

OLYMPIC TRIALS TRIP ATHLETE REPORTS

Bradley McKenzie

I thought the trip was amazing I got to meet so many cool people and experience so many different things, the swim camp was so fun I learned much more things for myself in starting and all sorts of stuff one of my favorite parts was being there when Regan smith broke a work record or watching a fellow Wyoming swimmer I competed with swim. Swimming in an outdoor pool that was actually warm was even better!! I appreciate everyone that went into planning this trip and want to thank our amazing chaperones and would hope to do something like this again.

Vayda Havens

There are so many positive things and takeaways from the Olympic Trials trip that I was awarded to go on. This was an amazing opportunity and I learned many new things. From seeing Jhonny Kulow swim multiple swim-off's within hours to making new friends from inside and outside of the state, having fun creating fundraising ideas, and even having that new spark in my day to continue on and see how all the hard work people do is for something. Even if it is just one more hour or set it counts towards the overall goal that all athletes have in there head. Seeing one of my former teammates that I used to share sets and practices with get that far defiantly encourages me and all of my teammates that I had the opportunity to share the thrill with. As well as everything that I got to experience while in Lucas Oil Stadium I greatly appreciated the clinics and practices that were challenging but incredibly helpful. Looking back on this experience I am seeing just how wonderful it was and how I am so grateful that these amazing trips happen.

Eleanor Tippin

This trip was absolutely incredible! I learned so much about how large scale meets are similar and different from high school and club meets, whether they are championships or not. I cannot express how thankful I am to have gone on this trip. One of my favorite parts of the trip was meeting athletes from all over the state of Wyoming. Some of the people on this trip I had met before, but because of age differences, high school teams championships, it meant that I had never even seen most of the people on the trip. I met some incredible people I will continue to look for at every meet I compete or go to. I also loved the training with Caleb and Emily. I don't have a whole lot of experience with long course swimming because of the pools we have access to here in Wyoming, but it was fun to train in a 50 Meter pool and see how other coaches in Wyoming coach. Thank you for this experience.

Taylor Clark

I really loved going on this trip, it was a big experience for me. Especially being the only one chosen from Worland! I really loved the Fitter and Faster camp because it was a super big learning experience for me on starts, especially on making my starts better. I learned how to push from my hips and how to have an explosive push off. I also learned how to do a relay start and that was really important to me. It is important to me because now I have a super fast relay start that can make or break my team winning.

Emma Machado

When arriving in Indianapolis I couldn't believe that I had received the opportunity to watch the 2024 Olympic Trials. Going through the week I enjoyed getting to know the other swimmers and coaches! While watching the Olympic Trials my mind and heart told me that this is where I dream of being in my future, and it opened new ideas, doors, and opportunities for myself. During the week we had attended a Fitter and Faster Camp. There I learned new swimming techniques as well as relay starts! I've learned that being able to swim at that level is a lot of hard work and dedication. My favorite part about the 2024 Olympic Trials was definitely being able to see world records broken, and watching Team USA form. Throughout this whole trip I had received the help with fundraising from my town and all of the people around me. I couldn't have made this trip possible without them.