

Dear Wisconsin Coaches and Swimmers,

As you may know the Central Zones Championships will be held in Topeka, Kansas August 9-12. The WI Zone Coaching Staff and WI LSC are asking that you please encourage your swimmers who meet the AAA Qualifying Standards (aka Zone Cuts) from your team to attend the meet. One of our goals this year is to have a strong performance at the meet, develop a sense of team unity among Team Wisconsin Swimmers and to have a lot of fun! In order for Team Wisconsin to perform at our best we need to have as many Wisconsin Qualifiers participating as possible. Like you, as Wisconsin Coaches and Swimmers, we take pride in representing our State and need everyone's support to do well at the Zone Meet so please consider participating!

The Zone Meet is a special experience and one of the many benefits of attending the Zone Meet is that it is one of the most competitive meets available for Age Group Swimmers each season. It is a worthwhile experience for all swimmers (young and old) and is a great way for swimmers to build experience competing at high level meets. Swimmers who are exposed to competing in "bigger meets" like Zones are more likely to be successful in the future when competing at meets such as Speedo Sectionals, YMCA Nationals, Junior Nationals, Senior Nationals, etc. At the Central Zone Meet Wisconsin Swimmers will compete against the best swimmers from LSC's in our region such as: Illinois, Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Lake Erie, Michigan, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and the Ozark.

Another benefit and great reason to encourage your swimmers to attend the Zone Meet, is it's a great way for athletes to develop new friendships with swimmers not from only Wisconsin, but also with swimmers from different parts of the US. The relationships and friendships that swimmers develop at this meet will last a lifetime. Some swimmers might even find that they will attend college with some of the swimmers that they met during a Zones Meets when they were younger. Swimmers will also get the experience of meeting and getting to know other coaches around the State, which is great for everyone.

Lastly, there are two team championships to be won at the Zone Meet, one being the Open Water (that is a lot of fun) and the second the Long Course Championship Meet. In the past Team Wisconsin has done well in both meets, but we need the best team that Wisconsin Swimming can put together in order to place well again. Please consider helping to make this year's Zones Meet as successful as possible for Team Wisconsin and promote participation (specifically for the 13 and over swimmers and especially the 15-18 age group).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dave Clark, the Zones Manager (via email at [h2o@uwm.edu](mailto:h2o@uwm.edu) or by phone at 414-229-2238). You can also contact any of the Zone Coaching Staff including: Head Coach/ Head Senior Coach Wagner DaSilva (BAC), Head 12 & Under Coach John Bradley (WEST), Open Water Coach Walberto Colon (SCSC) and Age Group Coaches, Shane Ryan (MWY), Paula Caucutt (ECY), Paul Hollub (Wave) and Colleen Szerlong (STAR) for more information. You can also find out more about Zones on the Wisconsin Swimming Web Page under the 2007 Zone C Section.

Attached you will find a copy of this letter and a letter from John Bradley (the Head 12 and Under Zones Coach) John's letter is addressed to 12 & Under Swimmers inviting and encouraging them to compete at Zones. Please print a copy of both and give them to your swimmers who are interested in the Zone Meet.

Thank you for your time and consideration in helping promote the Zone Meet. Good luck at your upcoming championship meets!

Sincerely,

The 2007 Wisconsin Zone Coaching Staff