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USA COMP Team Info Sheet

Practice Options at Webb City High School pool:

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
5:00-6:15pm	5:00-6:15pm	5:00-6:15pm	9:00-10:00am

USA Long-Course COMP Team Parents: We want your swimmer to have the best TEAM experience possible as a member of Berzerker Swimming. Here is what you need to know about our COMP program.

- PRIMARY COMPETITION LEAGUE:** USA Swimming
- MEMBER DUES:**
 - REGISTRATION FEE:** USA COMP swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming. All swimmers will be required to pay a **\$79** annual USA Swimming registration/insurance fee. This fee can be reduced to just **\$7** if you can provide us with paperwork showing your swimmer qualifies for free/reduced lunches at school, or paperwork showing your family qualifies for food stamps.
 - MONTHLY DUES:** COMP swimmers' dues are **\$65 per month**
- EQUIPMENT:** COMP group swimmers are expected to have their own goggles, cap, water bottle, fins, and a front snorkel. We have a small selection of fins that swimmers can borrow, but we don't carry extras of any other gear. Please visit the Apparel tab of the team website if you need to order any equipment.
- FUNDRAISING:** Swimmers in our competitive groups (COMP and Contracts) are required to participate in our home meet fundraisers. There will be a "Heat Sheet Ad Fundraiser" for each of our home meets (October, January, and July). This fundraiser is required of all families currently registered with a USA Comp or Contract swimmer. A few weeks before each home meet, your swimmer will receive a fundraising packet. We ask that you reach out to local businesses to seek sponsorships or ad placement in our heat sheet for the meet. The minimum amount that must be raised **per family per home meet** is **\$50 in Fall/Winter** and **\$100 in Summer**. If you would rather not participate in the fundraiser, you can elect to have the \$50 billed directly to your online account. Additionally, if YOU would like to place an ad in the heat sheet to wish your swimmer good luck, you may do that as well. More details on the fundraiser will be provided in the fundraising packets.
- MEET ENTRIES:** Our meet entries are done online through our team website. You get to choose your own events in our system, but the coaches may change your entries if we see fit. It helps if you let us know by adding a note to your entries if you are **NOT** available for relays at the meet. If you have entered your swimmer for individual events at a meet, we will assume your swimmer is available for relays unless you tell us otherwise.
 - MEET FEES:** The host team charges "meet fees" based on the events you enter. The fees vary by meet. You can see the meet fees charged at each meet in the meet information document included on each meet's landing page on our team website. Most meets have an individual event charge, relay charge, and athlete surcharge. Meet fees will be billed to your online Berzerker account the week after the meet. In addition to the meet fees charged by the host team, we also bill a **\$10** coaching surcharge per swimmer per meet to your account to cover our coaches' costs for attending that meet. This surcharge is increased to **\$20** for Championship meets and Team Travel meets.
- AT MEETS** we hope that all Berzerker families can sit together in the crash areas and that all swimmers will be wearing Berzerker Team Gear! Each swimmer will get a free team shirt and latex cap at the beginning of the season. If at any point during the season you need a new cap or would prefer a silicone cap, the coaches have access to these caps at the pool, and often take extra caps with them to meets. If you need to purchase a cap

(\$5 for a latex cap, \$10 for a silicone cap), the coach on deck will have your account billed for the cost of the cap. We also try to communicate information regarding "Team Hotels" in case families want to stay close to each other. That way kids can play together and families can carpool to meets that are further away. Most USA Long-Course COMP Team designated meets won't require a hotel, but COMP Swimmers can be eligible to attend some of the higher-level invitationals if they work better for your family's schedule. Be sure to ask a coach if any meets not designated for USA Long-Course COMP are allowable for your swimmer before entering, as some higher-level meets have "qualifying times" to be able to enter the meet.

7. **ARKANSAS LSC CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The qualifying times for the Arkansas Swimming Championship are fast and swimmers should be very proud if they qualify. It is an honor to be a part of our Championship Team and we hope that all qualifiers will attend. Sometimes non-qualifiers are asked to come with us as part of a relay. If you are willing to travel to Championships with us as a relay member, please let your coaches know so we can include you if we have a spot for you. Relays are incredibly important to the strength of our team!
8. **MOVING FROM COMP TO A CONTRACT GROUP** happens mostly by invitation from a coach. If you think your child has the skills, endurance, and drive to keep up with a higher-level group, your group coach will be happy to discuss it with you and set up a meeting with the contract group coaches. A large part of being in a contract group has to do with the commitment to both the Winter Short Course season and the Summer Long Course season with us as an active part of our team.