

the Atlantis Update

Notes from the Board

Summer is almost here, and it's my favorite time at Atlantis, with the whole team together. We will begin practicing outdoors at the Southfield Civic Center on June 18th. Don't forget your sunscreen!

We are busy looking ahead to next Fall, and planning the upcoming season. On the next page, you will find a Help Wanted page, which lists just some of the many areas where we are looking for help for the coming season. As many of you have heard me repeat over and over, Atlantis is owned by the membership. The team is a better team when we have lots of membership engagement. I encourage you to get more involved with Atlantis!

For the bulk of our swimmers, their competitive swimming experience has been limited to the pool. But several of our swimmers have tried open water swimming, mainly at the Motor City Mile offered on Belle Isle Beach each summer. In open water swimming, there are no lane lines, and no walls or flip turns. It's a very different experience! We have an opportunity this summer to try open water swimming at the Swim to the Moon race in Pinckney, which will take place August 19th. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

As the school year winds down, I'd like to congratulate our three graduating seniors - Evan Carpenter, Max Weber, and Noah Zeigler. All three of these young men have been participating with Atlantis for a very long time, and we've enjoyed watching them grow up! We look forward to seeing them over school breaks and the summers, and we are proud of the small part Atlantis has taken in preparing them for the next chapter of their lives.

We say a bittersweet farewell to Coach Jackie, who has decided to stop coaching, at least for the time being. Jackie has been with us since 2012, and we have watched her graduate from college, begin her journey as a mother to Kamdyn, and establish a career with DTE, all while developing her voice and style as a coach. We will miss her on the pool deck, and wish her and Kamdyn the best in their future endeavors. Thank you, Jackie!

Have a great summer and we'll see you at the pool!

Emily Hamilton, President

Dates to Remember

June 15-17

[OLY Summer Classic](#)

July 6-7

[Calvin Classic](#)

Entries due June 5

July 13-15

[OLY Grizzly Summer Sizzler](#)

July 19-22

Sectionals, Cleveland

July 20-22

12 & Under State Meet, Holland

July 24

Summer Open House

July 26-29

13 & Over State Meet, EMU

July 31-August 4

NCSA Summer Champs, Indy

August 2-5

[Central Zone Championships](#)

August 19

Swim to the Moon, Pinckney

Open Water



Help Wanted behind the Atlantis Pool Lanes

Want to make a splash rather than just sitting in the stands? We have just the opportunity for you to help rev up our Atlantis engines and have some fun. For next season we will be recruiting friendly faces to assist our team with a variety of lead positions. These positions will fulfill your service hour requirement while allowing more involvement and a behind the scenes look. Here's a sneak peak in our lanes:

Lane 1: Assistant Meet Director

No false starts here. You will assist with planning, set up and tear down of one or both of the two meets we will host, and work with the meet director, volunteer coordinator, officials, and safety coordinator. You will need to be available the entire weekend of the meet to ensure smooth sailing as we go. Meet weekends are the first weekends of November and January.

Lane 2: Website Editor

Here you will assist with posting and updating different events, pictures and information on our team website as well as the Atlantis social media sites.

Lane 3: Team Picture Coordinator:

You will be the Atlantis liaison with our team photo vendor to schedule the annual Atlantis team photo, be on site during the photo shoot to assist, and coordinate distribution of ordered prints

Lane 4: Lost & Found Coordinator

This lucky lane will get to coordinate the collection and distribution or donation of any lost and found items

Lane 5: Champ Season Coordinator

Here you will be responsible to oversee events, merchandise, and swag that accompany the spring championship season and banquet. This may include planning JO and State team dinners, and working with the graphic designer and Team Admin on ordering and distributing merchandise, awards, and swag.

Lane 6: Team Dinner Coordinator

This is a fundraising position where we have local restaurants (yes we have list) that will "give back" by donating a portion of their sales to our team. You would be responsible for coordinating and setting up monthly days (for example) where the team will meet and chow down together....last summer we had a great time at Chipotle.

Lane 7: Shutterfly / Photography Coordinator

Here you would assist with managing the new Atlantis team Shutterfly site, uploading pictures from different events, and approving access to the secure site by new members.

Lane 8: Social Co-chair

Here you will be involved with planning the spring banquet, Halloween costume party, and Candy Cane Relays. This position also coordinates reserving hotel blocks for travel meets.

On Deck: Point People

You are the face of Atlantis at practice, acting as the go-to person for families at each swimmer level and site. You will assist with answering questions and concerns, direct families on who to contact in the Atlantis organization for assistance, and also assist with merchandise distribution.

We are always open to fresh ideas and if you would like to lead one of these positions, or have some other ideas of how you can help, please contact Karen Schwartz at Karenschwartz@bbaswimming.org

It's Official!

We have several Atlantis parents who serve as Michigan Swimming officials, enforcing USA Swimming rules at meets to ensure fair competition. Officials are paid a nominal rate for working at meets, and get the best seat in the house when it comes to seeing the action at a swim meet. Serving as an official at our team-hosted meets also satisfies your team service obligation. If you are interested in becoming an official, there is an apprentice clinic being offered on Friday June 29th at the Michigan State University Campus. More information can be found at this link:

[New Officials Clinic](#)



USA Swimming Scholastic All America Program

Atlantis members who are in high school will want to take note of the Scholastic All American Program. The criteria for this elite designation are listed below. [Applications are due by August 15, 2018, click to apply.](#)

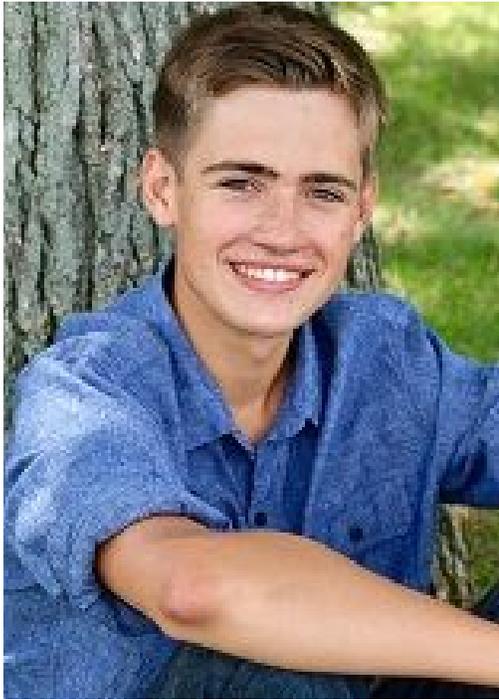
2017-2018 QUALIFICATIONS

- Grade completion requirement – applicant must have completed 9th, 10th 11th or 12th grade
- GPA Requirement – minimum 3.5 GPA for the current academic year
 - A=4, B=3, C=2. If numerical grades are used, the following scale will be used unless the school's letter grade conversion is given on the transcript: A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79. In calculating the GPA no rounding will be used – one decimal place only.
 - Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual credit college level academic courses will earn one half (.5) extra Grade Point. Grades for academic subjects only are calculated – history/social studies, English, mathematics, sciences, foreign languages, computer sciences, visual and performing arts if indicated as academic. A grade lower than a C in an academic subject will mean automatic rejection of the applicant. Grades for non-academic courses will NOT be calculated – art, band, choir, orchestra, health, driver education, physical education, and any other class marked non-academic on a transcript.
 - There will be no special status designation for a 4.0 GPA other than for a national champion who also has a 4.0 GPA.
- Pool Requirements
 - Applicants must have swum an individual pool time equal to a 2017 Winter Junior qualifying time in any individual event during the SAA qualifying period (August 16, 2017 – August 15, 2018) with qualifying times in SWIMS – list of times are posted on the USA Swimming website. A qualifying time will be available for selection from the SWIMS database during the application process. Only ONE time is necessary and only ONE application is necessary.
- Disability or Open Water Requirements (for athletes without pool requirements)
 - Applicants must have competed in one of the following meets:
2017 Can-Am Open – December 15-17, 2017, Charlotte, NC
2018 World Para – April 19-21, 2018, Indianapolis, IN
2018 Open Water National Championships – May 11-13, 2018, Tempe, AZ

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Noah Zeigler



High School- International Academy

College Plans- Colgate University in New York (will be swimming there)

Swimming Journey- Swimming has been a huge part of my life since 3rd grade. I have swam year-round since I was 9 years old. Each year, I swim for Fox Hills (summer club), middle school/high school, and Atlantis. I have found many great friends in my teammates. I also attribute my success at school to swimming since it required me to be disciplined and good time management skills. I am sure it will continue to serve me well in college.

Favorite Atlantis Memory- the van ride with Coach Johnny and listening to the Lorax soundtrack on the 2018 Sectionals Team Travel Trip

Advice to Young Swimmers- Don't get discouraged along your journey. Keep training hard and it will pay off in the end. Even though I rarely missed a practice and tried really hard at training each day, I still didn't get my first state cut until I was 14. I never thought I would end up swimming in college, but my dedication and perseverance took me far.

Evan Carpenter

High School- Berkley High School

College Plans- study Physics at The University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Swimming Journey- Swimming has been a part of my life. Not a separate journey.

Favorite Atlantis Memory- NCSA meet - fun to be in Florida with team mates.

Advice to Young Swimmers- Just keep swimming!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Max Weber

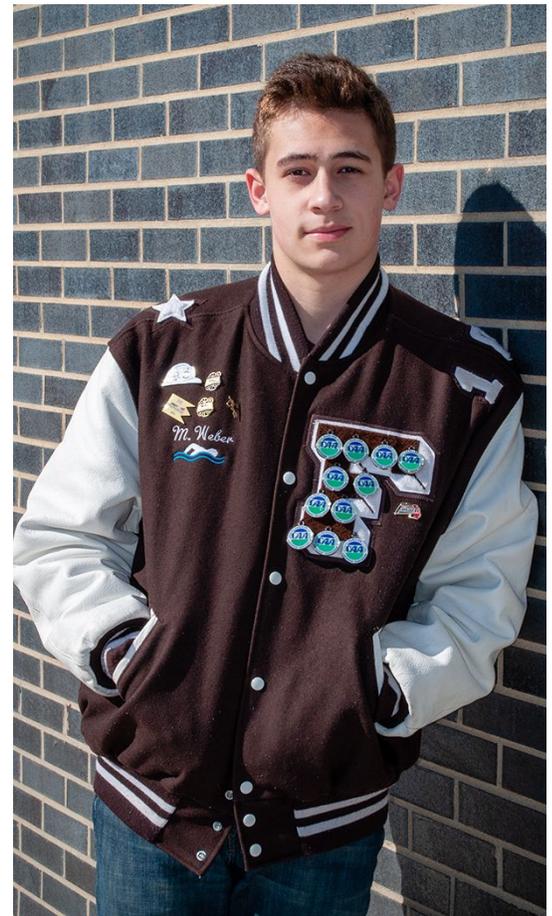
High School- Ferndale High School

College Plans- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, studying Engineering

Swimming Journey- I started swimming when I was 8 for Pleasant Ridge in the summer and YPAC in the winter. A few years later I joined Forest Hills Swim Club and BBA, and have been with those teams ever since. I also swam on the Ferndale Middle School team and all 4 years at Ferndale High School. I was captain for my junior and senior year. Swimming has been my sport, my life, for as long as I can remember. I have put years of my life into this sport, and have enjoyed every moment of it.

Favorite Atlantis Memory- Playing Toypeedo after the championship season has ended. It was always a blast playing with 20+ kids on either team and competing with each other in a fun, friendly game (even if we sometimes got too aggressive).

Advice to Young Swimmers - Never give up. Always push yourself in practice and at meets. Listen to the technique your coaches give you, and if you don't achieve a best time, it is not the end of the world. Look for where it went wrong, and fix it before your next race or meet.



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