



Greetings!

[Registration](#) for the 2021 COMSA Masters Virtual Short Course Regional Swim Meet is **OPEN** until March 12th. Only 12 more days to help secure your team an award. Swimming just one event will count for team participation, plus it will give you an opportunity to help some FANTASTIC aquatic non-profits!

FAST Masters is making a huge run for the top team award with **27** swimmers signed up - Way to go Ft Collins!! Currently, Foothills Masters (FMST) has a strong hold on second place with 10 swimmers and Team Sopris has tied for third place with Connecticut Masters. CONNECTICUT. We still have 12 days to get registered, let's go Colorado!

Heather Melrose
COMSA Secretary

Upcoming Events

State Meet

- Virtual Meet March 14-28, 2021
- Swim in your home pool on your own schedule
- Participate in 1-18 individual events, your choice
- Team participation Awards will be handed out for local clubs or workout groups with the highest participation. With this meet on the USMS calendar, we would LOVE to see COMSA teams in the Top 3!!
- Sign up [here](#)

USMS Short Course Nationals

- July 21-25
- Greensboro, NC

USMS Long Course Nationals

- October 6-10
- Geneva, OH

Host a Swim Meet

Are you interested in hosting a real live swim meet? Swim meet sanctions are being paid by COMSA in 2021. We have also set up a grant program to help teams pay for pool rental fees. Perhaps, your local facility would allow for a small meet so that your members can get official times. Please contact [Richard Hess](#), Sanctions Chair, for more details.

Virtual State Meet Beneficiaries

USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation: Help adults who don't know how to swim. The USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation works hard to reduce these risks by serving as a financial and educational resource for programs nationwide that provide adult learn-to-swim lessons. Since 2012, SSL has awarded more than \$700,000 in grants to adult learn-to-swim providers and programs. You may make a donation to this worthy cause in the merchandise section of your on-line registration.

Swim Across America-Denver: Swim Across America is a National non-profit that hosts 21 Open Water Charity Swims, along with other pool events, to raise funds for critical cancer research & clinical trials that stay within the community in which the funds are raised!

Swim Across America-Denver's sole beneficiary is Children's Hospital Colorado Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders. Since our Inaugural Open Water Swim Event at Chatfield Reservoir in 2018, SAA-Denver has granted over \$335,000 to fund two groundbreaking cancer research projects at Children's Hospital Colorado! Our mission doesn't stop. We are looking forward to hosting many more Open Water Charity Swims & Pool Events in future years to help fund further research projects. Please join us in Making Waves in the Fight against Pediatric Cancer in Colorado. Your generous donation in the merchandise section of your on-line registration will help save Children's lives!

Colorado Mesa University Division 2 College Swimming: CMU was going to provide timers at the 2021 state meet as a fund raising effort for their team.

Colorado Mesa University is one of the fastest improving teams in the country. They are poised to make a run at a national title; however they need your help. In order to compete at the highest level they must fundraise up to 40% of their operating budget. These fundraised monies are used to support scholarships, travel expenses, and provide the gear necessary to compete and train. If you would like to make a donation to this program, you may do so in the merchandise section of your on-line registration.

Aquatic Parks Rangers of Colorado: Several of our COMSA swimmers have been using the Chatfield gravel pond, Boulder reservoir and Aurora reservoir as their open water swimming and training venues for several years, especially this past summer due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are offering you an opportunity to donate to the Aquatic Parks Rangers that keep these open water venues open and safe for swimming in the merchandise section of your on-line registration.

Our State Park Rangers have been helping to provide safe and enjoyable recreation for visitors in Colorado since 1959. State Park rangers wear many diverse hats, and take pride in helping others discover the wonder of nature and outdoor recreation. It's not an easy job, between our varied geography, conditions, and recreational opportunities, but it's one that matters to the future of Colorado.

Annual Meeting

Please join us on March 23rd at 7 pm for COMSA's annual meeting:

Agenda: Bylaws and Awards

ZOOM:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7892186360>

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We will be voting on one Bylaw change:

Article IV - Directors and Officers, Section 4.8 Duties, b) Vice Chair
strikethrough 4th bullet: ~~Plans and coordinates the annual State Meet activities.~~

We will also be giving out our annual awards - Awarding one male and one female the **Jack Buchanan Service Award** which is given to volunteers each year who have made major contributions to Masters swimming. We will also be awarding the **Lou Parker Coach of the Year Award** to an exploratory COMSA coach

Thank you all who have sent in nominations so far. We will continue to accept nominations for both awards until the beginning of the state meet on March 14th. Please send your nominations to our Awards Chair [Hanna Nelson](#).

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