

WRESTLERS TAKE PART IN PRE-SEASON TEAM BUILDING EVENT

12 members of the 2020-2021 Swansboro High School Wrestling Team participated in a team building event this past Saturday, at Cracked It Escape Games in Jacksonville. The event was planned by the team's new coaching staff introduce the team's newest wrestlers and coaches to the team's returning members. With only seven returning wrestlers from last season's squad, the 2020-2021 team will be full of new faces. That includes a starting lineup that will see five to seven Freshman on the roster, plus four new coaches.

The 12 wrestlers along with three coaches were divided into three groups. Each group was then locked in a room, where they were required to solve a themed mystery by deciphering clues, riddles, and puzzles to escape. Adding to the difficulty was a one-hour time limit. Two teams successfully completed the challenge, with the third solving six of seven objectives before running out of time.

By all accounts, the event was a huge success. Though not every wrestler could participate, those who did had a great time. Junior Isaac Gawronski said, "I thought the event went really well. There were four freshman in my group. In fact, I was the only non-Freshman besides my dad. It was neat to see their different personalities. Some were outspoken from the start, while others were quiet initially, but it only took about 10 minutes before everyone was working together and contributing towards solving the problem, and we did – with 13 minutes to spare! I thought my team did a great job working together and just having fun. That's a good sign for the upcoming season, because I think we're going to mesh really well." Sophomore Theo Yager echoed Gawronski's sentiments, stating "I thought it was a great event. My team worked really well together and it was cool to see everyone working toward a common goal outside the wrestling room. I hope we do more events like this in the future."

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Left to Right: Junior Isaac Gawronski, Freshman Eli VenDeweert, Gavin Bennett, Ayden Goodman, and David Boucher, and Coach Gawronski completed DEFCON-1 Red Alert in 47 min, 20 secs.



Left to Right: Coach Mike Yesunas, Freshman Eli VanDeWeert, Junior Grace Yesunas, and Sophomores Klint Rhude, and Theo Yager completed New Blood New World in 48 min, 14 secs.



Left to Right: Coach Mark Cowell, Junior Zander Riley, Freshman Tyler Cowell and Jayson Abalos, and Senior Gavin Harvey completed six of seven objectives in New Blood New World.