



Team Information

April

The Meet Announcement has been released and is available at utahzones2016.com. LSC representatives please join us **Monday, May 23 at 7:00pm Pacific Time** for the Age Group Western Zone Meet Conference call. Details regarding the call in number will be forwarded. Additional information for teams is below.

Unique Meet Experience

Since accepting the position of meet director, I’ve been excited to leverage the Olympic Connection, Utah’s Olympic Legacy and the Rio Olympics occurring at the same time as the meet. Our meet planning committee envisions more than just another swim meet!

Messaging

Three key themes **Passion, Connectivity, and Legacy** establish the foundation of the experience we hope, with your help, to create. First, host a fun, high-level competitive event where the passion athletes and volunteers alike have for the sport is expressed. Our meet motto is **Swim Your Passion**. Second, leverage the concept of “connectivity” in bringing a swimming community together to build new friendships and catch the Olympic Spirit. Third, leave a legacy by making this one of the most fun and memorable events in everyone’s swimming career no matter how large or small a part they play.



Meet Rocky the Utah Swim Raptor

This meet has a mascot, a long time native of Utah—the raptor! Several 30” inflatable versions have been seen around Utah swim meets and team practices recently and an 8 foot rendition made an appearance at our Age Group State Championship meet. Here, his name, which had been voted on by hundreds, was announced. Welcome Rocky! You’ll be seeing and hearing more from him later. He’s been very well received by swimmers of all ages.

Opening Ceremonies

A short Opening Ceremonies will be held Tuesday, August 9 at 7 pm in the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center (KOPFC) Competition Pool area. Because of limited seating, this event is only for teams (athletes, coaches, chaperones and team managers.) Here we look forward to welcoming everyone to Utah, celebrating the athletes and feeling a part of “America’s

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Swim Team” in this, an Olympic year. We’ll be creating a video with everyone there to send to their USA Swimming teammates competing in Rio! It will look especially awesome if all the teams participate in the Raptor T-shirt order. (See below.)

Rocky Raptor T-shirt Order for Teams

We understand that most LSC teams are provided with up to four T-shirts for this event. We would like to encourage teams to make one of their team shirts, a raptor shirt. Designers are currently working to produce a unique print version of the meet mascot to be used on team shirts. The same logo would be used on each shirt, to help promote connection, but each team would pick a unique color. (Based on availability—first come, first served.) We’ve negotiated a low price with the meet shirt vendor. Orders would be placed via their web store before the meet. The website address will be published in May.

ESTIMATED COST: \$8-10 or less per shirt. ORDER DEADLINES: Early Bird deadline is July 20. Orders placed by this deadline may be shipped to the designated team contact or picked up from the vendor at the meet on Tuesday afternoon. **Express deadline is August 1.** Orders placed by this deadline must be picked up from the vendor at the meet on Tuesday afternoon.

Athlete Reps

Several former zone participant athlete reps are on the meet planning committee. They attend planning meetings and give input to ensure the needs of the athletes will be met—and that the meet will be fun! Additionally, they will be attending the meet where they will function as a liaison between the youth team captains and the meet leadership, facilitate various activities and assist as needed.

Team Block Lodging- Rocky Loves Swimming and Logistics!

We would like to invite & encourage you to take advantage of the team lodging available through the meet. It’s a win/win situation—both individuals and teams get group discounted lodging and the meet receives a small premium from each room booked that helps to fund some of the extras we are providing (like Opening Ceremonies, Mascot, “The Hub”, etc.)

The deadline for team block lodging applications is June 15.

Links to general meet lodging as well as the team block application are available on the meet website (utahzones2016.com.) A copy of the team block application is attached. The link for the team block application is:

<https://www.teamunify.com/utlsczone/UserFiles/File/2016%20Utah%20Swimming%20Group%20Block%20Form.pdf>

Please note that SOME of the hotels listed are located right next to each other so teams could feasibly be split into two hotels but picked up together. Mapquest states that the time to the pool is between 12-15 minutes. Michelle Taylor is the event lodging coordinator for teams. She plans to contact each team which has not already contacted her to answer any questions and ensure that they have the needed information. If you would prefer NOT to be contacted, let Cathy Vaughan know via email (cathvaughan@gmail.com) before April 30th.



Athlete Village

The Athlete Village is an outdoor area at the venue strictly restricted to athletes, chaperones and others with appropriate credentials. Tents will be provided for each team.

Tents Plan

Tents will be provided for each team. Our plan is to provide about 100 square feet of tent space for every 12 athletes. The current tent plan is below. If there is a problem with the proposed tent size for your team, please contact the meet director by May 5th.

Attending LSC's	2013- CA	2014-- WA	2015-- HI	2016 Estimate	/12	Sq Ft	Tent Size
Colorado	86	107	78	80	6.67	666.67	20 x 40
PNS	41	71	59	65	5.42	541.67	20x30
Pacific	53	67	61	60	5.00	500.00	20x30
So Cal	0	43	43	45	3.75	375.00	20x20
Oregon	44	39	48	48	4.00	400.00	20x20
San Diego Imp.	41	53	56	55	4.58	458.33	20x30
SNS	49	54	48	55	4.58	458.33	20x30
NM	46	52	44	48	4.00	400.00	20x20
IES	39	31	35	40	3.33	333.33	20x20
UT	54	44	37	55	4.58	458.33	20x30
Central CA	31	23	24	30	2.50	250.00	20x20
HI	9	23	49	30	2.50	250.00	20x20
Snake River	19	18	11	20	1.67	166.67	10x20
Montana	13	17	25	20	1.67	166.67	10x20
AZ	5	9	14	15	1.25	125.00	10x20
WY	12	19	10	20	1.67	166.67	10x20
Alaska	20	14	19	20	1.67	166.67	10x20

Warm Up Schedule

Please contact the Meet Director Cathy Vaughan cathvaughan@gmail.com to schedule warm- up times on Monday afternoon 8/8 or Tuesday 8/9. We will also have a warm up schedule by team during the prelims warm up time.

The Hub

Within the Athlete Village will be a large, tented gathering area where all athletes and chaperones are welcome. We plan to have 3 large screen TV's. One displaying the Olympics, another the meet, and the other, the meet scoreboard so athletes can keep track of the meet.

Team Box Lunch/Dinner Info

Box lunches and dinners for teams can be ordered and paid for in advance. They will then be delivered to the pool. We are working with several vendors to provide a variety of food including, a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, soups, Island-style rice bowls and entrees as well as hamburgers.

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We encourage you to take advantage this ordering system because it, like the lodging, provides a win/win situation. Teams can quickly and easily feed their athletes quality food and can also help to fund meet activities.

Athlete Village Chaperoning

An LSC must have at least 1 chaperone in the Athlete Village to supervise anytime that their athlete(s) are using the Athlete Village (Western Zone Policy)

Parking: Both team buses and cars will have access to parking next to the credentialed entrance (only those with credentials will be allowed to enter at that entrance. See "Event Site Layout" map for details.)

Safety

The facility changing area and restrooms are shared with the general public. Team leadership is encouraged to make every effort to recognize when an athlete goes to the locker room or changing area while at the meet facility and, if they do not return in a timely fashion, to check on the athlete's whereabouts.

Meet Marshals will do occasional sweeps throughout facility areas with women checking on female locker rooms and men checking on male locker rooms.

Physical Partitions

- Separate parking and marshaled entrance for "credentialed" participants (athletes, coaches, team chaperones, officials.) Spectators, public and non-credentials meet workers have separate parking areas and entrances.
- Permanent and temporary event fencing around athlete village and team/meet worker areas of the competition pool (See "Competition Area" Map. The team/meet worker area is the yellow area + The Hub + Team Tent Areas.)
- Spectators and public are not allowed in team/meet worker areas
- Marshaled entrances to team/meet worker areas

Emergency Planning

The KOPFC 50m competition pool is covered by a permanent structure. In the event of lightening within 5 miles of the facility, athletes will be asked to evacuate the outdoor areas and come into the covered competition area. If needed, spectators will be moved into the main building to make room for the athletes. Emergency procedure guidelines will be given at the General Meeting and also to team captains and chaperones by the Athlete Reps at the meet. Please be familiar with these guidelines so that we can ensure minimal delays to the meet.

Officials

All officials are welcome, wanted and encouraged to work the meet. More information is available in the meet announcement and on the meet website: utahzones2016.com.

All LSC's are requested to provide at least one deck or admin official for the duration of the meet. (Western Zone Policy)

Timers

All timers and other meet worker volunteers are welcome, wanted and encouraged to work the meet. More information is available in the meet announcement and on the meet website: utahzones2016.com.

All LSC's are requested to provide lane timers for one lane (3 timers) for the duration of the meet. (Western Zone Policy)

Please ensure your timers check in at the volunteer table at the beginning of warm-ups. The volunteer table will be located in the main building near the hospitality area. (See Competition Area Map)

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Changes to Previous Info

Pins: Unfortunately, the meet will be unable to provide pins for each LSC as hoped. Teams are still welcome to bring and trade pins if they would like.

LSC Olympians: We are no longer asking for a list of Olympians from each LSC, but encourage each team to share this information with their athletes if desired.

Athlete Profiles: No longer requested.

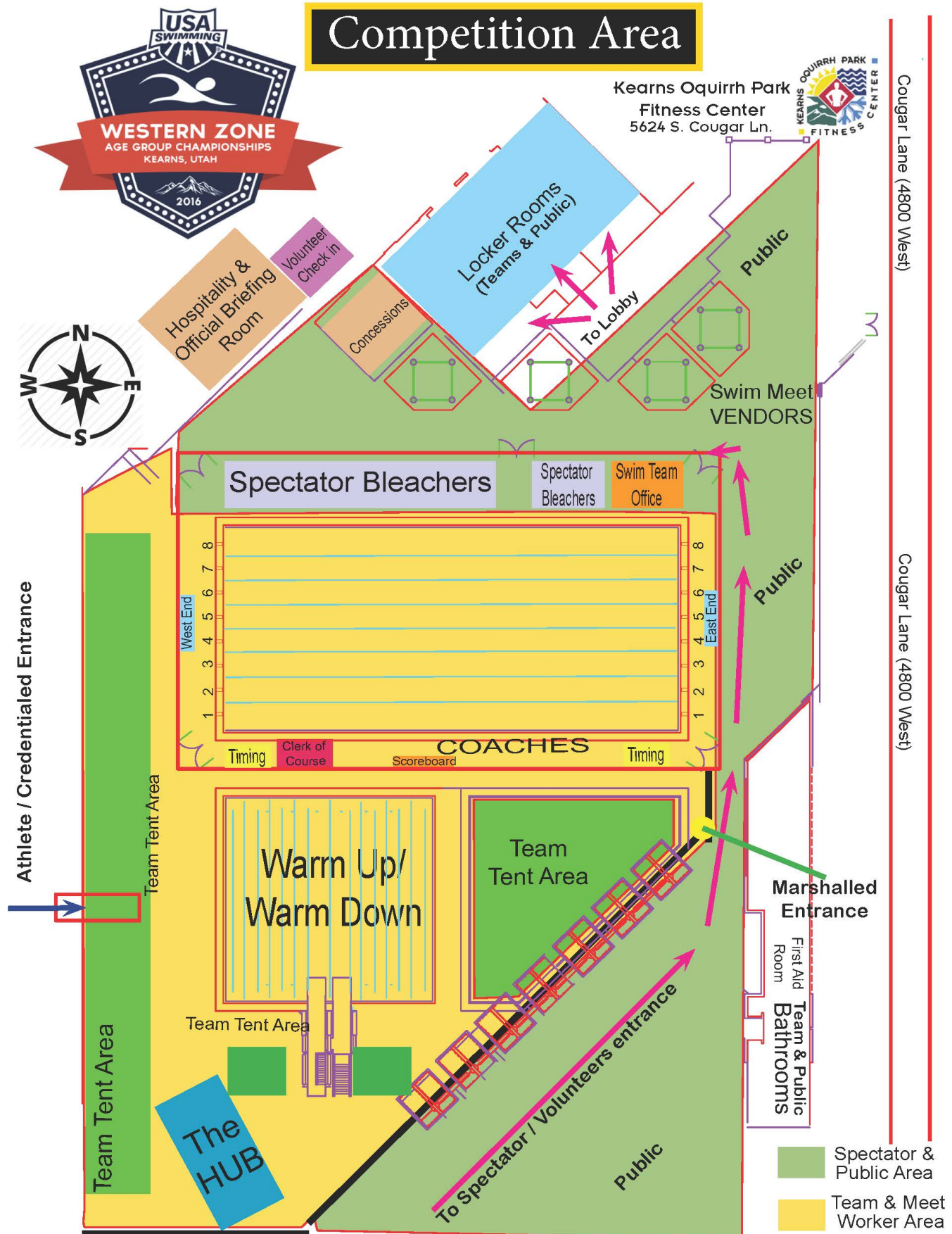
Needed From Each Team

The following is needed from each team. Please email the meet director (cathvaughan@gmail.com) by May 15th.

- High Quality, Digital LSC logo image
- Name & email address of LSC SWIMS database results processor
- Names & email addresses of the "four people designated by the LSC" to receive results (Western Zone Policy)
- Name & contact info of the LSC permanent office (if applicable, and results are not already being emailed)

Attachments: Competition Area Map, Event Site Layout Map, Room Block Request Form









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Room Block Request Form

CONTACT INFORMATION

DEADLINE: June 15, 2016

Local Swim Committee:			
Contact First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Phone:	Fax:		
Email (required to receive confirmation):			

HOTEL PREFERENCE

Review hotels below and indicate your hotel choices in order of preference. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served, space available basis. Submit your request as soon as possible for the best opportunity of receiving your hotel choice.

Preference	Hotels	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
	Country Inn & Suites West Valley	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119
	Crystal Inn West Valley	\$129	\$129	\$129	\$129
	Holiday Inn Express West Valley	\$149	\$149	\$149	\$149
	Staybridge Suites West Valley	\$169	\$169	\$169	\$169
	TownePlace Suites West Valley	\$169	\$169	\$169	\$169

Below, please indicate the number of rooms (by bed type) you require each night. Your night by night room block (pattern) that you select will affect your hotel placement, therefore, be accurate and conservative.

Room Type	8/7 SUN	8/8 MON	8/9 TUE	8/10 WED	8/11 THU	8/12 FRI	8/13 SAT	8/14 SUN
One Bed:								
Two Beds:								
TOTAL ROOMS								

TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEADLINE DATE – June 15, 2016: We require you complete booking your rooms online or submit a rooming list to us with all names, arrival and departure dates on or before **June 15, 2016**. After this date rooms without individual names will be released. You may call after forms are processed to provide a credit card guarantee for one night's room and tax for each room. Rooming lists received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be honored.

Once your block is confirmed, you will receive a Block Confirmation Letter via email with instructions for booking online or submitting your rooming list.

DEPOSIT: Rooming lists must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee for one night's room rate and tax for each room reserved. Hotels may charge a one night's room and tax deposit for each room reservation on or after **July 18, 2016**. If a cancellation occurs within 72 hours of scheduled arrival, the deposit will be forfeited. The credit card you use to guarantee each room must be valid through **August 2016**.

TAX DISCLAIMER: Rates do not include the **13.10%** hotel tax which is subject to change at any time.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received within 72 hours of scheduled arrival date will forfeit the deposit of one night's room and tax.

EARLY DEPARTURE FEE: Hotel may charge an early departure fee if you check out prior to your scheduled departure date.

☐ I have read agree and agree to the Terms & Conditions.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

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