Montana Zone Team Information 2011

As program operations coordinator, it is my pleasure to introduce this year's plan for the 2011 Western Zone Championship to be held in Clovis, CA, Tuesday, August 9 through Saturday, August 13. Please read the following information carefully and any of the necessary forms that are located on the Montana Swimming Web Page.

Qualifiers: Please fill out the 2011 Swimmer Registration Form found on the Montana Swimming Web Page. If you are 13 or over and are traveling on the team bus, please include a $330 deposit with the Registration Form. The total trip cost will be $630.00.

Team Uniform: Each swimmer of the Montana Zone Team will receive one team swimsuit. This suit will be a Speedo Aquablade Recordbreaker for females and a Speedo Aquablade Jammer or Brief for the males. The swimmer will also be provided with 2 latex swim caps, 2 team t-shirts, 2 pair of shorts, a Speedo back-pack and one western hat. This uniform will be worn throughout the competition. The team coaches will determine when and which team shirts and shorts will be worn for the various functions throughout the week.

This year we are offering a suit upgrade which will be a Speedo Fast Skin tank for females and a jammer for males. The upgrade will cost the swimmer the difference between the Aquablade and the Fast Skin. All suits this year will be black in color.

Please refer to the 2011 Uniform Order Form on the Montana Swimming Web Page. This form should be filled out and sent to the Coordinator with the Registration Form.

Team Bus: Swimmers 13 years of age and older may ride the chaperoned team bus. A bus has been chartered to leave Bozeman at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 6th and pick up swimmers in Butte. The team will stay overnight in Elko, Nevada at the Holiday Inn Express and then continue their drive to Clovis, arriving there on the evening of August 7th. August 8th will be Team Warm-ups, Team photos and maybe a little fun. The team will leave Clovis on Sunday morning, August 14th and return to Butte and Bozeman on the evening of August 15th. A seat on the bus will cost $207.00. There are 42 seats for sale on the team bus. **Swimmers 13 and over who have paid a deposit of $330.00 toward the Zones Meet will have preference for these 42 seats.** The Coordinator will accept deposits now through a June 15th deadline. After that date, seats will be available to family members and officials who want to travel to Clovis at a cost of $207.00.

One-way bus trip: In the event that a swimmer will be traveling only one-way on the Team Bus, the $630.00 roundtrip amount will be adjusted to $562.00. In order to receive this adjusted rate, the Coordinator must be notified in writing via email by August 1, 2011.

Lodging: Team Montana will be staying at the Piccadilly Inn University, in Fresno. Thirteen and older swimmers will be staying 4 swimmers to a room for 7 nights. There is a block of rooms reserved for parents and families accompanying 12 and under Zone

swimmers. Refer to the Friends & Family flyer on our Zone page. All blocked rooms include the Team Breakfast for swimmers and families.

Food: Team members riding the bus will be responsible for packing a lunch and snacks for their first day of travel. All other travel food will be included in the total package cost. The Holiday Inn Express in Elko, Nevada will provide breakfast. Team Montana will be eating together either at the Pool Venue (catered lunches) or at the Hotel with planned Banquet Meals. These meals will be prepaid by July 15th with the 2nd and last payment installment for this trip of $300.00.

Twelve and under Zone swimmers who are staying at the Team Hotel, are encouraged to eat with the Team at the hotel and Pool Venue. A price for this food package will be forthcoming.

Team Social Event: The hosting Swim Club for Zones will be offering a Social Event for all swimmers and families on Saturday night, August 13th. This usually includes a dinner. The cost of this Social Event is not known yet, but will be an additional cost to swimmers.

All necessary forms and updates will be posted on the Montana Swimming Webpage.

Deposits should be made out to Montana Swimming and sent to the Montana Zone Coordinator: Sheila Potkonjak, P.O. 2156, Bigfork, MT 59911 sheilap@centurytel.net phone: 406/270-2982 daytime only.

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