

Dear Sun Devil Families:

We have had listed on our meet schedule for some time a team trip to somewhere, June 4-6. I wanted this trip to be near a beach, since it would be a nice relief from Arizona weather and fun at the same time. It has taken a while to come up with a suitable meet due to the fact that all meets at or near California beach cities had minimum time standards, which would have prevented certain swimmers from attending the meet.

I finally was able to set up a meet with a new team in Santa Barbara. This meet will be short course because the only long course pool certified in the area is hosting a meet with time standards the same weekend as our trip. The meet will be in a fast short course pool with plenty of warm-up space.

The critical step is now determining how many swimmers will attend this meet. It will be for swimmers 14 years and younger. This will include swimmers from Groups 1, 2 and 3, Gold, and our satellite pools in the West and North. There will be a number of options, but the first step is assessing interest in the trip. We will have something posted on the website as soon as possible where you can state your interest in going on the trip. There will be choices to travel on the bus or drive your own car. There will also be lodging choices, including staying in the team hotel, staying in a different hotel, camping, or staying with friends or relatives.

When you commit to attending this trip (and you must COMMIT your intention to attend) you will need to indicate the following:

1. We would like to travel in the team bus

or

We will make our own travel arrangements to getting to and from SB.

2. We would like to stay in the team hotel.

or

We will make our own arrangements.

Please let us know the requested details by May 9th. Once we have the numbers attending, we will be able to provide a closer cost estimate.

I will reserve one bus that holds either 45 or 55 people depending on how many want to ride the bus. The bus will be open to anyone that wants to go on the trip, but children under 10 years old must have a parent on the bus. We will have chaperones for those 10 years and older who wish to attend without their parents. In the event we have more than 55 people that want to ride the bus, I will look into another bus. The total cost of the bus will be divided among all those on the bus; if the bus is filled, we estimate the cost will be around \$90 per person.

The plan is for the bus to leave Friday morning, June 4 and return Sunday, June 6. Those driving on their own can leave when they choose, so long as they arrive in

time for the meet. The meet will be swum Saturday morning. I will start searching for a hotel as soon as I have an idea how many people need rooms.

I am sorry there could not be earlier notice of the location, but I have been working on this trip since last August. I am very happy with the location and I think the type of meet will allow for competition as well as fun at the beach. I hope we will have a great turnout for this event.

Yours truly,

Michael Chasson

President