



**Alaska Swimming Inc.**

**All\*Star Team**

Western Zone Championship  
August 5-9th, 2008  
Hood River, Oregon

***Athletes, Parents, Coach's,***

This years deposit is \$950. This covers the ground transportation, hotel, and food.

Deposit deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

You will need to purchase your own ticket.

Block tickets have been set up for the staff and athletes only.

Travel dates are August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and August 10<sup>th</sup>. Swimmers will need to be at the Seattle Tacoma airport by 11am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August.

The price from Fairbanks is \$667.40, Anchorage \$505, and South East will have a 10% discount from the lowest publish fare (convention rate).

Parents are encouraged to attend the meet. However, they are not part of the team: their food, lodging, transportation etc. are the responsibility of the parent and not ASI. Parents are encouraged to participate at the meet in the capacity of a volunteer to the host team. It is encouraged for the parents to be timers, and officials. The IRS recognizes this as a volunteer event, so you may be able to use it as an itemized event on your yearly tax return. Every effort will be made by the zone manager or staff to offer extra team shirts that the parents may purchase at the meet, so they can show their support when they are cheering or volunteering.

Since team members have come together from all over Alaska, they are expected to fully participate with team activities throughout the trip in order to create and maintain a cohesive and unified team experience for the swimmers. At the meet venue, swimmers are allowed to visit their parents in the stands once they have spoken with their coaches about their race and gotten permission from a chaperone. However team members are generally expected to stay with the team so they can prepare for their races and cheer for/support other team members. Once the team leaves the meet venue, parents who are not part of the zone staff shall not interfere with the decisions or schedule of the team. Parents are not allowed into the hotel rooms. Parents are welcome to meet their children in the hotel lobby, but swimmers are expected to stay with the team at all times unless other arrangements are made with the head coach and head chaperone in advance.

***Extra activities***

No extra activities shall take place from Sunday through Saturday during the week of the meet. Something shall be planned before or after these dates. We are on the trip to swim fast, and are representing Alaska Swimming. Every effort will be made to include an extra event. Shopping for items other than food/drinks is not feasible during this time period at the host meet area.