

2010 CAN-AM Native American Swimming Championships

June 26-27, 2010

Hardin, Montana, USA

Montana Swimming and the Montana Swimming Age Group Committee are pleased to invite you to attend the 2010 CAN-AM (Canadian – American) Native American Swimming Championships. This is a timed finals championship meet.

Location: Hardin Community Activity Center, 621 West Eighth, Hardin, Montana, USA 59034; (406) 665-6405. This is an indoor, 8 lane, 25 yard pool with non-turbulent lane ropes. The warm-up pool will be open during warm-ups and throughout the meet for supervised warm-ups. The facility features a new 8 lane Colorado Time scoreboard.

Directions: From I-90, take the Hardin city center exit number 495. At the bottom of the ramp, turn onto Crawford Avenue and drive into Hardin. At the Y intersection of Crawford and 11th Street (at the Town Pump convenience store) turn right onto Mitchell Avenue. Then turn left onto 8th Street (at the orange Hardin High School Bulldogs sign). Turn left into the parking lot of the Hardin Community Activity Center pool. A map is included with this information. Free parking is available at the pool. Hardin can also be reached from the east via I-94 and MT Highway 47.

Swimmers and families may park recreational vehicles (RV's) in the pool parking lot overnight, but no services are available. Swimmers and families may also camp on the Hardin High School practice football field located near the pool.

Hardin is located south central Montana approximately 45 miles southeast of Billings, Montana, and approximately 85 miles north of Sheridan, Wyoming, on Interstate 90. Airline, campground, vehicle rental, and hotel information for both Hardin and Billings, Montana, along with a map of Hardin and pictures of the venue are posted on the Montana Swimming website under meets at <http://montana.usswim.net>.

Hardin is located immediately north of the Crow Indian Reservation. The Northern Cheyenne Reservation is approximately 40 miles east of Hardin. Hardin has a population of 3,487 and the elevation is 2902 feet.

Approval: This meet is approved by USA Swimming and Montana Swimming, Inc. Approval 0776.

Eligibility: This meet is open all Native American, American Indian, Alaska Native, and First Nations swimmers from the United States and Canada only. Swimmers do **not** have to be a registered athlete member of USA Swimming. Swimmers who are 2010 registered athlete members of USA Swimming should enter with their USA-S ID number, team and LSC for their results to be loaded into the SWIMS data base.

Tribal members must provide their tribal enrollment number or other proof of membership when entering. Those who are Native American non-tribal enrolled members must show other evidence of their Native American, American Indian, Alaska Native, or First Nations heritage in order to be eligible to compete when submitting entries.

Safety Regulations: Montana Swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect. Each coach is responsible for instructing swimmers of the provisions of the safety code prior to the meet. A safety marshal will be on deck during the meet. The warm-up pool will be open for lap swimming and warm-up/warm-down; no diving allowed. Swimmers in attendance without their coach will be assigned to a coach in attendance; these swimmers can request to be assigned to a particular coach. The hot tub and kid's pool will be closed.

Rules: The 2010 USA Swimming and Montana Swimming rules will govern the meet.

- Timing system: Colorado Timing system and/or two manual watches.
- All events will be swum as timed finals.
- The USA Swimming swim suit rules will be enforced.

- The USA Swimming technical rules will be enforced.
- Swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters for the 500 freestyle.
- All participating teams will be asked to provide timers during the meet; a schedule will be posted.
- The meet referee will have the final authority regarding the conduct of the meet.
- All protests shall be given to the meet referee.
- At the discretion of the meet referee, events may be combined.
- All swimmers, coaches, and officials with 2010 USA Swimming registrations will be verified by the MT Swimming Registration Chair.
- The USA Swimming code of conduct will be enforced.
- Smoking and the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages are prohibited anywhere in the venue. No glass containers are allowed in the venue. No cameras, no video cameras, and no camera/video cell phones are allowed in the locker rooms and restrooms.
- The pool venue is open to the public so no area should be considered secure. Keep your belongings with you during the meet. Members of the Custer's Last Stand re-enactment group will be changing and showering at the pool.

Disability: Disabled swimmers are welcome and encouraged to swim. Disabled swimmers must contact the meet referee to arrange for any needed accommodations before June 14, 2010. It is at the discretion of the meet referee to determine whether the needed accommodations can be met by the meet resources.

Age Groups: Age groups shall be scored 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19, and 20 and over. Events will be swum as listed on the event list. Age as of June 26, 2010, shall determine the swimmer's age group during the meet.

Seeding: Entry times should be submitted as actual in yards, short course meters or long course meters. Converted times will not be accepted. Seeding will be yards, short course meters, long course meters (Y-S-L). Indicate the course (Y-S-L) with each entry. No Time (NT) entries will **not** be accepted. Entries are limited to the team entering the 300th swimmer. An event file that can be imported into Hy-Tek Team Manager is posted on the Montana Swimming web site with the meet information.

Entry Fees: The individual entry fee is \$25.00 per person.
The relay entry fee is \$4.00 per relay team.
All entry fees must be in US dollars. There will be no refunds.

Entry Limits: Swimmers may enter four (4) individual events and 1 relay per day for a maximum of eight (8) individual events and two (2) relays for the meet.

Relays: Relays will be mixed and open. Teams may be composed of any mix of ages and sex including all male and all female teams. Teams may enter multiple relay teams but only the fastest relay for each team may score points in each relay event. Only the top eight relay teams in each event will score points. There are no awards for relays. All relays must be entered with a time. Do not submit relay swimmer names with entries. At the meet, relay cards must be completed with all required information and turned into the referee and lane timers prior to the race.

Entries:

1. Preferred method: E-mail entries using Hy-Tek meet software to Merle Gunderson at mtgunders@msn.com. Along with the electronic entry file, e-mail a printable team individual entry report sorted by name, a relay report sorted by event, and the entry fee report from Hy-Tek Team Manager in pdf, word, or rich text format. Email confirmation will be sent after your files are received. Completed signed waivers, registration and accounting sheet, and entry fees must be received by the due date. If you choose to submit electronic entries using an "other than" Hy-Tek product, be aware that times may not import correctly.

2. For swimmers or teams without access to Hy-Tek team manager software, you may download a free copy of Hy-Tek's Team Manager 5.0 Lite at <http://www.hy-tek.com/downloads.html> to complete your entries.
3. Unattached swimmers or teams with 4 or fewer swimmers entered may use the master entry form if the swimmer/team doesn't have access to Hy-Tek Team Manager software listed above.

Entry Deadline: E-mailed entries, along with the meet entry report, relay report, entry fee report, and electronically signed waivers, must be received by **June 14, 2010**. Phone and e-mail entries for individuals only will be accepted until 8:00 pm, June 15, 2010 at 406-727-2724 or e-mail at mtgunders@msn.com. All signed waivers, tribal membership paperwork, and entry fees must be received by June 17, 2010.

An e-mail will be sent to confirm receipt of entries and send warm-up times, start times, meeting times, and psych sheets if an e-mail address is provided.

Make all checks payable to Montana Swimming in US dollars. There will be no refunds.

Mailing address: Mail entry fees, signed waivers, and other meet paperwork to: Montana Swimming, c/o Merle Gunderson, 813 29th Avenue NE, Great Falls, MT 59404

Scratches: Coaches should report scratches to the meet referee during the coaches meeting prior to the beginning of the meet. Swimmers failing to report for their events shall be scratched at the blocks without penalty. There will be no clerk of course.

Scoring & Awards: Scoring is as follows: Individual events: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. Relay events will score as follows: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22.

Scoring and awards will be given for the following individual age groups for men and women: 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19 and 20 and over.

Awards will be given as follows:

Individual events: Medals for 1st - 3rd place.

Individual High Point Awards for the top individual in each age group and sex.

Top Team Award (Combined men's and women's scores including relay points).

There are no awards for relays.

Teams should designate one adult to pick up the awards at the end of the meet.

Disclaimer: USA Swimming, Inc., Montana Swimming, Inc., the Crow Tribe, Hardin Community Center, Hardin School District, Hardin Otter's Swim Team, and all meet officials and meet management shall be held free from liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries or accidents to anyone, including traveling to and from and participating in the meet, and from claims for lost or stolen items during the conduct of this meet. Waivers must be signed and returned to compete in the meet.

Concessions: Concessions will be available.

Officials: The CAN-AM Native American Championships invites the assistance of all USA Swimming and Swimming Canada certified officials. Please contact the meet referee prior to the meet if you plan to officiate. Dress for officials is a short sleeve collared white polo shirt, white socks, and white shoes. Men may wear navy blue slacks or shorts. Women may wear navy blue slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, or capris.

Meetings: There will be an officials meeting Saturday and Sunday morning 1 hour prior to the meet start time.

There will be a coach meeting Saturday and Sunday immediately following the conclusion of warm-ups.

Timers: Each team is asked to provide timers throughout the meet. A lane timer assignment sheet will be posted at the meet.

Warm-up Times: Warm-ups will begin Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 a.m. Start times will be determined after the entries are received. Due to the number of entries, warm-up and start times may be adjusted from what is stated in this meet information. Warm-up, meet start, and official and coach meeting times will be e-mailed to each team after entries are processed. Warm-up times will be posted on the Montana Swimming web site with the meet information.

Psych Sheets: Psych sheets will be posted on the Montana Swimming web site along with the meet information.

Results: Results will be posted on the Montana Swimming website at <http://montana.usswim.net>

Team Spirit: Team spirit is encouraged. Teams may bring banners, signs, and flags. No helium balloons and no laser pointers.

Lodging, food, entertainment: The Crow Tribe is pleased to invite all swimmers and their families to take advantage of the hospitality available at the many hotels and restaurants in Hardin. Make reservations early as the Hardin hotels fill quickly for the Native American Days celebration and Crow Native Days. Additional accommodations may also be made in Billings, Montana, located forty five miles northeast of Hardin. Additional information may be found on the Montana Swimming web site under meets at <http://montana.usswim.net> and at the following websites.

The meet is being held during the Little Big Horn Days celebration June 24-28 at Hardin, Montana. For more information about the celebration please check online at <http://www.custerslaststand.org/source/bighorn.html>. The celebration includes a parade, quilt show, dinners, grand ball, arts and crafts, historical book fair, bed races, street dance, and living history events at the Big Horn County Museum (www.museumonthebighorn.org)

The meet is also held during the Crow Native Days June 23-28. Native Days includes rodeos, fun run, pow-wow, art show, youth games, and more. For more information, log onto the official Crow Tribe website at <http://www.crowtribe.com>.

The Custer's Last Stand Reenactment is June 25-27, 2010. For more information go to <http://www.custerslaststand.org>

The Hardin Chamber of Commerce website is: www.hardinmtchamber.com. Contact the Chamber at 10 East Railway, PO Box 446, Hardin, MT USA 59034. Phone (406) 665-1672. Fax (406) 665-3577. E-mail: hardinchamber@bhwi.net The Chamber is open 9 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Additional information about motel accommodations and transportation may also be found on the State of Montana website at <http://mt.gov>

To plan your trip to Montana, order a free vacation planning package, free Montana maps, and more go to <http://mt.gov/tourism/travel.asp>. The site also offers a trip planner, distance calculator, road and weather information, speed limits, visitor information, and more.

The Billings Chamber of Commerce website is: www.visitmt.com

Meet Personnel:

Meet Director: David Evans, dunmoreevans@yahoo.com 406-665-5739; Hardin, MT
Meet Referee: Susan Huckleby, shuckleby@msn.com (406) 723-4800; Butte, MT
Administrative Referee: Duane Luterbach duane.luterbach@att.net (406) 254-0268; Billings, MT
Meet Registrar: Merle Gunderson mtgunders@msn.com (406) 727-2724; Great Falls, MT
Pool/Facility Manager: Georgia Forney georgia.forney@hardin.k12.mt.us (406) 665-6314, Hardin, MT

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Event List

Saturday			Sunday		
Girls Event Number	Event	Boys Event Number	Girls Event Number	Event	Boys Event Number
1	11 & Over 200 Yard Backstroke	2	29	11 & Over 200 Y Breaststroke	30
3	12 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke	4	31	12 & Under 50 Yard Butterfly	32
5	13 & Over 50 Yard Breaststroke	6	33	13 & Over 50 Yard Butterfly	34
7	9-12 yr. 200 Yard Freestyle	8	35	12 & Under 100 Y Backstroke	36
9	13 & Over 200 Yard Freestyle	10	37	13 & Over 100 Y Backstroke	38
11	12 & Under 100 Yard Butterfly	12	39	12 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle	40
13	13 & Over 100 Yard Butterfly	14	41	13 & Over 50 Yard Freestyle	42
15	12 & Under 50 Yard Backstroke	16	43	12 & Under 100 Y Breaststroke	44
17	13 & Over 50 Yard Backstroke	18	45	13 & Over 100 Y Breaststroke	46
19	9-12 yr. 200 Y Individual Medley	20	47	11 & Over 200 Y Butterfly	48
21	13 & Over 200 Y Individual Medley	22			
23	12 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle	24	49	Mixed Open 200 Y Free Relay	**
25	13 & Over 100 Yard Freestyle	26			
27	Mixed Open 200 Y Medley Relay	**			
28	Mixed 9 & Over 500 Y Freestyle	**	** Mixed event, enter with girls event number		

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Entry Fee Summary, Waiver, Registration Confirmation Sheet

Team Name _____ Team Abbreviation: _____

_____ Total # of swimmers at \$25.00 _____

_____ Total # of relays at \$4.00 _____

Grand Total (US Dollars) \$ _____

Waiver, Registration Confirmation, and Native American Descent Declaration

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I/we the undersigned parent, guardian or coach, hereby, for ourselves, our heirs, administrators, assigns, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages I/we have against the USA Swimming, Inc., Montana Swimming Inc., Hardin Community Activity Center, Hardin Otter Swim Team, the Crow Tribe, their agents, representatives, successors or assigns for any or all injuries arising out of our travel to and from, or participating in said meet. It is agreed that the team and/or individual shall be responsible for any damages caused to the facilities or equipment by any members of the team.

We hereby submit our team's entry sheets and fees for this upcoming meet and verify that the below named coaches will be in attendance. For USA Swimming teams, these USA Swimming coaches must be current in all the requirements set forth by USA Swimming: Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches or Lifeguard Training, First Aid and CPR.

I, the undersigned, verify that swimmers representing USA Swimming or Swimming Canada teams are currently registered athlete members of their respective federations.

I, the undersigned, state and will provide proof that all athletes entered into this meet under my tribe/team name are of Native American, American Indian, First Nations, or Native Alaskan descent.

Coach's Name _____ e-mail: _____

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Signature by coach, parent, team
representative, or Tribal team representative: _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Team/Club Position or title of person signing this waiver _____

E-mail address
of team representative: _____ Phone _____

Mailing address: Street Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

The above information must be completed and this form returned with your entries.

Meet Name: 2010 CAN-AM Native American Swimming Championships

Meet Date: Saturday June 26, and Sunday June 27, 2010

Location: Hardin Community Activity Center, Hardin, MT, USA

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Individual Entry Form

(Only for individuals/teams without Hy-Tek team manager software)

Swimmer's name: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Tribal Descent /Team: _____

USA Swimming /Swimming Canada ID Number: _____

USA Swimming/Swimming Canada Team Name: _____

Team Abbreviation: _____ USA Swimming LSC Abbreviation: _____

Swimmer's mailing address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

(Entry limits: 4 individual and 1 relay per day for a total of 8 individual events and 2 relays.)

Entry Information

Event Number	Event Distance	Stroke	Entry Time	Course (Yards, SCM, LCM)
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