

2008 Short Course Zone Meet Report

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The 2008 Short Course Zone Championships were held in Buffalo, New York. 73 swimmers, 9 chaperones, 8 coaches and I attended. Our Virginia Swimming team was 3rd overall. The trip was a successful one with no problems other than the team manager recovering from Mono. The trip's success was due to careful planning ahead and the great group of experienced chaperones and coaches who attended. I would also like VSI to know that the parents who attended the meet were supportive and helpful.

Currently, I am making plans for the summer Zone Meet to be held in Maryland. Parents and swimmers alike are already making plans to attend. We will probably use *Martz* bus company again. We will plan to stay at the *Legacy Inn* in Rockville. I will send info to Mike Downs to update the website. I anticipate this being a large group this summer. I also may have difficulty getting chaperones since the meet is so close.

I will be getting with Harold on T-Shirts for this meet to possibly sell to parents of children attending Zones this summer. This may be helpful to VSI since we are hosting the meet with Potomac Valley. Parents/volunteers could be easily spotted for assistance during the meet. This came as a request from the parents since VSI always has a great cheering section and parents would like to be seen too. T-Shirts could be sold at Zone Team sign ups only. Let me know your thoughts on this.