

MEET THE COACHING STAFF

Alyssa Zapata, Co-Head Coach

We're excited to welcome Coach Alyssa back for her fourth season with ZAGS! This year, she's thrilled to lead the program with Coach Jon. With over 10 years of experience teaching swim lessons and coaching in West Michigan, Alyssa brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to the team. She also coaches for WMS year-round and loves working with the 9-10 age group, where her 10-year-old son Joaquin swims. Alyssa is committed to growing ZAGS and increasing its presence in the Zeeland community.

Jon Vos, Co-Head Coach

Coach Jon has been coaching in Zeeland since 2022, working with WMS and both the boys' and girls' varsity swim teams. Outside of coaching, Jon competes in Masters swim events and triathlons and organizes the annual Mackinac Island Swim, a prestigious 8.2-mile race with over 400 participants. Jon is excited to bring his experience and enthusiasm to ZAGS, helping young swimmers improve their skills and teamwork.

Libby Nelesen, Assistant Coach

Coach Libby is back for her third season with ZAGS and continues to shine in coaching our youngest swimmers. With a passion for introducing new athletes to swimming, Libby also serves as the head coach for the Unity Christian girls varsity swim team and teaches math at Grand Rapids Christian High School. We're grateful to have her expertise and enthusiasm on the coaching team.

Sara Keen, Assistant Coach

Coach Sara returns for her fourth season as an assistant coach and leads our preseason ZAGS programs. A lifelong swimmer, Sara has coached both non-competitive and competitive swimmers since 2007. She swam competitively in high school on both club and varsity teams, and we're fortunate to have her experience and dedication with us again this year.

Emily Pyle, Assistant Coach

We're excited to welcome Coach Emily back for another season with ZAGS! Emily's love for swimming started as a ZAGS swimmer herself, and she's eager to inspire the next generation of athletes. With over 8 years of experience and a successful senior season with the Zeeland High School swim team, Emily looks forward to helping swimmers develop their skills and passion for the sport.

Ava Schepers, Assistant Coach

We're thrilled to have Coach Ava back for another season with ZAGS! With over three years of competitive swimming experience at both the high school and WMS levels, Ava's passion for the sport shines through. She looks forward to helping a new generation of swimmers discover their love for the water and grow into confident, successful athletes.