



Crete RipTide swimmers earn medals at Cornhusker State Games

The Crete RipTide swim team was represented in a strong way Saturday at the Youth Meet of the Cornhusker State Games in Lincoln. Swimmers from around the state ages 5 to 18 years competed for top spots in numerous events. Crete RipTide team members Bret Fulton, Wyatt Clarke, Hallie Clarke, Taylor Pierce, Jeffrey Kuncl and Kiya Garrelts brought home the hardware and bragging rights.

Members were allowed to enter in up to four individual events and two relays. Several relay teams were put together as they joined with individuals from other areas.

Fulton joined three other swimmers in the boys 13 to 14 freestyle and medley Relays placing first in both events. Fulton swam the freestyle leg of the medley relay to clinch the win.

Wyatt Clarke and Kuncl joined in a 11 to 12 boys medley and freestyle relays and they as well took first in both events. In the medley Kuncl swam the butterfly leg and Clarke tied it up with the freestyle leg.

Taylor Pierce, Kiya Garrelts and Hallie Clarke resurrected the RipTide Girls 13 to 14 relay by adding another outstanding girl and leaving their competi-

tion in the dust in the medley relay.

Pierce swam her strongest stroke in the breaststroke, Kiya dominated with the butterfly, and Hallie wrapped up the win with the freestyle leg. They held their own in the freestyle relay as well coming in a solid second.

Other individual wins for the day were as follows:

Fulton took first in 50 backstroke, second in the 50 freestyle and 200 freestyle and third in the 50 Butterfly; Hallie Clarke and Garrelts each took first in the 50 breaststroke in their age groups

and Garrelts also earned second place in the 50 freestyle; Pierce took second in the 100 breaststroke, first in the 100 IM, and third in the 50 breaststroke and 50 freestyle; Kuncl took first in the 100 breaststroke and third in both the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle.

The Crete RipTide ends the season on top with 36 total swimmers and more wins than previous seasons. Head Coach Tina Rockenbach and Assistant Coach Jenna Arneson are excited for next season. Sign up through Crete Parks and Recreation office is in April 2018.