

Short Course Zone Meet Assessment-

Overall the Eastern Zone Meet went very well for Potomac Valley. The team scores were as follows:

Combined Team Scores

1 Metropolitan Swimming	1,038
2 Middle Atlantic Swimming	1,022.50
3 Virginia Swimming	991.50
4 Potomac Valley Swimming	886.50
5 Connecticut Swimming	477.50
6 New Jersey Swimming	440
7 Allegheny Mountain	396.50
8 Niagara Zone Team	291
9 Adirondack Zone Team	165
10 Maine Swimming	126.50

Our team had many high scoring swimmers. Finishing in the top ten of overall high scores in their age group were:

9-10 Girls:

Kendall Hough tied for 6th

Janet Hu tied for 6th

9-10 Boys:

Matthew Gibson 2nd

Cyrus Hashemi 6th

Phillip Hu 7th

James Michael 9th

11-12 Girls:

Mandy Vincent 4th

Marissa Gentry tied for 9th

13-14 Boys:

Jesse Cunningham 4th

15-18 Girls:

Melissa Reynolds 1st

Danielle Bernstein 5th

Courtney Cook 8th

The meet was run extremely well and our swimmers stepped up to the challenge. PVS was spirited throughout the meet and on many occasions our coaches were complimented on our team's enthusiasm. One of our 15-18 boys dropped out of the meet at the last

minute and as a result we lost some valuable swims. He was seeded to score in multiple events. His parents felt that he was not ready to miss school and travel with the team.

Hotel Issues:

The team stayed at the Holiday Inn Cherry Hill. This is the hotel that PVS had used two years before with no problems. On this trip a few arose. We arrived Wednesday night and had no trouble with checking in or settling into our rooms. On Thursday morning when the swimmers were woken up for breakfast, three of the 11-12 boys reported that their room had been broken into. A cell phone and money was allegedly taken from a wallet in the room near the front door. None of the boys woke up during the incident; they found the items to be missing in the morning. A report was made with the hotel manager as well as a request for more security. All three swimmers' parents were at the meet and notified of the situation by the coaching staff.

On Friday evening upon returning to the hotel from our finals session, we found that there had been another alleged break-in incident. One of the 11-12 girls' rooms had a bag taken from it. The bag was found emptied in the stairwell with its contents spread out and covered in toothpaste. A CD Player was taken from the bag. Again, hotel security and management was made aware of the issue. In addition, the police were called and a report was filed. Our coaching staff and parent chaperones determined they would feel more comfortable if an adult kept watch in the hallway over night. The hotel manager was very defensive about the whole incident and fairly unresponsive to our concerns. Greg York spoke on the phone with the manager and helped to make the team feel more secure in our accommodations.

The coaches and chaperones did a wonderful job isolating these incidents so that the majority of the team was not aware of the concerns.

Future Bus Scheduling:

There was some concern at the end of the trip from the bus company regarding the bus drivers' schedules. Make sure in the future that the coordinator reviews the driving itinerary in detail with the bus company prior to departure for the trip. Although the company was given our itinerary, they failed to express their concerns about the driving schedule until we were already on the trip. All worked out fine this year, but for trips to come a more detailed review would be beneficial.

I want to thank everyone that helped this past season leading up to the meet that provided me with advice and support. Specifically, the help provided by Jim Garner, Greg York, John Ertter and Mark Faherty was invaluable. Despite some unforeseen circumstances this trip went well and I think the team was given a wonderful experience.