



January 29, 2008

Dear Middies Parents:

Many of you have expressed your concern over planning for the final meet run this season. The two main meets that will require travel and possible hotel arrangements are Silver Championships at Viking Aquatics in Montgomery New York Friday February 29-Sunday March 2 and the Sun-kissed Invitational in Charlotte North Carolina Thursday, April 3rd to Sunday April 6th.

We have updated the qualifiers for all championship meets and will continue to do so after every USS meet we attend. Please make sure to check the meet page and qualifiers list for these meets before making any plans. Also, all time standards for the championship meets are posted at the top of the meet page.

The Valley Central Natatorium on Route 17K in Montgomery NY is roughly an hour to an hour and fifteen minute drive from White Plains. As the meet is a three day format, many parents may wish to stay over night, especially if their children are swimming in the morning sessions. A list of all area lodgings can be found at:

http://www.vacswim.com/news/Area_Hotels.htm

In terms of the Sun-Kissed Invitational, we will be holding a meeting tomorrow night January 30th at 7:00 PM. The hotel we will be staying at is the Holiday Inn Center City in downtown Charlotte. Unfortunately, there is a major convention, an NCAA basketball tournament nearby and of course, the Sun-Kissed Invitational all on the same weekend. This made finding the proper group accommodations very difficult.

In terms of a group rate we were able to get the rooms for \$189 per night. This is a bit expensive, but with proper planning and shared rooms it will still pose the best option we have for the weekend. One major perk is that the hotel is only 5 blocks away from the pool and they do offer complimentary shuttle service through the hotel. We are currently working on group breakfast and lunch through the hotel, but may have to work on alternate dinner plans.

Holiday Inn Center City (704) 335-5400 www.hicharlotte.com

As for flight arrangements, we will have to discuss the possibility of Thursday morning or Thursday evening flight options. Anyone not traveling with us Thursday morning will miss the 3:00 Warm-up and 4:00 Start time for that day's events. Though this is not our ideal option, we understand school and family pressures and want to make sure that as many swimmers as possible can take advantage of experiencing this meet.

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Though we understand that we are throwing this meeting at you all very quickly, it is imperative that we get together as soon as possible to insure we plan properly for all aspects of the trip. If any parents cannot attend this meeting for any reason, please contact Coach Dorsey so that an alternate discussion of the trip's details can be arranged.

Lastly, here is a list of all swimmers who have qualified for at least one event for this meet:

Lauren Becerra
Joseph Eiden
Jessica Catarinacchio
Kaitlin Doherty
Callie Kanim
Eva Russo

Ericka Fink
Vincent Catarinacchio
Adrienne Groccia
Alex Gianino
Jackie Groccia
Ben Itzkowitz
Aeisha McDavid
Gerard Jitechian
Regina Pakstas-Smith
Jeanette Russo
Kathryn Schaefer

Sincerely,

Coach Dorsey