

Welcome to CHAMPS 2017!

We are excited to kick off our 52nd [JSL Championship](#) this year. “Champs” is the final swimming meet of the season where all 18 teams in our league participate. It is an exciting, fun time and a wonderful way for the kids to cap their summer of swimming.



It is also very busy and can be a bit chaotic. This memo is designed to make it easier for you to prepare for and enjoy all that Champs has to offer. Whether this is your first Champs or your 15th, we ask that you please carefully review our responsibilities as swimmers, spectators, teams, and community members.

WHAT TO BRING:

- ___ **Usual swim gear** - suit, goggles, swim cap, towels, sandals, etc.
- ___ **Wrist bands** - Swimmers MUST have their wristband on to enter the clerk of course and deck area.
- ___ **Chairs** to sit in at your team tent.
- ___ **Entertainment** - Some sessions are long. You'll see kids with books, iPods, sit-down games, cards, and the like.
- ___ **Cash** - Heat sheets and Champs spirit wear will be available for sale at the meet. If you want to [preorder Champs Heat Sheets & T-Shirts](#) you can pick up your purchases at the JSL Sales table.
- ___ **Food** - FUMA concessions will be available both days, as well as a variety of food trucks. If your swimmer has specific snacks or beverages that they prefer, you may want to have them available in a cooler.
- ___ **Camera** - You can take photos inside the Estes Athletic Center (aka FUMA Aquatics Center), but NO FLASH pictures when swimmers are on the blocks for the start. NON-flash and video cameras may be used at any time. No one is allowed to take pictures from behind the blocks.
- ___ **Pen/highlighter** - Marking the heat sheet helps you and your child know when they're swimming.

REMINDERS:

- Chairs, food, coolers, noisemakers, and signs are allowed IN YOUR TENT AREA only.
- Please properly dispose of gum before entering the building.
- The JSL has a point of contact for items lost at Champs. Check with your team or email Jenny Ragsdale at jjragsdale@arcanetech.com. Items not claimed by Sep. 1 will be donated to charity.
- If your child plans to take a non-glass water bottle on deck, write his/her name & team on it, as the Clerk-of-Course is a very busy place and things get mixed up.
- There will be bathroom and shower facilities for swimmers in the building, along the back hallway. For parents and families, there will be a trailered portable bathroom facility adjacent to the building near the team tents.
- Please stay off of FUMA's practice and competition fields.

WHAT NOT TO's:

DO NOT BRING

- NO personal tents. The JSL provides Team Tents for swimmers and their families.
- NO pets, alcohol, or glass containers.
- NO tobacco products. Tobacco and alcohol products may NOT be used on the FUMA Campus.
- NO food onto the lower / pool deck area.

DO NOT's

- DO NOT wear Silly Bands, body paint, or temporary tattoos ... “marker” (e.g., Sharpie) is okay.
- DO NOT wear any clothing or caps representing a non-JSL team (e.g., year-round team)
- DO NOT order food for delivery.
- DO NOT enter any restricted areas or play with emergency alarm boxes.
- DO NOT play in the showers or stay longer than needed to rinse off.
- DO NOT climb on trees.
- DO NOT play on the practice or competition fields adjacent to the Team Tent Area.

WE BELIEVE IN SPORTSMANSHIP & RESPECT

- **The JSL is powered by Volunteers.** When you are asked to do (or not do) something, please respect the person for doing their job. There are two ways to catch all the action.
 - Find a spot in the viewing areas to watch your child.
 - If family or friends can't make it to the FUMA, they can catch the action LIVE on their computer. [Click here to view the livestream video.](#)
- **There are about 2,000 swimmers**, all of whom have family who come to see them swim. When your child has finished his/her race, please let another person have a chance to see their child.
- **We also ask that you please remain seated** while watching races, as there are people behind you that also want to see their swimmer, too.
- **Southern hospitality and etiquette is in order.** Please arrive in the viewing stands JUST BEFORE your child's race and leave as soon as it is finished. If your child is no longer on deck or in the pool, we ask that you please give your seat to someone else so that they can enjoy the race just like you did.

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!

- For the **SAFETY AND SECURITY** of all spectators & staff, do not block aisles or walkways.
- The windows overlooking the pool are considered a "viewing area" and are treated the same way as the indoor stands.
- NO chairs are allowed in the viewing areas (indoors or out).
- Spectators CANNOT "camp out" or "save seats" in a viewing spot - either on the benches or at the windows overlooking the pool.
- Fork Union Military Academy prohibits the use of alcohol or tobacco products on its grounds. Swim meet participants and guests are restricted to the pool area, bathrooms, and balcony and other JSL-designated areas. There is no glass allowed on pool deck, locker rooms, or in spectator stands. There is no food allowed on pool deck or locker rooms. Everyone is expected to clean up after themselves.

Staff is in place to prevent abuse of these policies.

If you are asked to "free up" a seat you are saving, please be gracious.

DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES

- **Storm Relocation** - There will be "team areas" in the gym at the Field House portion of the Estes Athletics Center. If there is a storm, everyone will be directed into the building. Listen carefully for instructions. **Please recognize that in the event of a storm, evacuation of the tents is not negotiable.** Follow the instructions of the staff.
- **Lost Child** - Please prepare your child for this possibility. Instruct small children to stay with you and show them the location of the FUMA / JSL Help Desk. There will be two JSL volunteers stationed at the desk, and a Meet Director will also be located in the lobby. If they are lost, they should go there to get help and UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should they leave the Building.
- **First Aid** - A First Aid area is in the ground floor hallway adjacent to the pool deck. The Special Events Team will be available to assist and manage health/safety emergencies as needed. There are First Aid supplies to treat most minor injuries and Rescue Squad personnel will be on duty.
- **Swimmer's Aid** - If your child is hurt or injured someone (likely your team leader) will come get you and escort you to the deck. The need for medical attention is the only circumstance under which a parent is contacted by the FUMA/JSL officials and Rescue Events Team.

BUILDING EVACUATION

An alarm sounds if there is an emergency (fire, smoke, etc.) and the building is completely evacuated (even for false alarms).

- **Parents, spectators, vendors and other non-assigned volunteers** will exit the Estes Athletic Center through the main hallway and proceed to the top of the parking lot at the top of the hill immediately in front of the building.
- **Swimmers on the pool deck** preparing or finishing their event will exit the building WITH A DESIGNATED JSL Volunteer. They will remain in their designated heats and move to the designated safe area. Swimmers will be supervised by designated JSL volunteers at all times.
- **Swimmers who are at the Clerk of Course** will be assigned a designated JSL volunteer, will remain in their designated heat, and will proceed as a group to the designated safe area.
- **Volunteers will to take the swimmers** in their area directly out of the best exit and assemble in the Designated Emergency Area.
- **Swimmers will be kept together** to ensure everyone is in the right place when the meet resumes.

PLEASE COOPERATE WITH JSL VOLUNTEERS AND FUMA STAFF.

- **To locate and CHECK ON your child** you can exit the building and go to the Designated Emergency Area.
 - Swimmers are NOT to be taken from their designated heat group.
 - Removal of a swimmer from their designated heat may result in the swimmer missing their event once the emergency has been resolved.

FUMA Staff will issue instructions on when it is safe to re-enter the building.

The JSL will make every effort to restart the meet as soon as FUMA officials determine that it is safe to restart the meet. FUMA and JSL officials will make every effort to keep all swimmers / families / volunteers informed in the event of an emergency. If they determine the emergency was a false alarm or minor, the meet will resume as soon as possible.

In the remote possibility that the meet is canceled, then parents will be allowed to take their child home. Otherwise, they need to stay in the Designated Area.

CHAMPS 2017 - DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Click above for map & directions

Estes Athletic Center

Fork Union Military Academy

- Use **218 Pettit-Foster Lane** as a **GPS address** to find the correct entrance to FUMA via Pettit-Foster Lane. Do NOT use the Main entrance.
- **Parking will be in the large fields** on the right just past Jacobson Hall
- **You must park in the areas designated** on the parking map for "JSL PARKING". You will be directed to the Estes Athletic Center Pool.
- **From Interstate 64 east of Charlottesville**, get off at exit 136 and at the end of the ramp, take Route 15 South (James Madison Highway). Stay on Route 15 for about 17 miles, and take the first left PAST the main entrance to FUMA onto Pettit-Foster Lane. Parking will be in the large fields on the right just past Jacobson Hall.
- **For those coming from areas outside of Charlottesville**, follow Route 15 to Fork Union Virginia and turn onto Pettit-Foster Lane. Parking will be in the large fields on the right just past Jacobson Hall.

HOW TO GET YOUR SWIMMER READY

Please make sure your swimmer has goggles, towel, flip flops, and a non-glass water bottle with their name on it (if desired). Parents cannot go into the clerk of course area or pool area to take gear to swimmers.

For ALL sessions, the Clerk of Course will be located on the patio adjacent to the starting end of the pool.

- Swimmers will be staged in this area, then led into the building, down a short stairwell, and come out onto the deck at the starting end of the pool.
- ONE coach from each team is allowed in the back of the Clerk-of-Course area; no more.
- All swimmers will be accompanied by a Clerk throughout the process of getting to the blocks.

Calls to the Clerk of Course will be via Walkie-Talkie and speaker system. Please listen carefully. Because of unreliable phone service, there will be NO Twitter notification this year.

FRIDAY MORNING - 6 & U and 7-8 (Boys & Girls) swimmers will go to the Clerk of Course. The designated TEAM LEADER is there to ensure that all their swimmers report to the Clerk of Course and make sure swimmers have their gear and are ready to go on deck. TEAM LEADERS will retrieve the swimmers AFTER their event and return to the TEAM Tents until their next event is called. Please note that swimmers in 6-and-under events will NOT remain on the deck as in past years, but will return to their team tents after each event.

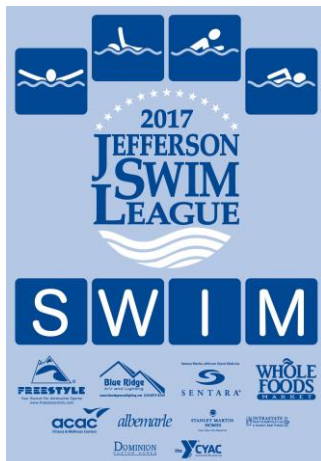
FRIDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING - 13-14 and 15-18 (Boys & Girls) do not require team leaders and should report to the Clerk of Course when their event is called.

SATURDAY MORNING - 9-10 (Boys & Girls) go to the Clerk of Course. The designated TEAM LEADER is there to ensure that all their swimmers report to the MAIN Clerk of Course.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 11-12 (Boys & Girls) do not require a team leader. These swimmers must get themselves to the Clerk's tent in the main field

NOTE: With the exception of freestyle, all events run fairly quickly. If an older swimmer remains on deck, bring water to rehydrate while recovering at the clerk-of-course.

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Heat Sheet



T-Shirt Front



T-Shirt Back