

2016 Western Zone Age Group Championships

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Message to Utah Swimming Clubs, Parents & Swimmers



The Western Zone Age Group Championships is coming to Utah in August 2016! Because of the Olympic Connection: Utah's Olympic legacy and the Rio Olympics occurring at the same time as the meet, planners envision more than just another swim meet.

Three key themes **Passion, Connectivity, and Legacy** establish the foundation of the experience we hope, with your help, to create. First, host a fun, high-level competitive event where the passion athletes and volunteers alike have for the sport is expressed. Our meet motto is **Swim Your Passion**. Second, leverage the concept of "connectivity" in bringing a swimming community together to build new friendships and catch the Olympic Spirit. Third, leave a legacy by making this one of the most fun and memorable events in everyone's swimming career no matter how large or small a part they play.

We greatly need Utah Swimming clubs, parents, and swimmers to help ensure success and everyone can benefit from involvement.

If you can't go to Rio, it's the next best place to be!

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

Benefits From Meet Involvement:

- Increased vision and understanding of competitive swimming
- Expanded knowledge and experience for parents and swimmers
- More committed parents and swimmers
- Fun!
- A chance to "Give Back"
- Volunteer hours for college and other applications (high school age swimmers)
- The chance to race against the fastest age group swimmers in the Western Zone (qualifiers)
- Increased certification opportunities (officials)
- Opportunities to meet new friends or strengthen and renew old friendships
- Increased meet hosting capabilities
- Upgraded meet hosting equipment
 - The good feeling that comes from helping where help is greatly needed

What is Needed?

Share Your Passion!

Get Connected (Sign up on the website: utahzones2016.com)

Be part of the Legacy (Volunteer, Participate, Donate, Encourage)

Needed From Club Leadership:

- **Create Excitement:** Pass along information in a timely manner with encouragement and enthusiasm
- **Encourage**
 - Parents to volunteer and donate
 - Swimmers not participating as athletes to volunteer
 - Sign up as a club to fill meet volunteer slots and fill them with club parents and swimmers
- **Prepare** swimmers age 14 and under to qualify

Needed From Parents:

- **Learn More** Visit meet website utahzones2016.com. Explore and sign-up using "Contact Us"
- **Create Excitement** about meet among other swim parents and swimmers.
- **Volunteer:** Help is needed both before and/or during the meet.
 - To assist before the meet contact Meet Director
 - To sign up to help at the meet visit: utahzones2016.com and click on the Volunteers tab
- **Donate:** Business, family, individual & company match financial and in-kind donations accepted.
- **Bid:** Do you own, work for, or know of a company that could be a meet vendor or supplier?
- **Encourage** swimmers to qualify or volunteer (see below)

Needed From Swimmers:

- **Age 14 and Under**
 - **Create Excitement** Learn more about the meet, participate in social media campaign and encourage others to do the same.
 - **Prepare to Qualify** and encourage others to prepare to qualify too!
 - **Attend and Cheer on Teammates and Friends**
 - **Volunteer** (Mature 11 year olds and up)
 - Work as a meet volunteer
- **Age 15 and Older**
 - **Create Excitement** Learn more about the meet, participate in social media campaign and encourage others to do the same.
 - **Volunteer**
 - Work as a meet volunteer
 - **Encourage**
 - Other swimmers to volunteer
 - Younger swimmers to prepare to qualify
 - **Attend and Cheer on Teammates and Friends**