

Press Release

Twenty-One Wahoos Advance to State YMCA Swim Meet

(Algona, IA – February 26, 2019) The Algona Family YMCA Wahoo swim team boasts 21 swimmers for the Iowa YMCA State Competitive Swimming Finals scheduled for March 2 and 3 in Marshalltown. This year's number of state-qualifiers tops last year.

The Wahoos will field 23 individual entries and seven relay teams. To qualify, swimmers must swim a state-qualifying time during the season that spans from November through March.

Qualifying relays included:

- Girls 8 & Under: 100 Free Relay – RiKiya Nielson, Evelyn Kissinger, McKinley Kuhlmann and Kinzee Thilges.
- Boys 8 & Under: 100 Medley Relay – Jacob Struecker, Levi Meschke, Brooks Kuhlmann and Caleb Venteicher.
- Boys 8 & Under 100 Free Relay: Jacob Struecker, Zachary Reemtsma, Caleb Venteicher and Brooks Kuhlmann.
- Girls 11 & 12: 200 Medley Relay – Brooke Ludwig, Natalee Reemtsma, Allison Trunkhill and Avery Dreyer.
- Girls 11 & 12: 200 Free Relay – Alaina Venteicher, Savannah Steven, Brooke Ludwig and Avery Dreyer.
- Boys 15 – 21: 200 Medley Relay: Stephen Stammer, Gabriel Trainer, Joseph Trainer and Ben Reitz.
- Boys 15 – 21: 200 Free Relay: Joseph Trainer, Ben Reitz, Gabriel Trainer and Stephen Stammer.

Swimmers may qualify a combination of three individual and two relay events for a total of five events. Five swimmers qualified in three individual events and two relays each: Brooks Kuhlmann, Jacob Struecker, Gabriel Trainer and Joseph Trainer. In addition, Stephen Stammer and Kinzee Thilges qualified in a total of four events.

Individual event entries include:

- Matt Besch – Boys 9 & 10, 50 Fly (38.24)
- Hayden Kuhlmann – Girls 9 & 10, 100 Free (1:16.75)
- Brooks Kuhlmann – Boys 8 & Under, 25 Free (14.78); 100 Individual Medley (1:27.42); 50 Free (34.40)
- Brooke Ludwig – Girls 11 & 12, 50 Back (36.09)
- Levi Meschke – Boys 8 & Under, 25 Breast (26.31)
- Ben Reitz – Boys 15 – 21, 100 Breast (1:24.11)
- Stephen Stammer – Boys 15 – 21, 50 Free (26.41); 100 Free (58.77)

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- Jacob Struecker – Boys 8 & Under, 50 Back (48.53); 50 Free (40.73) and 25 Back (22.45)
- Kinzee Thilges – Girls 8 & Under 100 Individual Medley (1:48.78); 50 Breast (54.46); 25 Breast (24.28)
- Gabriel Trainer – Boys 15 – 21, 50 Free (26.95); 50 Breast (32.50); and 100 Breast (1:14.12).
- Joseph Trainer – Boys 15 – 21, 50 Free (26.62); 50 Fly (28.18); and 100 Breast (1:05.01).
- Caleb Venteicher – Boys 8 & Under, 25 Fly (23.05)

The Algona Wahoos are celebrating their tenth season of competitive swimming and is comprised of approximately 50 local swimmers that compete at swim meets held throughout northern Iowa from November through March. The team is coached by Cornell Lowery.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

The Algona Family YMCA Wahoos Swim Team boasts a record 21 qualifiers for the state swim meet on March 2 & 3 including: (front) Jacob Struecker, Kinzee Thilges, Evelyn Kissinger, McKinley Kuhlmann, Hayden Kuhlmann and Caleb Venteicher. Middle row: Savannah Steven, Zachary Reemtsma, Brooks Kuhlmann, Levi Meschke and Matt Besch. Back row: Stephen Stammer, Avery Dreyer, Brooke Ludwig, Allison Trunkhill, Natalee Reemtsma, Alaina Venteicher and Coach Cornell Lowery. State qualifiers not pictured include: RiKiya Nielson, Ben Reitz, Gabriel Trainer and Joseph Trainer.