

ROSE BOWL SWIM TEAM 2009 “TRAVEL TRIP” JULY 3RD THROUGH JULY 5TH TO SANTA BARBARA

Some of you are Rose Bowl swim team veterans, who have been going on this Santa Barbara travel trip for years (if so, feel free to go straight to the registration form!). Others are newer families with swimmers who may be considering the trip for the first time. The following information was pulled together to answer as many questions as possible.

How do I sign up? To register for the 2009 Santa Barbara trip, please complete the *Trip Registration Form* attached and return it with a \$100.00 trip deposit to the blue Santa Barbara file (near Meet Entry Folder) in the lobby. In order to get a better trip number, we would appreciate it if you could sign up as soon as possible, but the **sign-up deadline is Friday, May 15th**. Once you've registered, we will send to you the additional paperwork that needs to be completed, including a (1) Travel & Medical Release form; (2) a “Standard of Conduct” agreement; (3) a Background Medical Information form; (4) a suggested packing list; and (5) a personalized invoice for the trip balance due (TBD). Feel free to return the paperwork at your convenience, but it needs to be submitted no later than **June 1st**. This is an absolute deadline, so we can get our entries into the meet in a timely fashion and ensure we can swim.

What is the Santa Barbara travel trip? Once a year the coaches take the swim team on a travel trip as a group to an “away” meet. The team travels to the venue together on a bus, stays as a team together in a hotel, and participates in activities as a team around the meet schedule. For over 11 years, the Rose Bowl Swim team has traveled to Santa Barbara over the July 4th weekend for the *Semana Nautica* age group swim meet. This meet is just one event in the local 10-day *Semana Nautica* sports festival, which attracts thousands of athletes each year to compete in every beach sport under the sun. The total cost of the trip this year will be \$280 per swimmer and details regarding payment and costs are explained below.

When & where is it? The swim meet this year will be on Friday, July 3rd through Sunday, July 5th. Further details on the meet schedule and location will be made available as soon as the Santa Barbara Swim Club finalizes the meet.

The team will meet at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center on Friday morning for bus loading and check-in. Departure time will be determined at a later date. Depending on the number of trip participants, we will rent the necessary number of charter buses. Chaperones and coaches will travel with the team on the bus, but parents who choose to attend the meet need to make their own transportation and hotel arrangements. The bus will arrive back at the Aquatic Center on Sunday at approximately 8 PM (times may be adjusted later). ***This is a preliminary plan based on prior year schedules. Final schedule is subject to change and will be distributed once the meet schedule is made available.***

Who can participate? Any Rose Bowl swim team member (registered with USA swimming), who is at least 7 years old, is welcome to go on the “travel trip,” and we encourage all swimmers to participate. It is always a great team-building adventure and is fun for swimmers of all ages. Last year the group of 7 & 8 year-olds had as much fun as the teen swimmers! This long-course age group meet is usually set up as an “ABC” meet (now called BRW for Blue, Red & White), so swimmers at all levels can participate.

This is a great opportunity for age group swimmers to travel to a swim meet in a team environment, preparing them for senior swim meets and college swimming (i.e. swimming out of a hotel room). The team has lots of fun and it is a bonding experience and a source of memories for the swimmers.

Chaperones. There are volunteer parent chaperones assigned to a specific group of swimmers for the entire weekend. There is approximately one chaperone for each eight older swimmers, and about one chaperone for each six of the youngest swimmers. You will be advised of your child's chaperone before

departure including their cell phone number. Based on our experience over many years, this chaperone arrangement works well. If a swimmer participates in the trip with the team, they are expected to remain with and under the supervision of the chaperone for the entire trip. Even if parents go to the meet as spectators and supporters, the swimmers remain the charges of the chaperones and may not leave the venue with parents or come and go to certain activities. Trip participants are expected to stay with the team and chaperones at all times. Any swimmer wishing to stay with their parents can do so, and still participate with their group.

Team Lodging. The team will either be staying at the *Holiday Inn –Goleta* . This hotel is approximately 8 miles from downtown, up Highway 101. These hotels in this area are the only ones with enough rooms with two double beds to accommodate the size of our travel team. These hotels routinely house sports teams visiting UC Santa Barbara, and is set up for large groups of athletes. Please note that room assignments will be made by the **coaches** and will not be announced until after check-in at the Team Hotel on Friday evening. Swimmers will be assigned, four to a room, pretty much with swimmers of their age group (all the same gender), and there will be no re-assignments or changes allowed. Chaperones will be in rooms near their charges.

Parent lodging. For parents who plan to attend the meet, ***you need to make your own arrangements and reservations for lodging.*** We would recommend that you do so as soon as possible, since accommodations book early for the July 4th weekend and during the *Semana Nautica* festival. Most hotels require 2-night minimum stay over the summer weekends, and most do not honor AAA rates. Some local hotels close to the pool venue are already sold out, due to athlete group reservations. A list of possible hotels is included in this packet.

Meet entries and awards. Once you sign up for the trip and pay your deposit, the coaches will be doing the meet entries for all swimmers. Meet entry fees are included in your trip cost. Feel free to talk to your coaches about possible events and the coaches will advise swimmers of actual entries as we get closer to mid-June. The nature of the awards at the *Semana Nautica* meet is such that swimmers should swim as many events as possible over the three days. Plaque awards are given to swimmers in each age group (8&under boys, 8&under girls, 9&under boys, 9&under girls, etc.) who accumulate the most points during the meet. Even though 13 and over swimmers will be swimming “open” events, the awards are given for each age group (13 & under, 14 & under, etc.).

Transportation. In addition to transporting the swimmers to and from the Rose Bowl, the buses and drivers will be staying at the Team Hotel and transporting the swimmers to and from the pool, as necessary for their meet times. Buses are also available to escort the swimmers to and from the meets at various points to accommodate the morning and afternoon shifts. Further information will be available once the meet schedule and location is finalized. The buses are chartered, luxury coaches from Transportation Charter Services. The buses are all new, with individual air controls, reclining seats and a video system.

It is permissible for swimmers who come up on the bus and do the entire travel trip with the team, to choose to go home with their parents on Sunday, rather than going home on the bus. For example, some parents choose to stay in Santa Barbara an extra night, or swimmers just like to go home with their parents who are attending the meet. In either case, parents must advise their child’s chaperone of the plans and specifically “sign out” to help us keep track of everyone.

Free time during the meet. Depending on the meet schedule, there may be some free time in Santa Barbara after the meet to enjoy the beach, walk to the wharf, explore State Street, or whatever strikes their fancy. The kids, ***with their chaperones***, can use that time as they wish and suggested area activities will be provided to the chaperones such as movies, bowling, and/or biking.

Meals. All meals are provided for swimmers, coaches and chaperones, and are covered by the cost of the trip. This includes Friday lunch and dinner and Saturday and Sunday, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Snacks and drinks are available at the meet campsite throughout the day. Swimmers are not responsible for bringing any additional food or drink.

- **Saturday/Sunday Breakfast.** Breakfast will be included at the Taeam Hotel. Breakfast “snacks” will also be available at the pool campsite.
- **Lunches.** Lunches will include sandwiches (mostly likely sandwiches from Subway) and fruit and chips. Lunches will be available at the campsite for both morning and afternoon swimmers.
- **Dinners .** Dinners will be provided on Friday and Saturday nights. Friday night will be dinner at Outback steakhouse (tentative) and Saturday night will be a pasta dinner. Food for both nights will be from local Santa Barbara restaurants. Pizza will be provided on Sunday prior to departing Santa Barbara to return to the Rose Bowl.
- **Snacks and drinks.** These are provided throughout the trip and during the meet by the Boosters and chaperones.

Parent Food.- Parents who are coming separately to Santa Barbara can take advantage of all the scheduled meals and food that will be available at the meet site. Further cost breakdown for extra meals and snacks will be available in the final registration package. There is no need to pay for parent meals at this time. This can be paid with the final payment due June 1st.

Cost and Payment. The trip cost per swimmer this year will be \$280.00 . It costs almost \$30,000 to implement this travel trip, and the exact “per swimmer cost” cannot be determined until we know how many people will be on the trip (determines number and size of buses, necessary rooms, chaperone costs, etc.). Please note that some of your annual Booster Family Commitment is also used to cover costs of this trip. The Boosters will contribute over \$6,500 each year to cover the costs of all swim coaches and chaperones and to make a small additional contribution to each swimmer’s costs.

The approximate breakdown of the trip costs is as follows (again, subject to adjustments depending on number of participants) and based on prior year experience:

Hotel (4 per room@ \$185+tax)	\$ 100.00
Buses	\$ 64.00
Meet entry	\$ 31.00
T-shirts	\$ 20.00
Breakfast coupons	\$ 20.00
Fri. & Sun. Lunch	\$ 20.00
Sat. Pasta Dinner	\$ 10.00
Snacks & drinks	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
Total trip fee	\$ 280.00

A deposit of **\$100.00, made out to Rose Bowl Boosters**, is due at the time you sign up for the trip. Shortly after the **May 15th sign-up deadline**, you will receive an individual invoice for the trip balance due. This balance and supplemental paperwork is due **June 1st**.

Cancellations will be accepted and funds will be refunded up to June 1st only. From June 1st on, any cancellations are non-refundable. Finally, **please note** that swimmers must be current on their Booster

Family Commitment (including payment of the second half due, for which invoices went out earlier this month) in order to go on the trip.

For your planning purposes, please be advised that there will be a quick **Mandatory Meeting** of all trip participants (and at least one parent) an evening on **June 24th**. It is the same evening as team photo day. The final agenda and travel trip plans will be reviewed at that time.

Volunteers Needed. In addition to the roles and responsibilities of the coaches and chaperones during this trip, there are many discrete jobs that need doing over the weekend, and for which we are seeking parent volunteers. These jobs would be ideal for folks who are planning to attend the meet as spectators, while their swimmers are on the trip with the team. Please contact the Santa Barbara trip committee (contacts listed below) if you are interested in volunteering for any job. It's a great way to meet new families and meet your service hour requirements.

Questions?? For those of you who sign up for the trip, we will be providing additional information and communication as it becomes available, both by email and in your folders. If you have any other questions, please ask your coach or contact Heather Smith (heather.d.smith@hotmail.com), Suzanne Hughes (hughes.circus@sbcglobal.net), or Laurie Hopkins (laanadahopkins@yahoo.com)

We hope you will make every effort to be a part of the 2009 Rose Bowl Swim Team Travel Trip.

**2009 Rose Bowl Swim Team Travel Trip to Santa Barbara
T-Shirt Order Form**

Swimmer's Name(s):

T-Shirt Size
(cost incl in Trip fee)

_____ Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large
Youth: Medium Large X-Large

_____ Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large
Youth: Medium Large X-Large

_____ Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large
Youth: Medium Large X-Large

Parents/Friends Extra T-Shirt Order Form

(\$10.00 each; Please indicate number of shirts per size and add cost to trip check due. Payment will be due with final payment on June 1st.)

Adult: _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ XX-Large

Youth: _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large

Rose Bowl Swim Team
2009 "Travel Trip" to Santa Barbara
for the *Semana Nautica* long-course age group swim meet

Registration Form

(Complete and return to blue "Santa Barbara Trip" folder in Lobby;
One form per swimmer – extra forms in SB trip folder)

July 3rd through July 5th 2009

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER SWIMMER

Name of Swimmer _____ Practice Group _____

Age on July 4th: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Email address for trip communication _____

Phone Contact for trip communication _____

To help us plan the trip and the costs associated with them, please check one of the following below:

_____ **My swimmer plans on driving up with parents and staying with parents at a different hotel.**

_____ **My swimmer will ride up on the Team bus and stay at the Team hotel.**

****** For swimmers staying with their parents for the entire trip, the total cost of the trip will be \$100.00. This will be for meet entry fees, and all food and drinks during the meet.**

******Note that chaperone activities will be an additional charge provided by the parents.**

Deposit Due at time of registration: \$100.00 (Payable to *Rose Bowl Boosters*)

2009 Possible Santa Barbara hotels for Parents (near pool or near team hotel)

Here is a list of possible “parent” hotels that still have some limited availability. We recommend you make reservations ASAP (by late February), as many hotels sell out quickly for the July 4th weekends and the smaller hotels have very limited space to start with. The rates are 2009 quotes that do not include tax (thus, designated as “rate⁺”). FYI, hotel rates seem to have gone up this year again from prior year levels and most do not honor AAA rates on holiday weekends.

At/Near Team Hotel: (*-Possible TEAM Hotels)

- **Holiday Inn – Santa Barbara/Goleta*, 5650 Calle Real, Santa Barbara. It is 8 miles from the pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$209⁺**/night. Phone: 805-964-6241.
- **Hampton Inn –Goleta*, 5665 Hollister Ave., Goleta; 9 miles from the pool; near Holiday Inn. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$249⁺**/night (AAA). Phone: 805-681-9800.

Near Pool (Meet Site):

- *Best Western Beachside*, 336 West Cabrillo Blvd., SB. Right across from pool. Phone: 805-965-6556. **NO ROOMS AVAILABLE- SOLD OUT**
- *The Franciscan Inn*, 109 Bath St., SB. 0.5 miles from pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$190-\$215⁺**/night and up. Phone: 805-963-8845.
- *Castillo Inn at the Beach*, 22 Castillo St., SB, 0.2 miles from pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$240⁺** and up/night. Phone: 800-965-8570
- *Casa Del Mar Inn*, 18 Bath St., SB, 0.3 miles from pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$240⁺**/nite. Phone: 805-963-4418.
- *Brisas del Mar Inn at the Beach*, 223 Castillo St., SB; 0.34 miles from pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$261⁺**/night. Phone: 805-966-2219
- *Inn by the Harbor*, 433 West Montecito, SB; 0.45 miles from pool. Rooms available at rate of **\$194⁺**/night. Phone: 805-963-7851.
- *Colonial Beach Inn*, 206 Castillo St., SB; 0.32 miles from pool. Rooms available at **\$243⁺**/night. Phone: 805-963-4317.
- *Hotel Oceana*, 202 West Cabrillo Blvd., SB. 0.34 miles from pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$375⁺**/night (no A/C). Phone: 805-962-8361
- *Harborview Inn*, 28 West Cabrillo Blvd., SB. 0.5 miles from pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$325⁺**/night. Phone: 805-963-0780
- *West Beach Inn*, 306 West Cabrillo, SB. 0.24 miles from pool. **NO ROOMS AVAILABLE-SOLD OUT**. Phone: 805-963-4277
- *Marina Beach Motel*, 21 Bath St., SB., 0.3 miles from pool. Rooms available for a 2 night stay at **\$250⁺**/night and up. Phone: 805-963-9311
- *Fess Parker’s Doubletree Resort*, 633 East Cabrillo Blvd. SB; 1.5 miles from pool. (805-564-4333)
- *Hotel MarMonte (formerly the Radisson Hotel)* SB, 1111 East Cabrillo Blvd., SB. 1.8 miles from the pool. Rooms available for 2 night stay at **\$319**/night. Phone: 805-963-0744