

# 2016 Western Zone Age Group Championship Swim Meet

## Event Preface



**Description:** A four day championship swim meet for approximately 700 athletes ages 8-14 from 14 western states. Athletes compete on one of 17 “all-star” teams from their state or region. Athletes, coaches, officials, team support personnel, families of swimmers, spectators, meet volunteers, zone and national swimming leadership attend a variety of event activities.

**Website:** [utahzones2016.com](http://utahzones2016.com)

**Date:** August 10-13, 2016

**Location:** Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center  
5624 S. Cougar Lane Kearns, UT 84118

**Meet Motto:** Swim Your Passion

**Meet Vision Statement:** Create opportunities for each to discover something great within, and also among, through inspiring passionate performance, expanded connection and lasting legacy.

### Host Focal Points:

#### 1. Passion

- Have fun while inspiring the next generation of athletes, and all others associated with the meet, to tap into their potential, experience the intensity of competition and share the joy of being part of America’s swim team, especially in this, an Olympic year.

#### 2. Connection

- Building on Utah’s Olympic legacy, create a unique and exciting event that fully utilizes the opportunity for all involved to unite in the Olympic Spirit. The Olympic connection will be leveraged through the use of local venues and mirroring fun traditions.
- Enabling connection for the athletes to their team and to other swimmers in the Western Zone.
- Facilitating connection for all associated with the meet to each other, our country and the sport of swimming.

#### 3. Legacy

- Leave a positive, enduring legacy by:
  - i. Making this one of the most fun and memorable, quality swimming events for everyone involved no matter how large or small a part they play.
  - ii. Utilizing the USA-Swimming community within Utah to plan, prepare and host the event to increase interaction, experience and certification (where applicable) among members.
  - iii. Seeking partnerships with community organizations for volunteers, donations and purchasing locally where feasible.
  - iv. Running a fiscally responsible event.

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### Event Activities

- **Championship Meet:** Four days of competition in prelims/finals format. Prelim sessions are held each morning then top qualifiers and relays compete in late afternoon/evening finals.
- **General Meeting:** Held the day before the meet begins. Coaches, officials and meet organizers assemble to disburse information and finalize meet parameters.
- **Zone Dinner Social and Business Meeting:** Banquet for team and zone leadership held the second night of competition after finals. Includes a business meeting component.
- **Officials Social:** Social for officials working the meet. Usually held the third night of competition after finals.
- **Athlete Social:** A fun activity for all athletes held after the last session of the meet.

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### USA Swimming Western Zone

**Local Swim Committee (LSC) Teams:** Alaska, Arizona, Central California, Colorado, Hawaii, Inland Empire, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Pacific Swimming, Pacific Northwest, San Diego Imperial, Sierra Nevada, Snake River, Southern California, Utah, Wyoming

**States:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska (partial), Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

