

2017 Summer Games Rose-Hulman & Swimming Webinar Transcript

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Greetings, and welcome to this webinar reviewing important information and changes for Rose-Hulman & Swimming at the 2017 Summer Games. Before we begin, let's go over some housekeeping items.

First, the duration of this webinar will be approximately 10 minutes.

Second, this webinar will primarily consist of photos and maps so much of the information will be verbalized to you. Don't feel like you have to take notes. The transcript of this webinar is also available online in our Resource Library.

Third, this webinar only focuses on changes and important points of emphasis. We will not cover every aspect of your stay at Rose-Hulman or the swimming competition. For additional details, I highly recommend that you check out all of our other webinars which are posted online in our Resource Library.

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Next, let me introduce myself. I am Patrick Kozlowski, the Manager of Sports Programs for Special Olympics Indiana. I coordinate bocce, horseshoes, powerlifting, swimming, and volleyball at Summer Games.

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Helping me out at Summer Games is Sam Runge. Sam oversees registration and delegation services at Rose-Hulman.

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Buzz Lail is our Regional Manager for Northwest Indiana and oversees the operation of the various activities that take place in Swim City throughout the weekend.

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Julie Burkholder is our Regional Manager for Northeast Indiana. This will be Julie's second Summer Games on staff with us. She'll also be overseeing all of the fun games and activities in Swim City.

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Before we get into information on swimming competition, I want to give you some arrival details. Check-in for Rose-Hulman takes place at Lakeside Hall, marked by a green star on this map. You will need to take the route marked with a green line to get to Lakeside Hall. Rose-Hulman is currently doing construction on their student union which causes the road just north of the student union to be closed. This closure is marked with a red line on this map.

Now there's no need to worry...even with the construction, the student union will be open for meal service during our stay. For additional information on meals and housing, please watch the Housing & Dining Webinar.

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Now that you've arrived at Rose-Hulman, it's time to talk about important information for the swimming competition and everything else going on during the Games. Here is the overall schedule for the weekend's competition. You'll notice that there is one big change from last year...we are not starting competition until 1:30pm on Friday. You might be asking why we're doing this, but I think our swimmers will like the reason.

One of the most common pieces of feedback we've received throughout the years is that swimmers don't have an opportunity to visit Olympic Town, Healthy Athletes, or Souvenirs. We hope to change that this year. Olympic Town and Healthy Athletes will both be opening at 10:00am on Friday. Worried about the long lines at Healthy Athletes? Swimmers will receive priority in the Healthy Athletes lines on Friday...your swimming credential will act as a fast pass.

For more information on Healthy Athletes, please watch the Healthy Athletes Webinar. For more information on Olympic Town, please watch the Special Events Webinar.

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If your county program has a bus, or if you have your own transportation, I highly recommend you use those to get over to Olympic Town. We will have two buses that each makes a trip to drop off swimmers, but they have a limited seating capacity. You can catch these buses at the swimming bus stop which is located just outside the Aquatics Center and is marked with a blue star on this map. One bus will leave from this location at 9:30am, and the second bus will leave from this location at 9:45am.

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Olympic Town is marked by a red star on this map. If you bring your own bus or vehicle on Friday morning, you'll want to park in the gravel lot just north of Olympic Town marked with a green star. Due to road closures, the best way to get to this parking lot is the route shown by green arrows. Turn onto Sycamore Street from 3rd Street/US-41, and the parking lot will be on your left. If you ride the bus from Rose-Hulman, it will drop you off on the corner of 1st Street & Chestnut Street. This location is marked with a yellow star.

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When you're finished up in Olympic Town, you'll need to get back to Rose-Hulman using our normal bus routes if you did not use your own form of transportation. This map is oriented with North on the top of your screen. On the left side of the map, you'll see Gibson Track and Olympic Town. The unloading zone just South of Olympic Town is where you were dropped off. To get a bus back to Rose-Hulman, you'll take a short walk to the loading zone which is just South of Gibson Track. At this location, you can get on either the green or red line buses to return to main campus. Buses will have signs in their windows indicating green or red. The green line bus will drop you off at the green bus stop, located in the center of the map along 5th Street. From here, walk south on 5th Street to the blue bus stop to catch the blue line bus back to Rose-Hulman. The red line bus will drop you off at the red bus stop, also located on 5th Street. From here, walk north on 5th Street to the blue bus stop to catch the blue line bus back to Rose-Hulman.

For more information on transportation, including transportation from Rose-Hulman to Opening Ceremonies and Festival of Champions, please watch the Transportation Webinar.

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When you get back to Rose-Hulman, keep an eye out for our souvenir mobile store, marked by the red star on this map. You'll get dropped off at the blue star, just a couple of feet away. The souvenir mobile store will only be at Rose-Hulman on Friday from 12pm to 2pm. It will not have every item that you'd see in Olympic Town, but there will be a very nice selection while supplies last. We'll do our best to make announcements in Swim City when the mobile store arrives. For more information on souvenirs, please watch the Special Events Webinar.

Now that we've covered how you'll get to and from Olympic Town, let's cover a few other important pieces of information. The blue star where the bus dropped you off is directly in front of the Aquatics Center entrance. As you go inside, you'll see our information desk on your left. This desk will be run by Sam Runge, and you'll want to go here if you have any questions throughout the day. This is also where coaches and families can pick up heat sheets.

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Swim City is an area for athletes to hang out and have fun while their not competing. It's located on the lower level of the Aquatics Center. From here, you'll also be able to watch the swimming awards ceremonies. On Friday, volunteers from Finish Line will be back again to run some games and activities. Throughout the rest of the weekend, Buzz Lail and Julie Burkholder will take over and keep the excitement going. They'll run a wiffle ball home-run derby, basketball, and other fun games with some prizes to give away. While Swim City won't be a replica of Olympic Town, Buzz and Julie have worked hard to enhance the experience for our swimmers and we hope they enjoy some of the new activities.

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While there will be a lot of exciting things going on, it's important to remember that competition will still be running. There will be staging announcements to let athletes know when it's time for them to report to staging. We will call for the event and heat numbers that should report to staging. For example, you might hear, "Now staging for the Boys 25 Yard Freestyle, Heats 1, 2, and 3." Athletes in those three heats should then report to staging. Heat sheets will be posted in Swim City if you need to check which heats an athlete is in. In addition to announcements, there will be a TV screen listing which heats are currently being staged. The swimming competition runs on a tight schedule, so please look up swimmers' heats ahead of time, and keep an ear tuned for these announcements.

For heat sheets, as well as other sports schedules, please visit the Summer Games section of our Resource Library.

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We hope that you enjoy your experience at Rose-Hulman during Summer Games 2017. If you have any questions on the information that was covered, please don't hesitate to reach out to me before Summer Games. My email address can be found on Page 6 of the Program Information Guide.

Thank you for watching this webinar. We look forward to seeing you all soon! Safe travels to Terre Haute.