

Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics to Host USA Diving Zone A Championship

Local Athletes from Carolina Diving Academy set to compete June 15-21 for spot at the AT&T USA Diving National Championships in Orlando, FL July-August, 2015

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Huntersville, NC. Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics (HFFA) is hosting the USA Diving Zone A Championships from June 15-21 in coordination with their flagship diving team, the Carolina Diving Academy. Attendance is free to the public.

“Nineteen athletes from Carolina Diving Academy will be competing in this prestigious meet,” said Aaron Hintz, Head Coach and lead organizer of the event. “We anticipate over 350 divers from the eastern seaboard to participate in the meet, including Olympic hopefuls competing in the USA Diving Seniors events.” Zone A includes all eastern states from North Carolina on the southern end to Maine in the north. “This meet will bring two of the top competitive regions together and serve as the first time many of these athletes will have the chance to compete against one another this year as they prepare for nationals,” said Hintz, adding, “Zone meets are something our team prepares for all year in the hopes of making it to nationals at the end of the season.”

Divers will be competing on, 1-meter and 3-meter springboards, as well as 5-meter, 7.5 meter and 10-meter platforms during the course of the weeklong event. In order to compete at the USA Diving Zone A Championship, each of the Carolina Diving Academy athletes had to earn a qualifying score and/or place in the top 15 at the regional meet held in April at UNC-Chapel Hill. At the Zone meet, divers will need to place in the top 12 to move forward to the AT&T USA Diving National Championships.

The following Carolina Diving Academy divers earned a spot at the upcoming USA Diving Zone A Championship: Nikki Canale, 16-18 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Adyson Lowe, 16-18 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Lenora Byrum, 16-18 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Katelyn Abernathy, 16-18 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Erin Lee, 16-18 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Sara Maleski, 16-18 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Jocelyn Porter, 16-18 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Logan Andrews, 16-18 men’s (1-m, 3-m); Carmen Woodruff, 14-15 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Emma Yeakley, 14-15 women’s (1-m, 3-m); Nicole Yeakley, 14-15 women’s (3-m); Kolbein Bjugan, 14-15 men’s (1-m, 3-m); Nicholas Gaberina, 14-15 men’s (1-m, 3-m); Austin Campbell, 14-15 men’s (1-m, 3-m); Morgan Skalsky, 12-13 women’s (3-m); Campbell Worsley, 12-13 men’s (1-m, 3-m); Connor Watling, 12-13 men’s (1-m, 3-m); Sydney Hudson, 11-u women’s (3-m); and Liam Chatten, 11-u men’s (1-m, 3-m).

“We are honored our facility and our resident team, Carolina Diving Academy, were selected to host this large sporting event at our facility,” says Dee Jetton, Executive Director at the Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics. “It will be a great opportunity for our members and local citizens to see the sport of diving first-hand and to see all that Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics has to offer the community.”

“Some of the most elite divers on the east coast will be at the meet as they look toward Olympic trials, not to mention hundreds of divers ages 8-18 vying for a spot at the USA Diving Nationals event in Orlando, FL this summer,” says Hintz. “We encourage you to come out to watch this event with your family to learn more about the sport of diving and our organization’s programs.”

All events are open to the public and are free of charge. Fans are encouraged to follow HFFA on Facebook to get updates on this event, as well as to see athlete winners as they become available during the event.

The Carolina Diving Academy has year-round training programs available for athletes of all levels, from beginners through national championship finalists. The Carolina Diving Academy is in its ninth year and has two additional coaching staff in addition to Aaron Hintz; Brandon Robinson and Brian McRae. HFFA is one of only two facilities in North Carolina with 5-meter, 7.5-m and 10-m platforms, along with four 1-m springboards and four 3-m springboards for competition. For more information, visit Huntersville Family Fitness and Aquatics on the web at: www.hffa.com.

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