



2012 eSynchro Age Group Synchronized Swimming Championships

June 22 – June 30 • Miami University, Oxford, Ohio



OFFICIAL MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

DATES

11-12 Team Practice and Competition: June 22-June 25
13-15 Team Practice and Competition: June 24-June 26
16-17 & 18-19 Team Practice and Competition: June 27-June 30

LOCATION

Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
750 S. Oak Street
Oxford, Ohio 45056
Aquatic Director: John Mihevic 513-529-1844

SPONSORED BY

Cincinnati YMCA Synchrogators & Miami University Recreational Sports Center

WEBSITE

WWW.MUOHIO.EDU/ESYNCHRO

MEET MANAGERS

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RULES TO GOVERN The 2012 Official USA Synchro Rulebook shall govern the Championships.

ENTRIES

To register online, login to your account from the homepage of the USASynchro.org website, by clicking on "Registration". If you have any technical difficulties or questions, please email or call Jennifer Hawkins at 317-237-5700 x5708 or jennifer@usasynchro.org.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be completed **online** by **Saturday, June 2, 2012 Midnight EST** and forms must be postmarked or emailed no later than **June 2, 2012**.
Late Fees: Per Rule CP 5.6.1, any entry to a National championship received between **21 and 7 days prior** to the first day of the competition shall pay late fees. Sponsor and Event Entry fees are **triple** the fees listed below, unless a technology failure can be proven to account for untimely entry. If a qualifying event is held after the entry deadline for this competition, a **provisional entry** must be submitted according to the above deadline. Within 72 hours of the completion of the qualifying competition, the proof of qualification must be submitted by phone and in writing to the Meet Manager.

SCORING CHAIR

Angie Homoelle ahomoelle@cinci.rr.com

SCORING

Single scoring for Technical Merit and Artistic Impression will be used for routines.

OFFICIALS

Register online at www.usasynchro.org for Officials Availability. Contact Linda Loehndorf with any questions at loehndorf@charter.net

COACHES

All coaches on deck must be 100% certified by USA Synchro. Please check that you are certified on the USASynchro.org website under Education and the Coaching Certification Program. If there are any concerns, please contact Kevin in the National Office, and bring any proof of certifications not shown on the web site to registration.

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ATTACHMENTS

The following forms are attached.
 A - Program Ads/Photo Submission Form
 B - Scoreboard Cheers Form
 C - Spectator Ticket and Program Order Form
 D - Flower Order Form
 E – Collegiate Synchro Opportunities
 F – Area Attractions

Form A, Program Ads/Photo Submission Form and Corresponding Fees to:

Steve Moser
 5017 Hurlingham Way
 Cincinnati, OH 45244

Form B, Scoreboard Cheers Order Form and Corresponding Fees to:

Attn: John Mihevic
 Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center
 750 South Oak Street
 Oxford, Ohio 45056

Form C, Pre-Sale Spectator Ticket and Program Order Form and Corresponding Fees and Form D, Flower Order Form and Corresponding Fees to:

Steve Moser
 5017 Hurlingham Way
 Cincinnati, OH 45244

FEE INFORMATION

- **Entry Fee:** \$25 per competitor per routine, including alternates. Make check payable to USA Synchro. Any swimmer who is listed as an alternate for a routine and who is not swimming any other routine event shall pay the entry fee. (Rulebook, Appendix C)
- **Surcharge:** \$5 per competitor, including alternates. Make check payable to USA Synchro. Any swimmer who is listed as an alternate for a routine and who is not swimming any other routine event shall pay the surcharge. This surcharge is to cover expenses for Officials. (Rulebook, Appendix C)
- **Sponsor Fee:** \$20 per competitor. Make check payable to USA Synchro.
- **Credentials:** Each club will receive credentials for 2 coaches and 1 chaperone per 10 registered athletes. Additional coach and chaperone credentials are available for \$15 each. Lost/misplaced credentials will be \$15 for replacement.

# of athletes	Maximum # of free credentials	
	Coaches	Chaperones
1-10	2	1
11-15	3	2
16-20	4	2
21-25	5	3
26-30	6	3
31-35	7	4
36-40	8	4
41-45	9	5
46-50	10	5

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- **Spectator Tickets:**

A one-time entry fee is required to watch the competitive events. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7 (adults). Seniors (65+) and Youth (6-12) can purchase tickets for \$5. Children 5 and under are free. Only cash will be accepted at the door. Tickets can be ordered in advance on the form C attached or on the event website <http://www.rec.muohio.edu/esynchro/tickets.html>. Make check payable to "CSG." Life members get free admission into all national events and should complete the downloadable ticket order form attached or on the event website.
<http://www.rec.muohio.edu/esynchro/tickets.html>

- **Program:** Programs can be purchased at the meet or ordered in advance on Form C for **\$5** each. Programs at the event will be **\$10**. Make check payable to "CSG"

EVENTS

Figures – The Figure Competition will consist of the following figures:

Figures 11-12 (Selection Group 2)

101R/L Ballet Leg, Single	1.6 (draw for which leg will be held at the coaches meeting)
360 Walkover, Front	2.1
355 Porpoise	1.9
401 Swordfish	2.0

Figures 13-15 (Selection Group 2)

420 Walkover, Back	2.0
355e Porpoise, Spinning 360°	2.1
240 Albatross	2.2
345 Reverse Catalina	2.1

Figures 16-19 (Selection Group 2)

313 Kip, Split, Closing 180°	2.5
112f Ibis, Continuous Spin (720°)	2.8
355b Porpoise, Full Twist	2.5
150 Knight	3.1

Routines

Routine competition will be held in Solo, Duet, Trio and Team for 11-12, 13-15, 16-17 & 18-19 age groups.

AWARDS

USA Synchro medals will be awarded in each group to finalist places 1-3 in routines and 1-3 in figure competition. USA Synchro ribbons will be awarded to places 4-8 in routines and 4-8 in figures.

POOL SPECS

Indoor pool Length: 50 meters (Bulkhead placed at 25m) Width: 25 yards
Depth: 10ft at both ends – 10 ft in the center Entry: 10 ft; carpet deck, no obstructions
Distance of water from deck: 12 inches Spectators behind entry

Practice space: Dive Well & Lap lanes; Quiet swimming only as per direction of Marshals

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AIRPORTS

Greater Cincinnati – CVG – 51 miles to the Aquatic Center. Dayton - DAY 47 miles; Indianapolis - IND 100 miles, Columbus - CMH 120 miles to the Aquatic Center.

To help our members, we have an agreement with United Airlines. To receive a discount off the lowest available fare, book your travel online through www.continental.com. In the Offer Code box, when searching for flights, enter USA Synchronized Swimming Code - ZMGV493370

VEHICLE RENTAL

Major rental car companies are available at the airports.

DIRECTIONS

From James M Cox Dayton International Airport ~ <http://g.co/maps/j8twj>

From Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport~ <http://g.co/maps/sxdkm>

PARKING

Parking is available on many streets (including Oak) surrounding the campus and in summertime is generally not a problem. The Campus Ave. garage will be \$5.00 per day, and that includes 3 ins and outs per day.

CLUB BANNERS

Club banners will be collected at the registration table. Please do not hang your own banners. Please contact registration to retrieve banners.

GELLING

Gelling is only allowed in the designated last call room located on the pool deck level as well as outside on the patio under the tents. Those gelling outside the designated area will incur a \$100 fine. Please clean the last call area when done. There is NO de-gelling allowed in the facility (including showers). Those de-gelling anywhere in the facility will incur a \$100 fine.

PARADE OF ATHLETES

The Parade of Athletes will be held prior to each Age Group Final Routine competition. All athletes from all clubs are encouraged to participate. Dress for the parade in team warm-up suits or appropriate team uniform. **Sandals or shoes will be required.**

HOST HOTELS

Updated information will be available on the meet website: www.muohio.edu/esynchro.

COACHES MEETINGS

Held in the pool hospitality room.

Friday, June 22 5:00 p.m. 11-12s

Sunday, June 24 10:00 a.m. 13-15s

Wednesday, June 27 7:00 a.m. 16-19s

CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

Club and Officials Registration will be at the pool during the following times:

Friday, June 22 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, June 23 8:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday, June 24 9:00am – 2:30pm

Monday, June 25 8:00am – 11:00am

Tuesday, June 26 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 27 8:00am – 11:00am

Thursday, June 28 8:00am – 11:00am

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PRACTICE TIME

The competition pool and the dive well will be available for rental on Friday, June 22 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. The cost is \$100.00 per hour for each one hour block. If teams arrange it, two teams may split the cost. Time will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to purchase practice time, email John Mihevic @ mihevijp@muohio.edu. Payment will need to be made by June 1, 2012. Any payments not received will then be reopened for other teams to reserve. Other local venues are being made available check the website for details.

PRACTICE WITH MUSIC

Practice time with music will be once in the competition pool for each team routine in the order of draw. Refer to the final meet schedule for practice times and be on deck ready to swim at the appropriate time. Please notify the meet manager if you will not be swimming during the practice.

Friday, June 22	6:00pm – 8:30pm	11-12 Team practice w/music
Sunday, June 24	5:15pm – 8:00pm	13-15 Team practice w/music (approximate time)
Wednesday, June 27	7:00pm – 9:30pm	18-19 Team practice w/music (approximate time)
Thursday, June 28	7:30am – 9:30am	16-17 Team practice w/music (approximate time)

OFFICIALS AND COACHES HOSPITALITY

Food will be available in the hospitality room throughout the competition for Officials and Coaches.

OFFICIALS, COACHES AND ALUMNI RECEPTION

All officials, coaches, sponsors and alumni are invited to a reception Sunday evening June 24, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Goggin Ice Center.

SOUND SYSTEM

A Clark Synthesis sound system with a variable speed CD player will be used.

FOOD SERVICES

A concession stand is located in the lobby of the aquatic center there will also be concessions located outside of the facility in the quad adjacent to the facility. NO outside food is allowed in the building. NO cooking or portable tables are allowed in the building. NO glass containers or food will be permitted on the pool deck. Athletes' coolers may be kept in the gated enclosure abutting the pool deck. NO other coolers will be allowed. Teams may also set up tables, chairs and pop-ups in the quad adjacent to the facility.

CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE

There will be Championship items available for purchase in addition to USA Synchro items throughout the Championship. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted.

VIDEOGRAPHER

Waycross Community Media DVD's will be available for purchase.

LIVE WEB STREAMING

For friends and family unable to attend in person, the event will be webcast.
www.clearskywebcasting.com see website for pricing

PHOTO/VIDEO REGULATIONS

Any photographs, videotape or other audio and/or visual recordings of the event created by a spectator must be used solely for such spectator's personal, non-commercial use, and may not be broadcast, published or disseminated, or used for any commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of U.S. Synchronized Swimming.

Personal use non-flash photography will be allowed. Please do not obstruct other's views in picture taking.

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FLOWERS

Flowers will be available for pre-ordering using Form D and in the lobby in limited quantity for purchase.

PROGRAM

Participating clubs may send photos for the official championship program. Only digital photos submitted via e-mail will be accepted. Price is \$18 per photo if received by May 15th and \$25 per photo if received by the latest deadline of June 1st. Send payment with registration. Specific instructions are on the meet website (www.muohio.edu/esynchro) and are in Attachment A.

Greetings and Good Luck messages are available for the championship program, see Attachment A or the event website for details.

SCOREBOARD CHEERS

Wish your routine competitors good luck in lights on our giant scoreboard. Your wishes will flash repeatedly during warm-ups for routine events. You can let your swimmer know that you're thinking of them from far away. Greetings can be pre-purchased or purchased at the meet. Send wording and picture to Jamey Rutschilling @ rutschjm@muohio.edu. Send form and payment to John Mihevic. See Attachment B for instructions.

ESYNCHRO CLINICS

USA Synchro in partnership with eSynchro will offer 2 clinics during the 11-12 and 13-15 figure competitions. Pre-register before June 17 and attend the clinic at a discounted rate. Athletes and coaches are welcome to register and attend either clinic.

Clinic #1 –Sunday, June 24, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Clinic #2 - Tuesday, June 26, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Cost: \$20 pre-registered by June 15 deadline/\$30 after June 15 and on site

Pre-registration is available on the USA Synchro website:

http://www.usasynchro.org/Education/Camps_Clinics_Critiques.htm. Please be prepared for dry land and pool portions of the clinic. Contact the Education Director at kevin@usasynchro.org with any questions.

NT PIPELINE TRAINING

This will be for members wanting to become officials for skills competitions or coaches that want to know exactly how the skills are evaluated. The clinic will cover both the General Athletic Skills and Water Skills. It can benefit any coach that wants to become part of the program when it expands to more local competitions and will give the coaches the exact procedure of the tests and how they are scored. The clinic will be \$25.

Clinic #1- Monday, June 25, 10am-2pm

Clinic #2- Wednesday, June 27, 10am-2pm

Registration is available on the USA Synchro website:

http://www.usasynchro.org/Education/Camps_Clinics_Critiques.htm. Contact the Education Director at kevin@usasynchro.org with any questions.

COLLEGIATE SYNCHRO OPPORTUNITIES SPECIAL SEMINAR

A special seminar for athletes, parents and coaches will be held to overview collegiate synchro, and discuss the overall experience, recruiting process and scholarships. Additional information can be found on attachment E. This will be held in Room #57 on:

Tuesday, June 26, 2pm - 3pm (after 13-15 figures)

Friday, June 29, 1pm – 2:00pm ((after 18-19 solo)

Please also visit the Collegiate Synchro minibooth in the vendor area.

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TENTATIVE MEET SCHEDULE

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(Times may be revised based on actual entries)

Friday, June 22

5:00pm- 8:00pm	Registration at the pool
5:00pm- 5:30pm	11-12 Officials and Coaches meeting at the pool
5:30pm- 6:00pm	Lap Swim
6:00pm- 8:30pm	11-12 Team practice with music (in order of draw)

Saturday, June 23

6:30am- 7:00am	Lap Swim/Open pool
8:00am-12:00pm	Registration at the pool
7:00am-10:30am	11-12 Solo warm-up and competition
10:30am- 2:15pm	11-12 Duet warm-up and competition
2:15pm- 7:00pm	11-12 Team warm-up and competition

Sunday, June 24

6:30am- 7:00am	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:00am-10:30am	11-12 Trio warm-up and competition
9:00am- 2:30pm	Registration at the pool
10:00am-10:30am	13-15 Officials and Coaches meeting at the pool
10:30am- 3:00pm	13-15 Duet warm-up and competition
3:00pm - 5:45pm	11-12 Figures warm up and competition
3:00pm- 5:00pm	eSynchro clinic
5:45pm- 8:30pm	13-15 Team practice with music (in order of draw)
6:00pm- 9:00pm	Reception for officials, coaches, sponsors & alumni (Goggin Ice Center)

Monday, June 25

6:30am- 7:00am	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:00am-11:15am	13-15 Trio warm-up and competition
8:00am-11:00am	Registration at the pool
10:00am- 2:00pm	National Team Skills Training Clinic
11:15am- 4:00pm	13-15 Team warm-up and competition
4:00pm- 9:30pm	11-12 Parade of Athletes, Finals, and Awards

Tuesday, June 26

6:30am- 7:00am	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:00am- 10:45am	13-15 Solo warm-up and competition
11:15am- 2:00pm	13-15 Figures warm-up and competition
12:00pm- 2:00pm	eSynchro clinic
2:00pm- 3:00pm	Collegiate Synchro Opportunities Special Seminar
4:00pm- 6:00pm	Registration at the pool
3:15pm- 8:30pm	13-15 Parade of Athletes, Finals and Awards

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Wednesday, June 27

7:00am- 7:30am	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:00am- 7:30am	16-19 Officials and Coaches meeting at the pool
7:30am-11:45am	16-17 Duet warm-up and competition
8:00am-11:00am	Registration at the pool
10:00am- 2:00pm	National Team Skills Training Clinic
11:45am- 3:30pm	16-17 Trio warm-up and competition
3:30pm- 6:30pm	18-19 Trio warm-up and competition
6:30pm- 7:00pm	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:00pm- 9:30pm	18-19 Team practice with music

Thursday, June 28

7:00am- 7:30am	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:30am- 9:30am	16-17 Team practice with music
8:00am-11:00am	Registration at the pool
9:30am- 1:00pm	16-17 Solo warm-up and competition
1:00pm- 4:00pm	18-19 Duet warm-up and competition
4:15pm- 8:00pm	18-19 Team warm-up and competition

Friday, June 29

6:30am- 7:30am	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:30am-10:45am	16-17 Team warm-up and competition
10:45am- 1:00pm	18-19 Solo warm-up and competition
1:00pm- 2:00pm	Collegiate Synchro Opportunities Special Seminar
2:15pm- 8:00pm	16-17 & 18-19 Figures warm-up and competition

Saturday, June 30

6:30am- 7:30am	Lap Swim/Open pool
7:30am- 8:15am	16-17 Trio, Duet and Solo warm-up**
8:15am- 8:35am	Parade of Athletes 16-17 & 18-19
8:40am- 2:00pm	16-17 Finals and Awards
2:00pm- 2:45pm	18-19 Trio, Duet and Solo warm-up**
2:50pm- 8:00pm	18-19 Finals and Awards

**Team warm-ups will commence immediately following Solo Final.

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ATTACHMENT A: PROGRAM AD AND PHOTO FORM

CLUB PHOTOS:

Participating clubs are invited to send solo, duet, trio and team photos for the official championship program. Cost per photo is \$20. Only digital photos will be accepted.

Additional information: Save photos as a JPEG (.jpg) digital file. Set JPEG compression for high quality. If prepared correctly the digital JPEG attachment should be between 250 and 400K. Send photos as an attachment to an email. In the email subject line indicate the club name. In the body of the email include the complete name of club, city and state, description of photo, routine age, name and age of the swimmers. (DO NOT send a word text document.) Name your attached photo file a name that describes your team photo (i.e. SST_13/15_trio.jpg). Send one photo and caption per email (i.e. 4 photos = 4 email messages).

See ordering and payment information below.

PERSONAL GREETINGS

Family and Friends can submit personal greetings and pictures to be included in the championship program. Personal messages of good luck and a job well done can be submitted along with or without a photo. These photos and messages will be placed randomly in the program and will not be included in the team area of the program.

Prices are in the payment section, below.

ORDERING CLUB PHOTOS AND PERSONAL GREETINGS

Photos & Greeting are to be received by e-mail by **June 1, 2012**. Send photos as a high resolution JPEG file (.jpg). Send desired size and greeting and as an email message to Jennifer_Webster@ohsd.uscourts.gov. (DO NOT send a word file attachment.) Include desired size of personal greeting you would like in the email. In the subject line put the item name.

PAYMENT FOR ORDERING CLUB PHOTOS AND PERSONAL GREETINGS

Club Name _____

Person Submitting: _____

Phone number: _____

Item	Quantity	Cost	Extended
Club Photo		\$ 20.00	
Greetings		\$10.00	
Full-Page		\$ 80.00	
Half-Page		\$ 45.00	
1/4 Page		\$ 25.00	
Business Card		\$ 15.00	
Shout-Out		\$ 5.00	
Total			

Send the above information along with payment by check written to "CSG" for the full amount to be postmarked by **June 1, 2012** to:
2011 eSynchro Age Group Championships
Steve Moser
5017 Hurlingham Way
Cincinnati, OH 45244

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ATTACHMENT B: SCOREBOARD CHEERS FORM

Cheer on your favorite synchronized swimmer(s) by ordering messages to be displayed in lights on the giant full color video board during routine warm-ups. The cost is \$10 per message. The messages will be displayed multiple times during the selected warm-up session. Please make checks payable to "CSG." Graphics may be included with the Two Line Cheer. Send via email by June 2 with .jpeg to rutschjm@muohio.edu with all of the information below.

Send orders to:
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Att: John Mihevic
750 S. Oak Street
Oxford, Ohio 45056

Your Name _____ Club _____ Phone _____

Swimmer(s) Names: _____

Warm-Up Session Selection:

____ 11-12	____ 13-15	____ 16-17	____ 18-19
____ Solo	____ Duet	____ Trio	____ Team
____ Preliminary Events		or	____ Finals

Choose from **either** the two-line or four-line version below. One letter per box with an empty box between words. Scoreboard operator will center each line of text.

TWO LINE

OR FOUR LINE

Office Use Only

Order number	
Payment check #	

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ATTACHMENT C: PROGRAM AND TICKET ORDER FORM

Club/Official Name _____

Contact Name _____

Email _____

Mailing address: _____

Contact Phone _____

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMS		
# of programs	Unit price	Total Championship Programs Fee
(a) _____	(b) \$5*	(1) = (a)x(b)= \$ _____
SPECTATOR TICKETS		
# of Adults	Unit price	Total Adult entry Fee
(c) _____	(d) \$5**	(2) = (c)x(d)= \$ _____
# of Youth (6-12) /senior (65+)	Unit price	Total Youth (6-12) /senior (65+) entry Fee
(e) _____	(f) \$3***	(3) = (e)x(f)= \$ _____
TOTAL FEES		= (1) + (2) + (3) = \$ _____

- * Price will be increased to \$10 at the door during the event.
- ** Price will be increased to \$7 at the door during the event.
- *** Price will be increased to \$5 at the door during the event.

PAYMENT

Send payment by check written to “CSG” for the full amount to be postmarked by **June 7**, 20112 to:

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 Steve Moser
 5017 Hurlingham Way
 Cincinnati, OH 45244

Office Use Only

Order number	
Payment check #	
Ticket delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> on-site pick up

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ATTACHMENT D: FLOWER PRE-ORDER FORM

Beautiful carnations are available in red or white. Each one carnation bouquet includes greenery and baby's breath in cello wrap tied with a ribbon bow. Pre-ordering is recommended because only a limited number will be sold on site.

Club Name _____

Contact Name _____

Email _____

Mailing address: _____

Contact Phone _____

Carnation Quantity	Sat, June 23	Sun, June 24	Mon, June 25	Tues, June 26	Wed, June 27	Thurs, June 28	Fri, June 29	Sat, June 30	Quantity Total	Total @ \$3 each
Red										
White										
Yellow										
Purple										
Green										
Yellow										
Total										

Please circle the age group and the events.

Age Group	11-12	13-15	16-17	18-19
	SOLO	SOLO	SOLO	SOLO
	DUET	DUET	DUET	DUET
	TRIO	TRIO	TRIO	TRIO
	TEAM	TEAM	TEAM	TEAM

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Send payment by check written to "CSG" for the full amount to be postmarked by **June 7**, 2011 to:

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ATTACHMENT E: Collegiate Synchro Opportunities

Special Seminar for Parents, Athletes, and Coaches

USA Synchro

Collegiate Synchro Opportunities

At the Corwin M Nixon Aquatic Center Rm #57

Tuesday, June 26, 2pm - 3pm (after 13-15 figures)

Friday, June 29, 1pm – 2pm (after 18-19 solo)

Topics:

Collegiate Synchro Overview

Collegiate Swimming Experience

Recruiting process

Scholarships

Questions



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ATTACHMENT F AREA ATTRACTIONS

CINCINNATI PREMIUM OUTLETS

400 Premium Outlets Drive
Monroe, OH 45050

Phone: 513.539.0710 www.premiumoutlets.com

Shop till you drop at the Cincinnati Premium Outlets! Opening late summer 2009, the Cincinnati Premium Outlets is sure to please the bargain hunters and the fashion-conscious. You won't have to empty your pocketbooks at Southwest Ohio's newest high-end shopping destination; the Cincinnati Premium Outlets is sure to provide shoppers with designer brands and unique outdoor settings that surely prove that not all outlet centers are the same.

CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN

340 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45220-3301

Phone: 800.94.HIPPO www.cincinnati-zoo.org
Daily: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Walk and talk and visit with the animals at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden! The world famous Cincinnati Zoo was rated the #1 family attraction in Cincinnati by the Zagat Survey and has also been recognized by Child Magazine as one of "The Best Zoos for Kids". The Cincinnati Zoo offers visitors a fun journey through the animal kingdom with exhibits like Giraffe Ridge, Gorilla World, Lords of the Arctic polar bear exhibit, and so much more! Come to the Zoo and make some new, fuzzy friends!

EnterTRAINment JUNCTION

7379 Squire Court
West Chester, OH 45069

Phone: 877.898.4656 www.entertrainmentjunction.com

Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 6 p.m.

EnterTRAINment Junction features the largest train-themed family entertainment center in the world, with over two miles of track and more than 90 trains from the earliest days of railroading up to today's modern locomotives. Other facility features include: cobbled streets at the depot, an interactive American Railroading Museum, 5,000 sq. ft. children's Thomas the Train play area called "Imagination Junction," Train Expo Center, and year-round seasonal walk-through mazes (Fun Factory, Halloween, and Christmas).

IKEA

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9500 IKEA Way
West Chester, OH 45069

Phone: 513.779.7100 www.ikea-usa.com
Daily: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The one-of-a-kind, world-famous retailer IKEA made its Ohio debut in the spring 2008! The 344,000 sq. ft. home furnishings store will truly be a shopper's delight. Featuring 10,000 exclusively designed items, three model homes, 48 room settings, a 350-seat restaurant serving Swedish specialties, a Children's IKEA showroom, and so much more. IKEA West Chester will offer shoppers trendy and chic designs at affordable prices.

KINGS ISLAND

6300 Kings Island Drive
Kings Island, OH 45034

Phone: 800.288.0808 www.visitkingsisland.com

Daily: 10 a.m - 10 p.m.

There's more than enough entertainment to keep the whole family busy with a visit to Kings Island, one of the largest theme parks in the Midwest. The five-year award winner for "Best Kids Area in the World" is the home of an award-winning waterpark and more than 80 rides and attractions, including the world famous wooden roller coaster, The Beast™ and the free fall adventure, Drop Zone™.

Discount tickets will be available for purchase at www.visitkingsisland.com/butlercounty

MONSTER MINI GOLF

7058 Ridgetop Drive
West Chester, OH 45069

Phone: 513.759.5400 www.monsterminigolf.com

Mondays – Thursdays: 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday: Noon - 10 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 8 p.m.

Are you ready for 18 holes of monstrous fun? Monster Mini Golf is a monster-themed, glow-in-the-dark experience! Monster Mini Golf features a miniature golf course, games, private party rooms, and so much more. It's definitely fun for the entire family!

WAKE NATION

201 Joe Nuxhall Way
Fairfield, OH 45014

2012 eSynchro Age Group Synchronized Swimming Championships

Phone: 513.846.4063 www.wakenation.com
Daily: 10 a.m. - dark

Are you seeking an adventure unlike anything else? Wake Nation Cincinnati is the ultimate watersports complex featuring wakeboarding, wakeskating, water skiing, and knee boarding. Wake Nation features an eight acre park and has a cable system suspending 30 feet above the lake. Whether you are a first timer or a seasoned pro, Wake Nation will not only be challenging...but it will be a blast!

PYRAMID HILL SCULPTURE PARK & MUSEUM

1763 Hamilton-Cleves Highway State Route 128
Hamilton, OH 45011

Phone: 513.868.8336 www.pyramidhill.org

One of just ten sculpture parks in the United States and the only sculpture park of its size in Ohio, Pyramid Hill is a 265-acre park and outdoor museum showcasing beautiful works of art. Displaying more than 50 pieces of monumental art, Pyramid Hill's scenic setting provides a peaceful getaway for every visitor. The park also features hiking trails, an arboretum, indoor pavilion, wall garden, lakes, picnic areas, amphitheater, and activities for both adults and children.

NEWPORT ON THE LEVEE

One Levee Way
Newport, KY 41071

www.newportonthelevee.com

Newport on the Levee is a multi-level urban retail entertainment center located across from downtown Cincinnati on the south bank of the Ohio River in Newport, Kentucky. Voted by Zagat as the #1 Mall/Shopping Attraction for Families in the United States, the Levee features a variety of entertainment options such as the 20-screen AMC Theater, the award-winning Newport Aquarium, Star Lanes on the Levee boutique bowling lounge, GameWorks, and the Funny Bone Comedy Club; several national and regional restaurant brands such as *Brio Tuscan Grille*, *Mitchell's Fish Market*, and *Brothers Bar & Grill*; along with several specialty shops, carts and kiosks. For more information, visit www.newportonthelevee.com, sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, and get connected with the Levee on Facebook and Twitter.

JUNGLE JIM'S INTERNATIONAL MARKET

5440 E. Dixie Highway
Fairfield, OH 45014

Phone: 513.674.6055 www.junglejims.com

2012 eSynchro Age Group Synchronized Swimming Championships

Daily: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Featuring an international selection of more than 150,000 items from 75 countries, Jungle Jim's is a food lover's paradise! With six acres of food all under one roof, there's fun for the whole family. Discover thousands of specialty foods and imported groceries; exotic spices, 150 olive oils, 1000 hot sauces, 1,600 cheeses, scratch bakery, 1 1/2 acres of fresh produce, organics, prime aged meat, exotic game, live seafood, sushi, Amish, NY deli, olive bar, 10,000 wines, 1,000 beers, cigar humidors, retro soda pop, candy, cookware, garden, and gifts! Plus singing robotic characters, and theatrical decor galore.

Check out www.GetToTheBC.com for more information on these and other great attractions around the county.