

# Newsplash: A Weekly Update

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The countdown is on - only **15** practices left this season! Make each practice count!

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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!](#)



## **WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

- **Monday, June 8**
  - Deadline for [evening practice sign up](#) (see email sent June 3 for details)
- **Tuesday, June 9**
  - [Declare your swimmer\(s\) by 5pm](#)
  - Last day to [sign up for Midnight Madness](#)
  - [Submit photos for the Champs Collage](#)
- **Wed, June 10** - [Summer schedule starts](#) (evening practice by reservation, only)
- **Thu, June 11** - [Tie Dye](#) at morning practice
- **Friday, June 12**
- **Saturday, June 13**
  - [Dual meet vs Almaden](#)
  - [Cardboard Boat Regatta](#)
  - [Midnight Madness](#) (must register by Tue, June 9)

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS NEWSPLASH**

- Summer schedule starts on Wednesday, June 10.
- Meet timeline for Saturday will be sent out on Thursday.

## **RESULTS - DUAL MEET #4 vs. Crossgates**

CONGRATULATIONS Sea Otters on our first dual meet WIN of the season and thank you to Crossgates for hosting us for our fourth dual meet of the season. Final score: Sea Otters 263, Crossgates 217.  

## **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.** 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](#).

## ☀️ 2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE - STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY

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
*Evening Practice MONDAY - THURSDAY		
All Ages	7:10-8:00pm	Coach David

\*Evening practice is by reservation only - please refer to the email sent June 3.

## 📅 17 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 🌀 **Tie Dye - this Thursday!** Bring your washed 100% cotton clothing and join our annual tie dye party after morning 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. Preordered shirts will be shaped and ready to dye at the event.
- 🦦 **Friday, June 12 - Secret Sea Otters Delivery**
- **Saturday, June 13**
  - 🦺 **Otter Buddies:** Stop by the Activities tent during the meet to make a craft for your Buddy!
  - 🛶 **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.
    - 6pm - Check-in
    - 6:30pm - Judging
    - 7pm- Races

Kona Ice will be on-site from 6-7pm. *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](mailto:activities.stseaotters@gmail.com) at [activities.stseaotters@gmail.com](mailto:activities.stseaotters@gmail.com).

## 💙💛 FUNDRAISING

- **Restaurant Night:** Bibo's NY Pizza on Santa Teresa, June 15th - Celebrate Summer and our swim community at Bibo's!
- **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](mailto:Tracy.Raivio@stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com) at [stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stseaotters.fundraising@gmail.com).

## 🏊 SEA OTTERS MERCHANDISE

- **Check Out Sea Otters Merchandise:** At our last home meet on June 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](mailto:merch.stseaotters@gmail.com) to arrange pick up.
- **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](mailto:kelly.hodge@stseaotters.com), [merch.stseaotters@gmail.com](mailto:merch.stseaotters@gmail.com).

## 🏊 Almaden @ Santa Teresa - Saturday, June 13

Online meet sign-up process: **"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Tuesday, 6/9.** This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions.

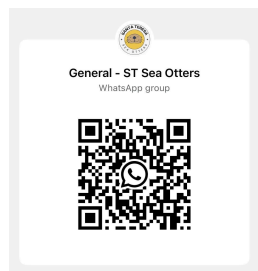
\*\*\*\*The meet timeline will be sent out via a separate email no later than Thu, June 11.\*\*\*\*

### Additional Meet Information:

- 📄 **Spot-in-the-Lot Winner:**
  - [Spot-in-the-Lot: Congratulations, Rice Family!](#)
  - [Pop-up-Spot: Congratulations, Zhalnina Family!](#)
- 🏊 **Relays:** Swimmers will be notified by Thursday practice if they are on a relay team. If your swimmer will miss a relay, please notify Coach Mark 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.
- 🚫 **Off-Limits Areas:** The diving well, back pool, hot tub, kiddie pool, and sand volleyball courts are closed during meets. Please help keep swimmers and others out of these areas.
- 🧹 **Clean-Up Reminder:** Please clean up your area before leaving so we can leave the club better than we found it.
- 🎉 **Most of All... Have FUN!**



## WHATSAPP GROUP



Join here:

[https://chat.whatsapp.com/FGnS2lw553l64B8JFAL3Dp?mode=gi\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/FGnS2lw553l64B8JFAL3Dp?mode=gi_t)

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](#)

## 2026 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>6/10:</b> Shift to summer schedule</li><li>● <b>6/11:</b> Tie Dye, at practice</li><li>● <b>6/13: Almaden @ ST - Dual Meet</b></li><li>● <b>6/13:</b> Cardboard Boat Regatta &amp; Midnight Madness, Rancho</li><li>● <b>6/15:</b> Restaurant Night at Bibo's Pizza</li><li>● <b>6/15-26:</b> Scavenger Hunt</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>6/18:</b> Swim-up Movie Night, Rancho</li><li>● <b>6/22-26:</b> Spirit Week</li><li>● <b>6/26:</b> Pancake Breakfast, at practice</li><li>● <b>6/27: CHAMPS hosted by Creekside, Independence High School</b></li><li>● <b>6/29:</b> Awards Night, Rancho</li></ul> |
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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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