

THE SURGE ENQUIRER

April 2021 Edition



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Happy Birthday! We hope you have a wonderful special day, don't forget to remind your coach if you want to do a birthday swim!

Surge Aquatics Birthdays March/April 2021

Sterling Jackson	Wright	March 8, 15	S
Nella Hazel	Knight	March 11, 11	T
Cade John	Lockett	March 16, 7	D
Noah William	Barrera	March 18, 18	S
Saige Isabel	Litton	March 23, 9	D
Zoe Elizabeth	Skelton	March 24, 15	S
Maria Catherine	McLaughlin	March 27, 13	T
Caroline Eve	Peterson	April 3, 13	T
Kenya Alexandra	Frias Rodriguez	April 10, 17	S
Seth Hoffman	Saberon	April 11, 13	T
Mila Bella	Magallanes	April 11, 10	D
Tyler William	Starcich	April 14, 9	D
Julia Adeline	Reed	April 15, 14	S
EmmaGrace	Risien	April 19, 11	T
Holden Andrew Lane	Bischoff	April 22, 14	S
Jackson Wilson	Roberts	April 22, 10	D
Victor Hugo	Fuentes jr	April 24, 17	S
Campbell Rae	Meyers	April 29, 11	T

2020-2021 SCY SEASON WRAP

Although the mid-summer return from quarantine and the enthusiastically attended August session gave us great optimism, any lingering fears of a mid-pandemic registration were quickly put to rest when the team not only returned en masse but our ranks quickly grew beyond our 2019-2020 size.

Surge continued the role it fell into over the summer of 2020, as one of the few pools in the state and indeed the country, our meets quickly became a destination for swimmers and teams from far and wide. Our role as a host was even more intense than we anticipated, as we were asked late in the season to host not one, but all three LSC Championship meets! We are incredibly proud that the seasons' competitions were a tremendous success and credit for that success goes to the Surge Family, whose support and volunteerism continue to make our meets possible. As an example, the ready-bench, which was innovated out of necessity, has become an extremely popular model that other teams around the state are now implementing. The positive experience that visiting teams and swimmers have commented on when attending our meets is easily attributable to the Surge Family. Thank you so much for helping to create and facilitate this culture!

Throughout the season our swimmers improved and achieved several goals they set out along the way. We had 37 swimmers qualify for STX Championships, 12 for STAGS, 2 for Sectionals, and 2 for the Arena Winter Championships, way to go everyone!

After Spring Break we had a huge pair of classes of 8th graders heading to the Senior groups and 5th graders heading to the Training groups. Those who have moved to new groups will be sorely missed by their teammates, even though they will still be close at hand, and the composition of all of our groups has changed quite a bit. Naturally, this can create a moment of stress, but we also welcome these changes as they create new opportunities for swimmers to learn from one another or to assume a new leadership role among their peers.

Thank you for supplying some great pictures from the end of last season and throughout the year, they can be found throughout the newsletter and these would be much less interesting without your photography! Please keep your pictures and testimonials coming to your coaches and admin@surgeaquatics.org so that we can keep putting these newsletters together. Thank you!





Team Testimonials Needed

As part of an effort to continue to flesh out and update our website, we are in search of testimonials of Surge Aquatics from parents and swimmers that can be posted on our website. If you are willing to share your opinions of Surge for visitors to our website to see, please send your testimonial to admin@surgeaquatics.org and let us know whether or not we can credit you for your testament when we post it on the website.



Thank You's from Visiting Teams

Throughout, but especially after our marathon of an end-of-season schedule in February and March, we heard from coaches representing teams from around the state and individual families from across the country expressing their gratitude for the meets Surge was able to host during what has been an incredibly tough time for the sport at large. We want to make sure you are aware of the impact that you have helped create, thank you so much for helping to make Surge Aquatics' meets possible. We are reminded in a moment like this how fortunate we have been to have been able to train and compete for so long throughout this very strange year. The enthusiastic attitude of the Surge Family made the 2020-2021 season possible which in turn opened up a season's worth of competition opportunities for swimmers from around the country. Thank You!





Surge Aquatics Team Records

We are excited to announce that results from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 short course seasons have been synthesized and we now have our first edition of Surge Aquatics Team

Records! A big THANK YOU goes out to Coach K for doing the legwork to compile all of that information. We are so proud of the hard work of our swimmers and we are thrilled to be recording Surge Aquatics History on an almost monthly basis. Our record holders are incredibly grateful for their teammates and training partners for pushing them to excel and expand their potential. Each of our swimmers are pivotal to the development of one another in myriad ways. The easiest influence to see from the pool deck are the mini-competitions and races that pop up in practice on a daily basis, teammates 'pushing' one another. Equally important but sometimes more difficult to perceive are the social and behavioral influences that teammates can provide one another. Swimmers new to the team or new to a group can look to those who have come before them and those competing at a higher level to ascertain proper behavior and attitudes at practice, and at meets as well as around coaches and peers. All of these experiences and collective learning go into success at the team level as well as at the individual level. It is extraordinarily difficult to capture the contributions of teammates and competitors when assembling a record board, so we as record holders, teammates, coaches, and the Surge Family at large must do our best to remember to celebrate with one another, lift one another up, and enjoy our individual successes as team efforts. Our online record board can be viewed on our website via the link below.



<https://www.surgeaquatics.org/team/team-records>

SUMMER MEET SCHEDULE AND TRAVEL MEET OPPORTUNITY

Below you can find our meet schedule as we look forward to the summer. As always, meet dates are subject to possible changes, but things appear fairly firm for the moment. We are excited that we have something to look forward to each month. The schedule will look busy because it includes a number of 'qualifier' meets that require specific standards to enter. The bulk of our team should be on the lookout for meets listed as 'Unclassified', as this means that it is open to entries from everyone. Please peruse the attached schedule at your convenience and let your coach know if you have any questions.



Please take note of the weekend of June 11-13, this weekend will be an opportunity to travel to and compete in the city of Midland, Texas at what is expected to be a good sized and competitive meet. We are seeking commitments early for this meet so that we can be sure we have a large enough group to travel. We are hoping to bring a large contingent to Midland in an effort to gain some valuable experience and make some waves out of town. More details regarding this opportunity will be discussed at our parent meeting this Saturday (4/10).

2021 Surge Long Course Meet Schedule

Date: 3/31/2021

Date	Meet	Qualifying Time	Location
April 24-25	Surge Earth Day Meet	Unclassified	Das Rec
May 22-23	Bud Dallmann Memorial	Unclassified	Das Rec/LPAC?
June 4-7	U.S. Olympic Trials - Wave 1	U.S. Olympic Trials - W1	Omaha, NB
June 11-13	Midland Travel Meet	Unclassified	Midland, TX
June 26-27	SRG Meet	Unclassified	Das Rec
June 13-20	U.S. Olympic Trials - Wave 2	U.S. Olympic Trials - W2	Omaha, NB
July 16-18	Senior Meet - LAC	A	
July 15-18	STAGS Championships	A	AAAA NE
July 23-25	STX Championship	BB	AAAA NE
July 24-July 31	Olympic Swimming	Based on Olympic Trials	Tokyo, Japan
July 28-31	Sectionals	Sectionals	NEISD - Bill Walker Pool
July 30-Aug. 1	SurgeFest	Unclassified	Das Rec

Note: Any updates will be published and emailed to all Surge Families

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