



Montana Swimming
2001 Aberdeen Street
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Dear Swimming Friends,

On behalf of Montana Swimming, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 2010 CAN-AM Native American Swimming Championships to be held June 26-27 in beautiful Hardin, Montana USA. This swim meet is open to all Native American, American Indian, First Nation, and Alaska Native swimmers from Canada and the United States ages ten and under through adult. We hope this meet will be a celebration of Native American swimming talent. The meet is held in conjunction with Native American Days in Hardin.

The meet is hosted by the Montana Swimming Age Group Committee. We dreamed of this meet for two years. We want to encourage Native Americans to take part in competitive swimming and water sports in increasing numbers for many reasons. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children. If we can encourage one person to learn to swim and thereby save a life, it will be worth all our efforts. We hope to encourage adults to learn to swim as well because it has been shown that if parents can't swim, then their children are less likely to swim. Swimming is a family sport that can be enjoyed by young and old alike and promotes a healthy lifestyle which can mean lower rates of diabetes, obesity and heart disease. And finally we realize there are few Native Americans involved in competitive swimming in the US and Canada. Children who have a swimmer as a role model are twice as likely to become swimmers themselves. Olympic gold medalist Cullen Jones has made a huge impact in the African American community. We hope to identify and encourage promising Native American swimmers to become role models and go on to become future members of the US and Canadian Olympic swim teams. We want Native American swimmers on our Olympic swim teams.

I hope you will share the dream and participate in this meet. Come be a part of history in the making this year. Our goal is to have this meet a championship meet Native Americans will want to attend every year. For more information, go to the Montana Swimming web site at <http://montana.usswim.net> and click on the 'meets' tab.

Enjoy the hospitality of Montana's Big Sky Country while in Hardin. Come early to enjoy Native American Days and stay afterwards to visit Montana's scenic wonders including Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. I hope to see you at the pool in Hardin, Montana June 26-27!

Sincerely,

Susan K. Hucceby
Chair, Montana Swimming Age Group Committee