

Hey Everyone,

If you have received this email, you have swimmer(s) who have strong "BB" times in at least 1 event or they are at the "A" level in at least 1 event. These swimmers will do well within Mississippi at the State Meet in a few weekends, however there is the next step in swimming...

The next level of swimming for 14 and under athletes is called "Age Group Sectionals". It usually takes times around "AA" or faster to qualify for this meet. We are in the Southern Zone for USA Swimming (there are 4 zones) and there are many Sections within each Zone. Our section represents swimmers from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, parts of Alabama and Tennessee, plus Mississippi!

In order to be prepared for the chance (can't guarantee or promise anything) your swimmer(s) have a great State Meet and perform well enough to qualify for AG Sectionals...start planning for this to be in option to attend the meet. In years past, I have not done a good job of preparing families for this meet and after state meet there is only about 4 days to decide if you can go, then the entries are due. Recently, I am giving all families with potential qualifiers a heads up to start thinking about this meet being an option before state meet.

Quick Note to Parents

Some swimmers know about this meet already through conversations at meets or at practice.

Parents, DO NOT talk about this meet or these times to your athlete before races they are close in or any race. I can not stress this point enough. Let their progress develop on their own time table. DO NOT force the issue. It has been my experience watching my friends in swimming and coaching swimmers...Most kids don't perform well under pressure from PARENTS. This is my job as a coach.

With that being said, I trust everyone who has received this email that this won't be an issue. I have watched how all of you are around your swimmers (before, during, and after races) and you do your role as a "support system" for your athletes very well.

More About the Meet

This year the meet is in Huntersville, NC (Charlotte, NC). DAC will be booking rooms soon, at a group discount. The hotel is directly across the street from the pool and you can walk from the lobby of the "Blake Hotel" to the pool deck in under 1 minute.

Here is the information about the meet below...this can also be found on the DAC Website, under the "Meet Schedule", then scroll just past the State Meet info and you will find the AG Sectional Meet Listed....

Date of the Meet ~ March 11-14th (Thurs ~ Sunday)

Meet Event Page

The Sectional Meet is online under the Age Group Sectional EVENT PAGE. The Meet Information has not been released.

Have a great day!!!

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