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[www.swimswat.org](http://www.swimswat.org)

Returning swimmers:  
Registration fees due by  
9/4. New swimmer  
registrations accepted as  
long as space permits.

The Southwest Aquatic Team (SWAT) is a sanctioned USA-Swimming competitive swim program that has served the local community since 1982. Swimmers are coached by certified professional coaches. Our primary practice sites are Whitnall, Muskego, Greenfield, West Allis Hale, and West Allis Central High schools. Summer practices are also held at the 50 meter Wilson Park outdoor pool.

**Mission Statement:** “Committed to not only better swimmers, but to better people”

While instruction of various swimming skills is a critical part of our program, our coaches strive to create an environment at the pool that is one of continual encouragement, working at great lengths to eliminate that “fear of failure” attitude that can have a devastating impact on a swimmers development. The ability to set goals, face challenges, and manage time wisely is developed. Learning the value of perseverance and improvement on listening and social skills are other benefits acquired along the way. We promote good sportsmanship and team support so that swimmers learn to cope and support each other in both their success and disappointments.

**Club Philosophy:** The Southwest Aquatic Team is committed to the philosophy of being able to provide something for everyone regardless of ability or commitment level. In addition to our learn to swim program (Swim America) our competitive team offers 10 group levels ranging from 5 year olds up to and including college age swimmers. We also offer a get in shape program for our high school swimmers.



New swimmers who miss the tryout dates should email the SWAT Office: [swatwimteam@wi.rr.com](mailto:swatwimteam@wi.rr.com) to set up an evaluation for group placement. We will accept swimmers after tryouts as space permits.

## Southwest Aquatic Team - Fall/Winter Session 2015-16

### Important Dates

#### New Swimmer Tryouts:

Dates, locations and times to be announced and posted on our website at [www.swimswat.com](http://www.swimswat.com)

#### Start Dates:

Tuesday, September 8th -- All groups (fall session)  
Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – All groups (winter session)

#### Championship Meets (TBD based on swimmer/coach training plan):

2/26 – 2/28	12&Under State (UW-Madison Natatorium, Madison, WI)
3/3 – 3/6	13&Over State (Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center, Brown Deer, WI)
3/15 – 3/19	NCSA Junior Nationals (Orlando YMCA, Orlando, FL)
4/13 – 4/16	ICSA 14&Under Showcase Classic (Doyle Aquatic Center, Clearwater, FL)

## Practice Schedule:

**SWAT Hotline: 414-226-8577** (check daily to confirm practice and daily happenings). Even though coaches encourage attending every practice offered for your swimmers level, we do not expect swimmers to attend all. State/National level swimmers do have practice requirements and any swimmer joining that group must talk to the head coach prior to registering for that group so that they understand their practice requirements.

General Guidelines for practice attendance:

8 & Under = 2/3 Time per Week

9 & 10 = 3/4 Times per Week

11 & Over = 4/6 Times per Week

## Practice Equipment:

For practices swimmers may wear any color and style of suit plus good fitting goggles and a swim cap for anyone who wears a cap. While we do have some equipment at the pools available for use, your coaches will require swimmers to have their own equipment for practices. You can purchase equipment from All-American Aquatics at 1-800-910-7946. We have a link to All American on our website to order directly from them. Talk to your coach about specific practice equipment needed for you and your group.

## Meet Apparel:

SWAT swimmers are required to wear a solid black suit and a team cap (if wearing a cap) when competing in meets. Suits are available from All-American Aquatics and our website does have links to various other local and on line vendors. Cap purchases can be made at practices and meets from the coaches and/ or our team gear coordinator. SWAT logo gear should be worn to all swim meets and is also available from the Team Gear Coordinator. Special orders for personalized caps and warm-ups are placed each season. An email blast will be sent when order forms are available.

## Swim Team Registration – (Current or Previously Registered Member):

All registrations should be submitted online. Visit our web page for registration link. Returning swimmers should be registered by September 4th. Registrations will be accepted after this date on a “1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis”.

**Swim fees are non-refundable.** If illness/disability prevents your swimmer from attending practice for a period exceeding 4 weeks, a portion of the session's fees may be credited toward the next session upon receipt of medical explanation from swimmers attending doctor. Paperwork or fees should not be given to coaches, but to the current Board Treasurer.

**New Families** - once your payment is received via check we will activate your online team account. Login instructions will be e-mailed to you once your account is activated. You should login right away and verify all of your account information and enter or update any emergency contact information.

If you do not receive the e-mail with your login information please let the office manager know right away at [swatswimteam@wi.rr.com](mailto:swatswimteam@wi.rr.com). Your online account is used to declare for meets, volunteering for SWAT hosted meets, viewing your on-line invoice and more. Take time to click on the various tabs and links as a wealth of information is available via our team website.

## Payment Options:

Are you paying for the session or for the entire short course season? **If you choose to register for the fall and winter session (“short course season”) there is a \$50 discount for doing so per swimmer.** To receive the discount, fees must be paid in full at time of registration by check or credit card. A check must be received within 5 days of on line registration. Your registration will not be approved until payment is received. If paying by credit card be aware that a convenience fee equal to 2.95% of total balance plus \$0.30 will be added to balance due.

Again, you have the option of paying for the entire Fall/Winter short course season in full at the time of registration or just paying the fall session at the time of registration and re- registering for the winter session when it opens. If you elect to register for each session separately, the fall session registration fees will include: Fall Training fee, 2016 USA-Swimming Registration, Administration Fee, and Escrow for meet entry Fees. Adding the Winter session on you will only be charged for the Winter Training Fee + Additional Escrow for meet entry fees. **Paying for the entire short course season includes a \$50 discount for each swimmer.**

## Multiple Swimmer Discount:

\$100 family discount for three swimmers

\$150 family discount for four swimmers

\$200 family discount for five or more swimmers

## Registration Fees by Group:

### Senior Red (approx. 14 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$980  
Fall (includes HS Men): \$395  
Winter (includes HS Women): \$635

### Senior White (approx. 10-12 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$800  
Fall (includes HS Men): \$325  
Winter (includes HS Women): \$525

### Senior Blue (approx. 10-12 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$800  
Fall (includes HS Men): \$325  
Winter (includes HS Women): \$525

### Age Group Platinum (approx. 10 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$740  
Fall: \$320  
Winter: \$470

### Age Group Gold (approx. 8 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$580  
Fall: \$255  
Winter: \$375

### Age Group Silver (approx. 6 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$540  
Fall: \$240  
Winter: \$350

### Age Group Bronze (approx. 4 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$450  
Fall: \$200  
Winter: \$300

### Platinum 8s (approx. 6 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$550  
Fall: \$240  
Winter: \$360

### Golden 8s (approx. 5 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$500  
Fall: \$220  
Winter: \$330

### Silver 8s (approx. 4 hrs./week)

Fall and Winter session: \$450  
Fall: \$200  
Winter: \$300

## Additional Fees:

USA-Swimming Registration: All swimmers in our program must be USA Swimming Registered. USA-S is a national organization that sanctions our program, provides liability insurance to swimmers during SWAT activities and includes a quarterly subscription to Splash Magazine. New Swimmers who register in the fall of 2015 will be covered for the balance of 2015 and all of 2016.

Administrative Fee: A \$75 administrative fee will be assessed per family. This fee is consistent with prior sessions and years, but will be assessed as an "administrative fee" versus an all team "Splash for Cash raffle fee". As a result of guidance from the Division of Gaming at the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, we need to do away with the "all team splash for cash raffle fee" to be in compliance with State of Wisconsin Gaming Laws.

Escrow (Meet Entry Fees): Our program is a competitive program and as such, registered swimmers are expected to compete in meets selected by their coach for their level. There are fees for meets, usually around \$4 per event (typically a swimmer will compete in 3 - 4 events per day). These meet entry fees are in addition to the program session fees paid. All swimmers will be assessed a \$75 per swimmer escrow charge to start their meet escrow fund. Invoice reminders will be e-mailed on the 21st of each month. You are responsible for checking your online account to make sure you have enough entry fee money to cover meets you are declaring for. Payment of all meet fees billed on the 1<sup>st</sup> is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Accounts with fees past 30 days are assessed a \$10 late fee. Accounts more than 30 days past due are also blocked by Team Unify from signing up for meets until payment is made. If you set up a credit card or bank account (Setup Auto Pay on the website) on your swim team account the transaction will automatically process on the due date (1st of the month). Credit Card payments incur a 2.95% of balance plus \$0.30 convenience fee (we do not keep this money, it is paid to "Cynergy" the vendor who handles online payments through TeamUnify). If you have ACH- autopay using your checking/saving account – the balance plus \$1.25 is withdrawn only on the months you have a balance due. This is the safest way to insure you do not end up with late fees, or blocked from meet sign-up.

## Optional Fundraising:

We offer several fundraisers during the year that are voluntary, but your participation can help you offset the cost of swimming. 75% of the profits are credited to your fundraising account which can then be applied to your fall & winter registration. Some of our typical fundraisers are:

\***Scrip Program through Great Lakes Scrip** -- Year Round Fundraising Event

\***Flower Fundraiser** -- Spring session only – **Kringle Sales** (Winter Session Only)

\***Heat Sheet Advertising** – now 75% of each ad sold earns you fundraising credits for the following season! This fundraiser has the highest profit margin since there is no product to buy from a vendor that limits the profit margin.

## Meet Worker Requirements:

Hosting meets are an important source of revenue for our team and requires many volunteers in order to run a meet properly. Working at SWAT hosted meets gives you the opportunity to meet other SWAT parents and learn more about your swimmer's sport. The number of sessions needed each season is determined by the number of meets that we host and the number of registered families during that session. Each family has the same requirement regardless of the number of children on the team. Shifts are usually 4 - 5 hours long and you can sign up for your shifts online using Team Unify. An e-mail will go out to let you know when online sign up is available. We need help in a variety of areas and most do not require previous experience or knowledge of the sport. Experienced workers are usually paired with our newer families so don't be afraid of any area to work! The number of shifts required this session will be emailed by the volunteer coordinator at the beginning of the season once meet schedules and registration is finalized. Check your meet schedule for the dates of SWAT hosted meets.

**Important note: For those families that choose to "buy out" from working a particular meet the charge is \$100 per session. For those families that are a no show for a meet in which they sign up the charge is \$150 per session.**

**Even if your child does not swim in the meets, you are required to work at our home meets.** The revenue that is generated at our home meets benefits all families. Family, friends and siblings over age 15 are welcome to help fulfill your requirement. We are happy to provide documentation for your teens that need to meet "volunteer requirements" through school and other organizations. Just ask!

## Contact Information:

Each Season we have so many wonderful new families join our team, many who have never been exposed to competitive swimming before. Our website covers questions frequently asked and we encourage you to take some time to click and explore. Sometimes new parents just need quick answers like "What can I expect from our first meet"? "What is a heat sheet"? "Where can I find a good suit"? We have all been new to something at one time or another. We want this to be an easy and pleasant transition for you and your swimmer into the great world of competitive swimming. We have parents from each group level willing to mentor our new families. Feel free to contact any of these parents for questions you might have.

Groups	Parent Contact	Emails	Phone
8 & Under Teams	Sara Beam	<a href="mailto:sarbeam@gmail.com">sarbeam@gmail.com</a>	262-313-7238
Age Group Bronze/Silver	Sara Beam	<a href="mailto:sarbeam@gmail.com">sarbeam@gmail.com</a>	262-313-7238
Age Group Gold/Platinum	Mike Mellock (Board)	<a href="mailto:mikemellock@gmail.com">mikemellock@gmail.com</a>	414-687-5456
Senior Team	Tom Stigler (Board)	<a href="mailto:tgstigler@sbcglobal.net">tgstigler@sbcglobal.net</a>	414-758-0406
Issue	Club Contact	Email	Phone
Daily Practice Schedule-Message Center	SWAT Hotline(Check Daily)	<a href="mailto:coachgeorge@swimswat.org">coachgeorge@swimswat.org</a>	414-226-8577
SWAT Website	George Guddie	<a href="http://www.swimswat.org">www.swimswat.org</a>	414-534-5519
Coaching Questions, Level Placement	Dave Willoughby	<a href="mailto:outsidesmoke@yahoo.com">outsidesmoke@yahoo.com</a>	414-731-5091
Registration, Billing, Online Invoice, Escrow, Meet Entries, Webmaster	Cindy Budnik-Office Mgr. Office Hrs: M-Th 10:30-2:2:30	<a href="mailto:swatwimteam@wi.rr.com">swatwimteam@wi.rr.com</a>	262-679-7928
Reimbursements, Payroll, Treasury	Ron Beam (Board)	<a href="mailto:rbeam@bcowi.com">rbeam@bcowi.com</a>	262-313-7239
Fundraising			
SCRIP	Anita Norton	<a href="mailto:dnorton07@sbcglobal.net">dnorton07@sbcglobal.net</a>	414-581-6511
Meet Volunteer Coordinator	Jim Beier Jeff Zgola	<a href="mailto:jbeier@wi.rr.com">jbeier@wi.rr.com</a> <a href="mailto:jzgola@wi.rr.com">jzgola@wi.rr.com</a>	
Team Gear	Mike Mellock	<a href="mailto:mikemellock@gmail.com">mikemellock@gmail.com</a>	414-687-5456
Officials-How to certify as USA Swim Official	Mike Mellock	<a href="mailto:mikemellock@gmail.com">mikemellock@gmail.com</a>	414-687-5456
Social Events	Sarah Craig (Board)	<a href="mailto:Sarahann2875@hotmail.com">Sarahann2875@hotmail.com</a>	414-617-7272
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Swim America Lessons Program	Dale Schrank	<a href="mailto:swatt@execpc.com">swatt@execpc.com</a>	262-9971-1658
Head 8 & Under Coach	Cheryl Barborich	<a href="mailto:cbarborich@wi.rr.com">cbarborich@wi.rr.com</a>	262-522-2871
Head Novice	Ross Lennertz	<a href="mailto:lennrw24@yahoo.com">lennrw24@yahoo.com</a>	414-331-0515
Age Group Head Coach (Gold/Platinum)	Rob McCabe	<a href="mailto:coachrob@swimswat.org">coachrob@swimswat.org</a>	414-469-7622
Head Coach/Senior Head Coach	Dave Willoughby	<a href="mailto:outsidesmoke@yahoo.com">outsidesmoke@yahoo.com</a>	414-731-5091