



# Osprey ZAP Diving End of Season Newsletter

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 AAU Nationals Qualifiers
  - 7 AAU Competitions  
(all away meets)
  - 7 -Highest number of full-time team divers (3 month period)
  - 2 Newspaper articles
  - 2 OZD High School State Meet Qualifiers with only 2 high school divers diving for high school
  - 2 OZD High School League record-breaking performances
  - 1 Dive Clinic
  - 120 diving videos posted
  - 6-highest number attending a meet
  - 4-average monthly number of TEAM divers
  - 2 AAU Red White & Blue Nationals participants

## SEASON RECAP

### LEARNING

**EXPERIENCE**-OZD's first year was a learning experience for the coach and all the new members. We offered competitions in USA Diving & AAU organizations but choose to only do AAU for our learning year.

**INDIVIDUALLY COMPETITIVE**-While we were vastly outnumbered in all local association meets, as a team we fared very well, taking home numerous Gold, Silver & Bronze in all age groups.

**RESPECT**-I would say we gained respect and are a force to be reckoned with for next year.

### **HOPE - INCREASE DIVERS - BECOME**

**MORE TEAM COMPETITIVE** -Our hope is to gain more dedicated divers and to become more competitive with the top teams in Florida.

**ZAP**- Our TEAM ZAP Zenith-Apex-Pinnacle was not reached in our 1st year. Not because of effort, but mainly because of lack of divers. Lack of divers attending meets makes it more expensive for those attending, which, in turn made it a major issue in scheduling. For these reasons, we did not attend the AAU Nationals & with your support, we will continue to work hard & commit to having enough divers to reach that goal in 2020.



## TO DO'S

**15 AUGUST - Hand in  
2019-2020 TEAM  
PACKET**

**\*29 AUGUST**-online  
**TEAM AAU  
REGISTRATION** - \*You  
will not be allowed to dive  
without this.

**OCTOBER 5TH OR  
12TH**

ST ANDREWS MEET-  
WELLINGTON, FL

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AAU - Amateur Athletic Union	USAD - USA Diving
Diving - one of many sports	Parent DIVING organization/ governing body - road to Olympics
\$18 a year; 6-7 meets a year/ season Sep-July	\$20 per year; 6-7 meets a year/season Sep- July
Easier to qualify for Nationals- dive only against divers your age at Nats	Harder to qualify for Nationals; dive in age group at Nats e.g. 14-15
Qualify for Nats by score & two qualifying Red White & Blue meets	Qualify at Regional meet for Zones & then re-qualify at Zones for Nationals
Great exposure to college coaches	Great exposure to college coaches
Chance of scholarship money	More chance of scholarship money
Similar levels of competition at meets	Similar levels of competition at meets elevated at Zone & National level

### EXPOSURE - RECOGNITION - OPPORTUNITY - COLLEGE SCOUTING

Whatever your diving goals, we try to give you **maximum exposure and opportunity**...and when we travel to other regions you are getting just that. Benefits of diving outside our comfort zone are immense. These road trips are invaluable on many levels. **Older divers use these trips for scouting** area colleges etc: younger divers see what's out there and decide whether they want to make the sacrifices to get to East Nationals or beyond; everyone learns, everyone socializes and everyone has fun! **You will remember traveling trips far into your diving career and life.**

## TEAM PACKET.

## PARENTS SURVIVAL GUIDE

