

MEET THE COACHING STAFF

Alyssa Zapata, Co-Head Coach

Coach Alyssa is back coaching ZAGS for a third season and is excited to be heading up the program with Coach Jon. Alyssa has taught swim lessons and coached swimming in West Michigan for over 10 years. Alyssa also coaches for WMS throughout the year, and loves coaching the 9-10 group where her 10 year old son Joaquin swims as well. She really wants to help the ZAGS program grow and be more known in the Zeeland community.

Jon Vos, Co-Head Coach

Coach Jon has been coaching in Zeeland since 2022 for WMS and both the boys and girls varsity swim programs. Aside from coaching Jon continues to show his love for swimming by competing in Masters swim competitions and triathlons. Jon also organizes the annual Mackinac Island Swim event, which features over 400 athletes swimming 8.2 miles around Mackinac Island each August. Jon is thrilled to be teaching our young athletes how to become better swimmers and teammates this coming season.

Libby Nelesen, Assistant Coach

Coach Libby cannot wait for another ZAGS season! This is Libby's third year with the ZAGS program. Libby excels at coaching our youngest swimmers where she loves introducing these new athletes to love the sport of swimming. Libby is also a head coach for the Unity Christian girls varsity swim team, and teaches math at Grand Rapids Christian HS.

Sara Keen, Assistant Coach

Coach Sara will once again be coaching for ZAGS this year. Sara leads our preseason ZAGS programs and we are thrilled to have her back for a fourth season as an assistant coach! Sara has been a lifelong swimmer; while in high school Sara swam on both the club and varsity teams. Since 2007 she has worked with many non-competitive and competitive swimmers through swim lessons and coaching.

Tanner Barber, Assistant Coach

Coach Tanner will be joining us again this year. Tanner has been swimming for 9 years and was a great addition to ZAGS during the 2023 swim seasons. Tanner's love for the water and the sport of swimming shows. He is excited to help this new generation of swimmers find a passion for the pool and become successful swimmers.

Emily Pyle, Assistant Coach

Coach Emily is a newcomer to ZAGS. Her love for the water sprouted from her own ZAGS experience, something she is excited to instill in the new swimmers of this community. Emily has been swimming for 8 years and is coming off of a successful senior season on the Zeeland HS swim team.