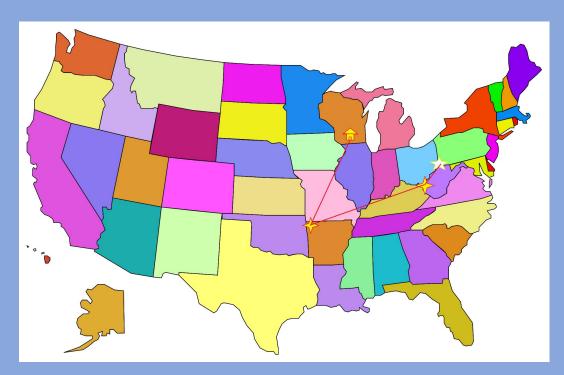


Greg LakeSenior Coach
SR, PERF, MAST



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About Me



BA in Elementary Education (2005, Marshall University)

2005-2010 Teacher/HS Coach/Summer League Coach

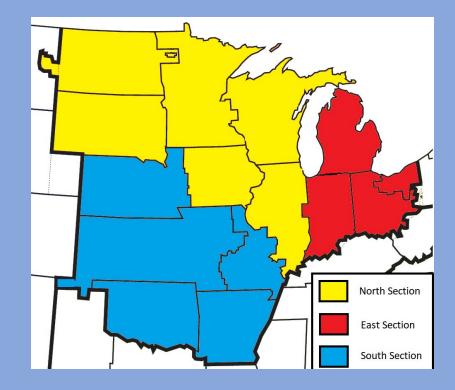
2010-2012 Head Coach, HYCAT of Huntington (WV)

2012-2014 Head Age Group Coach, RAC (AR)

2014-Current Head Coach, Storm

With Storm

- Age Group Chair, Wisconsin Swimming
 - o 2017-2021
 - o 2023-Current
- Club Development Chair, Wisconsin Swimming
 - o 2019-Current
- Coach Director, Central Zone of USA Swimming
 - o 2019-2023

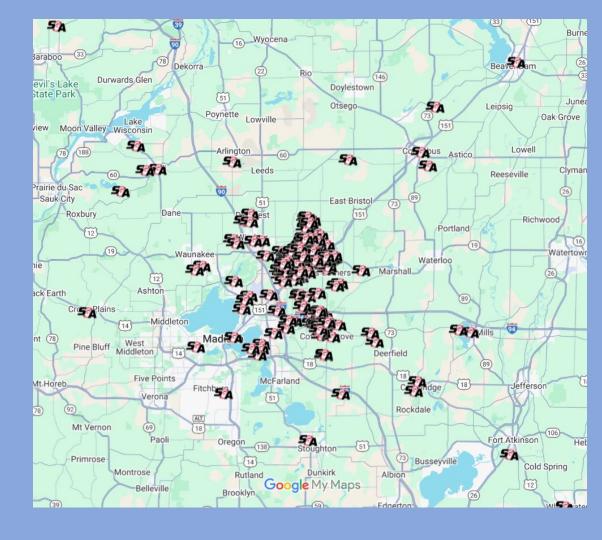


About Storm Aquatics

- Created in 2013 as Sun Prairie Swim, Inc -- a parent board led non-profit
- Joined USA Swimming in 2014 as a part of Wisconsin Swimming (one of ~60 teams)
- Performance Metrics put Storm....
 - Between 8th and 12th in Wisconsin
 - \circ Top 100 in the Central Zone of ~700 teams (top 12%)
 - Top 400 in USA Swimming of ~2600 teams (top 12%)

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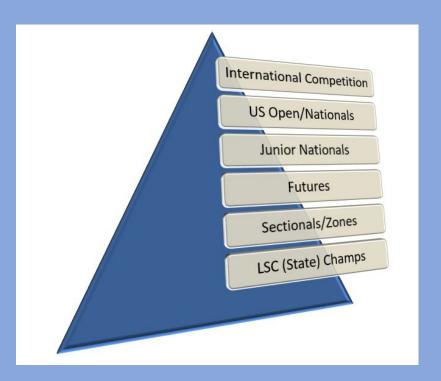
- Between 180-220
 registered swimmers
 each session
- Total roster size: ~275
 swimmers from all over
 Madison Metro



About Storm Aquatics

- Mission: Developing athletes and instilling character through swimming
- We try and make every decision through the lens of:
 - Long-term growth of the athlete
 - Growing the sport in a healthy way
 - Being more than just a youth sports team
 - Becoming a strong, stable business that helps the community
 - Helping to develop strong, stable individuals that help the community

Why USA Swimming

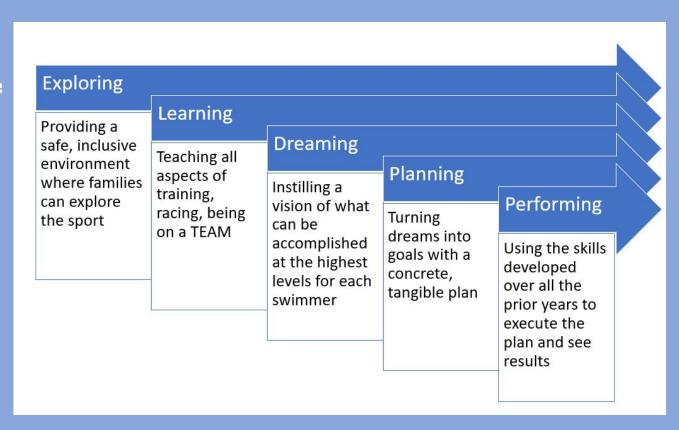




- Insurance
- Organization
 - National
 - o Zone
 - o LSC
- Competition Network

Let's Talk Big Picture

- The commitment level, practice and competition, is up to you and your swimmer.
 - There aren't requirements, but consistency is key
 - The goal for each
 swimmer is different, so
 we approach each
 situation differently



Keys to Success

- Progress is not always linear
- Storm will not sacrifice long term success for short term benefits
- Focus on the process and not the result
- Comparison is the thief of joy
- Whether it be for the next few weeks or the next 10 years, this is YOUR
 SWIMMER'S sport, not ours

Get Familiar with the Website

- Most of the pages have sub-menus which can be tricky on mobile devices. The Site Map button at the top
 is your friend in those cases.
- A tentative, full schedule is posted by clicking the Schedule, Records, Standards button.

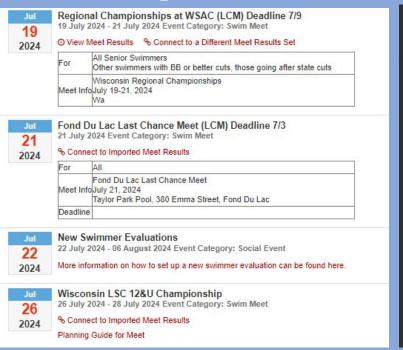


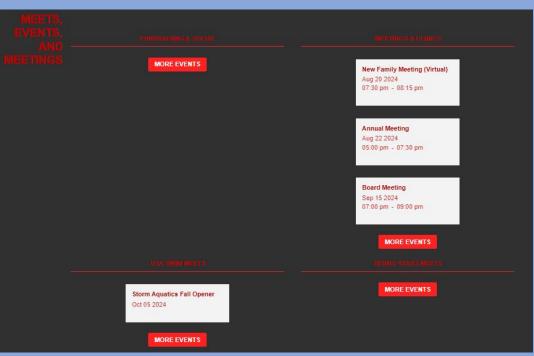
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- Use the website, not the app, to register your swimmer for competition
- Refer to the Google Calendar if you're not sure where to be
 - Each training group has a calendar to subscribe to so you can see everything on your computer/mobile device
 - Separate calendar for meets & events
- The FAQ page is every question we could possibly think of, categorized



Events Page





Scrolling Down on Home Screen

Swimsuits

- Swimsuit (and apparel) is from our sponsor, TYR
 - We use the "Hexa"
- Team suit is requested, not required.
- Wear something affordable at practice
- Tech suits are tricky business and NOT needed for new swimmers



Shirts & Caps

- A bland latex cap will be given to new swimmers for them to put their names on their foreheads. It goes a long way towards remembering new names!
- Prior to the first meet, swimmers will get their season t-shirt and a cap.
- If you're wanting to do a custom cap, an order will be up through the 2nd week of September. You get a pair of silicone caps with whatever you want on the side. They're \$\$\$
- There will be a few additional clothing options for those who want them this year.



Everyone wears black shirts for Friday meets red on Saturday

Other Equipment & Apparel





- Full listing of equipment by group on website
- Additional apparel is up to you; TYR has all sorts of clothing
- Don't be cheap on toilet paper, q-tips, and fins





Practice Odds & Ends

- Your swimmer should be at the pool 10 minutes before practice begins, but no earlier. SP Schools will not unlock the doors before then!
- If your swimmer needs to arrive late, or needs to leave early--that's fine!
- You needn't email a coach about a missed practice; however, it's good to warn us about extended absences

Swim Meets

- If your swimmer is on the team, they're ready to compete at *some* level
- Select the meets that work for your swimmer and your family's schedule. Some are less important than others, and <u>it's not recommended to try and do all meets</u>
- Sign your swimmer up for a particular session, the coaching staff will handle their event lineup and relays
- Swimmers will learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable in events
- Meets are IMPORTANT: not for us to be our rival, or for Stephanie to beat Lucy, but for your swimmer to execute strategies and see progress

The Range of Meets



Rising Stars Meets



- BCSC meets during fall/winter, rec meets in spring/summer
- Usually held on either Friday nights or Saturday mornings
- Meets run about 2-2.5 hours
- No officials, no disqualifications, slightly more chaos
- \$5 to attend!
- Ribbons and affirmation
- Storm does not permit state swimmers in these competitions
- One-day championship meet in February
- Competition age as of December 1st for fall/winter meets

USA Meets



- Usually longer than Rising Stars meets
- Who attends the meet varies meet-to-meet
 - Time standard achievers
 - Meet Qualifiers
 - Age restrictions
- Meets can be local or in neighboring states
- Fees vary WILDLY from meet to meet
 - Surcharges and event fees can make meets expensive
- Age is as of first day of the meet

Home Meets



- Act as a fundraiser for the club
- Require a volunteer commitment from families participating in the meet
- Below are the *major* meets we host, but there will be other smaller meets, time trials, etc, that we'll host throughout the year

Fall Meet	TYR Winter Classic	Regional Championships Co-Hosted with McFarland
Saturday, October 4th	January 10-11	February 20-22
Sun Prairie West	Sun Prairie West	McFarland High School

Meet Results

- Disqualifications are common! From young to old
- Performance for 10&U is erratic
- Plateaus will occur
- Whether your swimmer earns a new time standard, adds 10 seconds, gets disqualified 3 times, or misses a race because they're not paying attention--it's essential that they feel loved the same way no matter the outcome.

Time Standards



B (Top 50%) BB (Top 35%)

A (Top 15%) (Top 10%)

(Top 3%)

AAAA (Top 1%)

Communication to You

- We'll do our important communication through email
 - We'll use social media and push notifications as backups for sudden things like pool closures, etc
 - A weekly newsletter will come out on Wednesday/Thursday that's distributed by email and can also be found on the homepage
- We use Facebook/Instagram to highlight events, meet results, accomplishments, etc

Communication to Us

- If you need to discuss a matter with the coaches
 - Talk to their LEAD coach. The hourly coaches and Junior Coaches are not proper conduits for conversation
 - Schedule something. Whether it be a time for a virtual meeting, a coffee, or a phone call...put something down where both parties can talk without interruption.
 - Use e-mail, not text!
 - Be mindful that most of the coaches run AM practices, PM practices, and do office work during the daytime hours. Weekends are a rare off time.