

Newsplash: A Weekly Update

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The countdown is on - only **19** practices left this season! Make each practice count!



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!](#)



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

- **Monday, June 1**
 - [Deadline for name corrections for awards.](#)
- **Tuesday, June 2**
 - [Declare your swimmer\(s\) by 5pm](#)
- **Thu, June 4** - [Car window decorating](#)
- **Friday, June 5** - No practice, all age groups.
- **Saturday, June 6**
 - [Dual meet vs Crossgate](#)
 - [Deadline to declare for CHAMPS](#)
 - [Dads' Night Out](#)




KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS NEWSPLASH






- [Deadline to declare for CHAMPS](#) is June 6
- [Submit photos for team collage by Tue, June 9](#)
- [Cardboard Boat Regatta and Midnight Madness, June 13](#)

DUAL MEET #3 vs. Pinehurst

Sea Otters were hosted by the Pirhanas on Saturday for our third dual meet of the season with another close meet! Final score: Pirhanas 247.5, Sea Otters 232.5   Great job on another amazing meet with so much team spirit!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

-  **Thursday, June 4 - Car Window Decorating:** Car markers will be available at the swim table near the entrance - grab what you need and get creative. Let's make a splash on the road and show our Sea Otter pride!
-  **Friday, June 5 - Secret Sea Otters Delivery**
- **Saturday, June 6**
 -  **Otter Buddies:** Cheer your buddy at our dual meet vs. Crossgates!
 - **Dads' Night Out, 6:30-9:00pm:** Join other Otter Pops at the adult pool for some kid-free conversation and community. Come when you can; bring your own food and drinks.

-  **Thursday, June 11, Tie Dye:** Bring your 100% cotton clothing and join our annual tie dye party after practice on June 11. Please note that each child 10 or under must have a parent present to actively help with the tie dyeing process.
- **Saturday, June 13 - Cardboard Boat Regatta, Kona Ice & Midnight Madness**
 -  **7th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta and 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: 6pm; Judging: 6:30pm; Races, 7pm. Kona Ice will be on-site from 6-7. *Please refer to the email sent out on Friday, May 29 for all the details!*
 -  **Midnight Madness, 9:00-11:30pm:** Get ready for a night of fun under the stars! The Sea Otters are hosting a poolside late night packed with swimming, games, a talent show, and more! Don't miss this unforgettable night with your Sea Otter family. [Register here by Tuesday, June 9.](#) Please note that there is a \$5 fee for this event, to cover snacks and lifeguard fees; children 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
-  **Team Scavenger Hunt - Starting June 15:** 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 upcoming issues of the Newsplash. You otter catch them all! *Interested in hosting an Otter sign? Learn more and sign up [here.](#)*
-  **Thursday, June 18, Swim Up Movie Night:** Enjoy a movie while floating with friends! Vote [here](#) to help choose what to show.

Questions/comments, please reach out to [Emily Becker](#) at activities.stseotters@gmail.com.

RIBBONS & PICTURES

Dual Meet ribbons and pictures will be available on 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. The names on the ribbon stickers will be the names on the trophies at the end of the season, so please notify us no later than June 1 if name corrections need to be made. Volunteers process over 1200 ribbons at each meet and mistakes sometimes happen.



Please email requests for corrections/missing ribbons to our Awards volunteer, [Sun Lee](#).

Santa Teresa @ Crossgates - Saturday, June 6

Online meet sign-up process: ***"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Tuesday, 6/2.*** This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions.

The meet timeline will be sent out later in the week, once received from Crossgates.

Meet Information:

- **Crossgates Swim Club:** 1297 Peralta Dr, San Jose, CA 95120 - [directions](#)
-  **Relays:** Swimmers will be notified by Thursday practice if they are on a relay team. If your swimmer will miss a relay, please notify your coach ASAP. Because relays are carefully planned team events, ***swimmers who are not at morning warm-ups may be removed from relay assignments.*** Check our website for information on [relays](#).
-  **Photo Reminder:** For the safety and privacy of our swimmers, photos may not be taken from behind the starting blocks. Please help remind guests as well.

Please note: There should be 2-3 families per pop-up. This helps with space, and increases community and team spirit!

CHAMPS

[Submit your photos](#) by Tuesday, June 9, to help us build the Sea Otters Team Collage!

Swimmer Eligibility

We need and want all of our athletes to swim at CHAMPS on June 27. To be eligible for CHAMPS swimmers must meet the following criteria:

- Must swim at a minimum of three Dual Meets (Time Trials does not count).
- Must have a legal time for any stroke they plan to swim at CHAMPS.

Declare for CHAMPS by Saturday, June 6

The deadline to declare your swimmer for CHAMPS is **Saturday, June 6**. Need help? Use the [swim meet sign-up instructions](#) linked here.

Programs, Good Luck Ads, Sponsorships & Team pages

Information is now available for the [2026 CHAMPS Program](#), including:

- Program purchases
- “Good Luck” swimmer ads
- Business sponsorship ads
- Team pages, senior pages, and photo submissions

Important Deadline: Most submissions, ads, and payments are due by **Monday, June 15**. Program orders are due by **Wednesday, June 17**.

Please review the link carefully for pricing, submission requirements, photo specifications, and ordering information.

<https://www.creeksidecudas.com/page/news/572599/2026-champs-program-information>

FUNDRAISING

- **Weekly Drawings:** Purchase tickets and enter to win our LAST Pop-up-Spot and/or a Spot-In-The-Lot for the home meet against Almaden. If you would like to enter and haven't had a chance to buy tickets you can Venmo Anuja and email the receipt. Your tickets will be completed and entered!
 - 1 ticket for \$1
 - 12 tickets for \$10
 - 25 tickets for \$20.
- **Corporate & Family Sponsorships:** For \$250, your company logo or family name will be displayed on a banner at Rancho and on our website.
- **Special Project Donation:** Help create a scholarship fund to keep the team accessible to all. Let us know if you'd like to contribute to this project.

Thank you for your support! If you have questions or want to make a donation, contact [Tracy Raivio](#) at stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com.

SEA OTTERS MERCHANDISE

- **Check Out Sea Otters Merchandise:** At our last home meet on 6/13, stop by the Merchandise pop-up (located near the hot tub) to check out all our Sea Otters merchandise! Grab some swag for Champs and stock up on end-of-season deals!
- **Online Orders:** If you placed an online order and have not received your items yet, please reach out to merch.stseaotters@gmail.com to arrange pick up.
- **Extra Swim Caps:** At away meets, swim caps will be available for purchase for \$10 from our merchandise lead, Kelly Hodge

- **Team Swimsuits:** Sea Otters custom team suits are available for individual order at [Agon Swimmer Storefront](#) Just a reminder that custom swimsuits are not required, but swimmers should wear suits in team colors of navy, yellow and/or white at swim meets.
 - An alternate resource is [SwimOutlet](#), for 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](https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/stseaotters).

Questions? reach out to our merchandise lead [Kelly Hodge](#), merch.stseaotters@gmail.com.

☀️ 2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE

2026 Summer Practice Schedule June 10 - 26 MONDAY-FRIDAY		
Age Group	Time	Coaches
13-18 Yellow	7:30am - 8:30am	Coaches Mark, David & Mia
13-18 Blue	8:30am - 9:30am	Coaches Mark, David & Mia
11-12	9:30am - 10:30am	Coaches David & Mia
9-10	10:30am - 11:30am	Coaches Kim & Jr. Coaches
7-8	11:30am - 12:15pm	Coaches David & Mia
6 & Under	11:30am - 12:15pm	Coach Abi & Jr. Coaches

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** There will be no Friday practice on June 5.

WHATSAPP GROUP

To help foster a safe and supportive community, we ask that all members joining the WhatsApp group use their full name (and a photo, if possible) in their profile. We may need to remove anyone who is not clearly identified. Please take a moment to review and update your profile. Need help? [How to edit your WhatsApp profile](#)

https://chat.whatsapp.com/FGnS2lw553l64B8JFAL3Dp?mode=gi_t

2026 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6/6: ST @ Crossgates - Dual Meet ● 6/6: Dads' Night, Adult Pool ● 6/10: Shift to summer schedule ● 6/11: Tie Dye, at practice ● 6/13: Almaden @ ST - Dual Meet ● 6/13: Cardboard Boat Regatta & Midnight Madness, Rancho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6/15-26: Scavenger Hunt ● 6/18: Swim-up Movie Night, Rancho ● 6/22-26: Spirit Week ● 6/26: Pancake Breakfast, at practice ● 6/27: CHAMPS hosted by Creekside, Independence High School ● 6/29: Awards Night, Rancho
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SEA OTTERS INFORMATION ON-DEMAND

Bookmark the team website, <https://stseaotters.swimtopia.com/>

Follow us on Facebook - Santa Teresa Sea Otters

Reference the [Rancho Newsletters](#)

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