

MEET THE COACHING STAFF

Alyssa Zapata, Co-Head Coach

We're excited to welcome Coach Alyssa back for her fourth season with ZAGS! With more than a decade of experience teaching swim lessons and coaching throughout West Michigan, Alyssa brings exceptional knowledge, enthusiasm, and leadership to our team. She began coaching in 2017 and has worked with multiple programs, joining WMS in 2019 and ZAGS in 2022. In addition to her seasonal coaching, she also coaches year-round for WMS, where she especially enjoys supporting the 9-10 age group.

Sara Keen, Co-Head Coach

Coach Sara is back for her fifth season with ZAGS, and this year she's excited to lead the program alongside Coach Alyssa. A lifelong swimmer, Sara brings more than 15 years of experience coaching both competitive and non-competitive athletes. Many swimmers and families recognize her from the Rec Pool, where she leads stroke clinics and pre-season conditioning programs with energy, encouragement, and a strong technical eye. Sara competed throughout high school on both club and varsity teams, and we're fortunate to have her expertise, commitment, and passion guiding our athletes again this season.

Libby Nelesen, Assistant Coach

Coach Libby returns for her fourth season with ZAGS and continues to be a wonderful leader for our youngest swimmers. She has a true gift for helping new athletes build confidence and discover joy in the water. In addition to her role with ZAGS, Libby serves as the head coach for the Unity Christian girls' varsity swim team and teaches math at Grand Rapids Christian High School. Her expertise, patience, and enthusiasm make her an invaluable part of our coaching staff.

Jon Vos, Assistant Coach

Coach Jon has been coaching in Zeeland since 2022, contributing to WMS and to both the boys' and girls' varsity swim programs. His personal commitment to the sport extends beyond coaching, Jon competes in Masters swim events and triathlons and organizes the Mackinac Island Swim, an impressive 8.2-mile race that draws more than 400 participants annually. Jon is excited to bring his experience, passion, and team-first mindset to ZAGS as he helps young athletes strengthen their skills and grow in the sport.

Ava Schepers, Assistant Coach

We're thrilled to welcome Coach Ava back for another season with ZAGS! With more than three years of competitive swimming experience at both the high school and WMS levels, Ava brings a strong foundation in technique and a genuine love for the sport. She is passionate about inspiring younger swimmers as they develop their skills, confidence, and excitement for the water. We're glad to have her energy and dedication on deck again this year.