



Swim International 2008

November 7-10, 2008

Preliminary Information



We will once again be returning to Brantford, Ontario CANADA to participate in the **Swim International** Swim meet at the Wayne Gretzky Sports complex. This year will be the 33rd Anniversary of the meet, and our Canadian friends are very happy that we will be making the return trip back to the meet. WSY has been attending this meet since the early 80's. Most of the previous years we have attended this meet, we have been the **one of the only** American team at the meet. There are qualifying standards for the meet, which may be found on the web site. The pool in which we swim is a 55 meter pool, which is separated into (2) 25 METER courses. There is a warm-up/down pool at the facility as well. The meet is a Preliminary/Final meet. All swimmers swim in the morning/afternoon, and the top 8 come back to swim at night. Our highest placing at this meet has been 6th out of about 30 teams. Those of you that attended last year will agree this meet is a wonderful experience for both athletes and parents

You must have met the qualifying times at participate in this meet. We will have a brief "Time Trial" at practice, for those swimmers who feel they are "close" to the qualifying times, but have not achieved them. Please note, this meet is a great meet for our younger swimmers to get "Distance" type events....ie. 200's and 100's. If you are not sure of your times in these events, see one of your coaches at practice. This meet is a great opportunity for swimmers of all ages to attend a "Team Meet". All swimmers will receive WSY International Team t-shirts which we will wear at finals each evening. All swimmers will participate in our Team meetings at the hotel each day, and we will have a few team dinners as well.

Now for the details.....

We will be departing from the YMCA parking on Friday, November 7th at 4:45am, and will travel to Brantford by bus (video-equipped Motorcoach). We make two (2) stops for breakfast and lunch. We should arrive at the hotel by about 1pm. We will need to be at the pool by 3pm for warm-up for the Friday events. We will swim on Saturday, and Sunday, and depart Canada on Monday, November 10th about 8am, to return home. We will stop at Niagara Falls (Canadian side) for about 2 hours. We should return back to the YMCA by 7pm on Monday evening. When entering Canada from the United States, U.S. citizens must show either a U.S. passport or other proof of U.S. citizenship - such as an original or certified birth certificate together with photo identification. **NEW** this year is we will also need each swimmer to have their parents sign a permission slip and have it signed by a Notary Public, which we will do our best to have one present at practices to take care of this form.

Reservations for this meet will be taken on First-Come-First-Serve basis. We have 44 seats on the bus. These seats will be reserved for swimmers first, and if they do not fill up, then parents will be able to reserve seats. The cost for the trip will be \$480 per swimmer if you will be attending the meet without a parent. This includes hotel (2-3 per room), bus, Dinner on Friday prior to finals, Saturday Pizza, and Sunday Team Dinner (after finals), and Team t-shirts. **(NOTE: Swimmers 12 and under MUST have a parent)** If you will be attending as a family all in the same hotel room with one swimmer, the cost is \$715 total. If you will be attending the meet as a family with two (2) swimmers, the cost is \$860 total. ***If we have more than 30 swimmers attend this meet, this trip cost will become cheaper.*** These costs include hotel, bus (for swimmers only, we may have space for parents closer to the time of departure, at which time parents may pay extra to ride the bus), Dinner on Friday prior to finals, Saturday Pizza/Subs, and Sunday Team Dinner (after finals), and Team t-shirts. All entry fees will be billed to your Team Escrow account and are not included in the travel fees above. Swimmers will be responsible for their breakfast and lunch, however we will ask for donations for the bus ride of fruits, and snacks. **All fees are listed as American Currency.**

We need to have a total count by **Monday, October 22**. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please fill out the bottom portion of this form, and return it with a **\$50 deposit** by Monday, October 20. Please place envelope's in Pool Box!!!

 Detach here, and return with your entry sheet no later than **Monday, October 20 2008**

_____ **YES, I will be attending Swim International 2008**

Name: _____

Age: _____

As of 11/7/08

Parents attending and need room **YES** **NO**
 (Swimmers 12 and under MUST have a parent)

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