

Program Operations Report

May 24, 2025 by Zones Coordinator Laura Parvey-Connors

Planning is in the works for the 2025 Western Zones meets:

We have about 20 athletes who have completed the form saying they are interested in attending Age Group or Senior Zones. I anticipate this number to increase after the Firecracker meet. We usually average 15-20 athletes per meet and since the Montana State Long Course meet is happening during Senior Sectionals.

I will be reaching out to qualifying swimmers who have attending before to gauge their interest.

The form to be added to the contact list for communication is at: <https://forms.gle/Fp45RqcGQY9J9KgU8>

I have received information for the following swimmers:

Age Group Zones

Hayden Jakub — BAC

Alexa Githens — BAC

James Wild — BAC

Quinn Montgomery — BAC

Theodore (Teddy) Rentz — Billings YMCA

Kaia Lyons — BOZ

Harlee Flikkema — BOZ

Ingrid Olson — BOZ

Greyson Chvilicek — BMA

Malyn Lewis — MAC

Mitchell Kerscher — MAC

Aurora Merideth — GFST

Senior Zones

Shelby Russell — BOZ

Amelia Olson — BOZ

Trigve Chvilicek — BOZ

Madeleine Timmons — GFST

Ella Kingsland — GFST

Belle Schroeder — GFST

Duncan Schroeder — GFST

Lila Hiday — MYST

2025 Western Zone Senior Championships

July 29 - August 2, 2025

Clovis Swim Center in Fresno, CA

This meet is for swimmers 19 years and younger as of July 29, 2025

2025 Senior Team Coaches:

Head Coach: Matt Yovich (BOZ)

Asst. Coach: Jay Friend (MAC)

2024 gear, snack and race fees were \$390

Anticipate 2025 fees will be \$405

2025 Western Zone Age Group Championships

August 6-9, 2025

Elk Grove Aquatic Center, Elk Grove, California

This meet is for swimmers 14 years and younger as of August 6, 2025

*AAA qualifying time given priority swims. AA times will compete using LSC bonus swims.

2025 Age Group Coaches:

Head Coach: Brady Baughman (MYST)

Asst. Coach: Rory Genazzi (MYST)

2024 gear, snack and race fees were \$360

Anticipate 2025 fees will be \$372

Gear:

Arena has offered the Montana Zones Teams a discount if we purchased gear through them.

- 30% off Arena apparel (t-shirts, shorts, sweatshirts)
- 30% off a racing suit for anyone going to Zones
- Free backpacks (I have already ordered 65)

Qwik Signs in Helena has already been contacted to complete the screenprinting and embroidery. We will be adjusting some of the items this year based on feedback from last year.

Logistics:

Coaches and chaperones will book their own travel

All swimmers/family will coordinate own travel and lodging.

Clarifying language for "AA" times for Age Group Zones:

Qualifying Time Period: August 7, 2024 through the entry deadline.

The Montana Team Western Zone Age Group Championship Time Standards will be the 2024-2028 USA Swimming National Age Group Motivational Time Standards - "AA" combined Age Group Standards: 10&U * 11-12 * 13-14 for both genders. The "AA" time must be in an event offered for the athletes age group at Age Group Zones.

"AA" qualified swimmers will be entered into events using our LSC bonus swims. Each LSC is limited to 160 bonus swims (and just one bonus in the races 400 meters and above).

Swimmers with "AAA" times have the first priority in age division events including bonuses and they will be entered in 6 races. If we exceed 160 bonus swims then swimmers with "AA" times will be entered in 5 races each. We will fill as many relays as possible to give swimmers extra swims.

As of May 24, 2025, the following events are offered Age Group Zones:

Boys/Girls 10 and under

50 Free

100 Free
200 Free
50 Back
100 Back
50 Breast
100 Breast
50 Fly
100 Fly
200 IM

11-12 Boys/Girls

50 Free
100 Free
200 Free
400/500 Free
50 Back
100 Back
200 Back
50 Breast
100 Breast
200 Breast
50 Fly
100 Fly
200 Fly
200 IM
400 IM

13-14 Boys/Girls

50 Free
100 Free
200 Free
400/500 Free
800/1000 Free
1500/1650 Free
100 Back
200 Back
100 Breast
200 Breast
100 Fly
200 Fly
200 IM
400 IM

Future Zones

2026 Short Course Senior Zones – is open for bid

2026 AG Zones Mt Hood, OR

2026 Senior zones – Clovis, CA