



News from the Dry Side December 2018

Happy Holidays, 757swim!

Whether you are traveling, having a staycation with well-deserved R&R, or embracing the grind of the annual Holiday Training challenge, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season full of laughter and loved ones. The holiday season inspires reflection and gratitude – and we are thankful for our 757swim family. Best wishes for a fabulous 2019 in and out of the pool!

Bronze Medal Status!

Our team has been awarded Bronze Medal status for the second year in a row! USA Swimming's [Club Excellence Program](#) recognizes the top 200 clubs in the country based on "performance excellence." Congratulations, 757swim!

WISC Aquatics Powered by 757swim

757swim and the WISC are partnering more closely to bring expanded and improved lessons programming to the WISC. The WISC's aquatics program has been rebranded **WISC Aquatics Powered by 757swim**. Please spread the word! Signups are available now, with information posted under the new [Lessons](#) tab at 757swim.com.



Holiday Training Underway

The Holiday Training schedule is [posted online](#). Our annual challenge is on for swimmers in groups Silver 1 and up: Achieve 100% practice attendance during Holiday Training, and receive a special edition t-shirt (with bragging rights... Advil not included).

#GetontheBus

Come watch the Battle for Virginia Supremacy as the Cavaliers of UVA host the H2Okies of Virginia Tech on January 12. We'll be cheering loud for 757swim alumni Caroline DeJager, Joelle Vereb, and Abby Larson. Swimmers aged 9+ are invited to be inspired and enjoy this exciting charter bus excursion to Charlottesville. Be sure to reserve your swimmer's space by **December 30**. Learn more and RSVP at 757swim.com > [Events](#). Special thanks to Jeff Sullivan for all the creativity and talent he poured into our social media #GetontheBus campaign!





Blaze Pizza Fundraiser - December 27

On Thursday, December 27, Blaze Pizza in New Town will be offering a fundraising event for 757swim. Display the [provided flyer](#) (print or electronic) and Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of your purchase to our team. Please share the flyer with friends and family, and come join the fun between 5:30-10:00 p.m. on the 27th. Thank you, Blaze Pizza!

Meet Reports: Grand Illumination, Winter Juniors, Blizzard Blitz

Congratulations, swimmers, on terrific performances at our mid-season meets! In all, 29 team records fell in December! [Meet Reports](#) are posted under “News” on our website. If you notice any mistakes or omissions, please email info@757swim and so we can make needed corrections.

Team Photo Directory

Our new [team photo directory](#) has been posted to the website under “About Us” (login required; otherwise the link is invisible). Huge thanks to volunteer Ally Serio for her hard work setting it up! Information and photos are included per responses to the survey we sent out in the fall. (For families who did not respond, only swimmers’ names are included in group rosters.) Schools and neighborhoods are optionally included to assist with carpooling, socializing, etc. The directory will be updated once in the late winter or early spring. Please forgive any mistakes, and email corrections to info@757swim.com.

Team Hotels for State Champs

If there’s a chance your swimmer will travel to state championship meets in March, be sure to reserve a room at the team hotel. (You can always cancel.) Staying at the team hotel is recommended not only for convenience (carpool at 6:30 a.m., anyone?), but especially for bonding and fun! Rooms can become scarce closer to the date, so don’t delay. [Team hotel reservation information](#) is posted on the website under “News.”

Photos & Fun - Social Media and Smugmug:

- Be sure to follow us on social media for fun updates and photos, and share our posts for others to learn about the team! You can find us on Facebook (757swim), Twitter (@757_swim), and Instagram (757swim_va).
- Also, did you know that lots of great photos from meets and events are posted online on Smugmug? To access the photos, log in at 757swim.com (login is required; otherwise the link is hidden) and visit Parents > [757swim Pictures](#).

Holiday Socials:

Thank you to the parents who organized our team social events in December: Copper through Silver enjoyed a bowling party organized by Lesli Carrigan, Carmen Oquendo, and Elizabeth Niles, while Tara Hurt and Pam Gibbons took the lead on Gold & Senior's dinner party at Lokal. (Special thanks to Amber Ox for welcoming Gold & Senior parents for their own gathering during the kids' event.) If you wish to help organize an event for your practice group, contact your group's social chair. If you aren't sure who to contact, reach out to our team social coordinator, Tiffany Boyd, at tiffanyboyd04@gmail.com.



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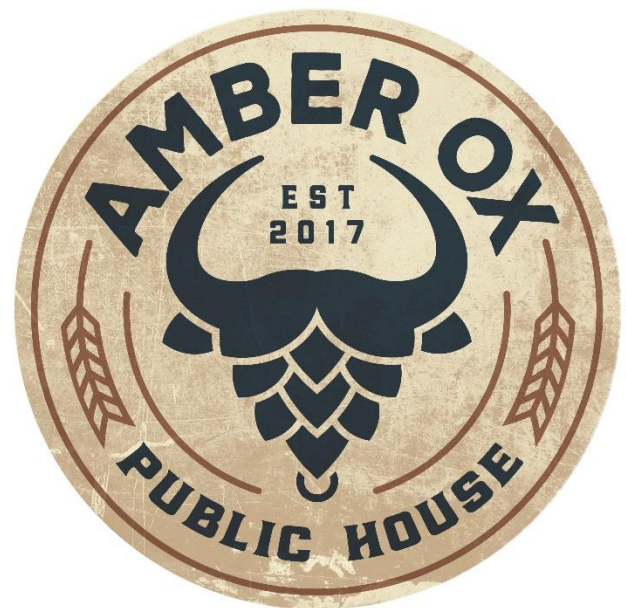
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