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Six members of the Thompson Rivers Parks & Recreation (TRPR) Storm Riders swim team medaled at last weekend's conference championships. From left to right are Dawson Almanzar, Hunter Smarr, Daniel O'Brien, Adley Morison, Grace Neumayer, and Savannah Mitchell. Four of them – Almanzar, Smarr, Morison, and Mitchell – also qualified for this year's state meet. **Photo by Daphne Morison**

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Adley Morison also earned three medals, placing second in the 50 fly, 50 free, and 100 free.

Earning two medals each were Mitchell (first, 50 back; third 100 individual medley), and Daniel O'Brien (second in 100 IM and third in 100 free in 11-12 boys).

Also medaling were Grace Neumayer (third in 11-12 girls' 50 breast), and Smarr, who took the title in the 50 breast.

"All the kids on the team swam their fastest times of the summer and ended the season strong," Coach Morison said. "We had more kids medal than we've had before, and also more kids qualify for state.

"We had so many kids do so awesome. They improved their times so much from the start of the season."

State qualifiers, Morison said, are practicing evenings at the Johnstown pool. The Colorado State Summer Club Swimming Association Championships are scheduled for July 26-27 at Anderson Outdoor Pool in Wheat Ridge.