



KNOW-BEFORE-YOU-GO 2026 SUMMER SHOWDOWN



The IU Natatorium and Lawrence Swim Team are excited to welcome you to the inaugural 2026 Summer Showdown at the Nat from Friday through Sunday, July 10-12. The following information is being provided to assist with your planning for this exciting weekend of fast swimming and fun at the nation's most iconic aquatics facility. See you there!

- **Venue:** The IU Natatorium – Indy is located on the campus of Indiana University – Indianapolis in downtown Indianapolis. The facility address is 901 West New York Street; Indianapolis 46202
- **Event Information Hub:** The IU Natatorium maintains a comprehensive online landing page on its website with meet information that is helpful for all participants. Heat sheets and results will be posted there throughout the meet. (Heat sheets are free of charge on Meet Mobile for this event.) Participants are encouraged to visit the online information hub frequently for all the latest information at https://natatorium.indianapolis.iu.edu/26_summer_showdown/index.html
- **Event Schedule:** Each competition day will consist of three sessions: a morning preliminary session for ages 13-14 and Open; an afternoon timed finals session for athletes ages 11-12 and 10 & Under; and an evening finals session for the fastest 16 athletes from the morning preliminary session.
 - Warm-ups for the preliminary session begin at 8:00 AM each day with the meet starting at 9:00 AM.
 - Warm-ups for the afternoon session begin at 1:00 PM each day with the meet starting at 2:00 PM.
 - The evening finals session will begin one hour after the completion of the afternoon session, but not before 5:00 PM. Warm-ups for the evening finals session will start at the conclusion of the afternoon session. Participants are encouraged to check the pre-scratch timelines for estimated finals start times.
- **Parking:** Spectator and coach parking is in the Natatorium Sports Garage. Please enter the second entrance labeled Event Parking or Permit Parking. The cost is \$7 per day payable upon entry by debit or credit card only. Please do NOT pull into the Visitor Section (1st Entrance) as you will be charged an hourly rate on that level which is considerably more expensive than the \$7 per day rate
- **Arena Construction & Road Closure:** With the construction of the James T. Morris Arena on Ohio Street, the Natatorium Sports Garage is only accessible using Blake Street off of New York Street. You will not be able to access the Sports Garage using Blackford Street (Blackford is the street that borders Military Park) because Ohio Street is closed behind the Herron School of Art. (See Parking Maps on Event Information Hub)
- **Volunteer Timers:** A very economical and up-close, fun way to attend the Summer Showdown is to volunteer as a timer. All volunteers receive complimentary parking, meals, and a prime seat during their shifts plus the opportunity to meet other amazing volunteers. Parking for volunteers is on the 5th and 6th floors of the Riverwalk Garage which is attached to the Natatorium Sports Garage. Volunteers will pull a ticket upon entry into the Riverwalk Garage and receive a validation to use as payment when exiting. (Keep the ticket pulled on entry as it is needed to exit.) All timers must be at least junior high age. Please consider joining our amazing volunteer team as a timer (or another preferred position) by signing up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA9AC2CA1FF2-64525008-summer> There will be a virtual Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday evening, July 8, at 7:00 PM. All registered volunteers will receive the link to this meeting.
- **Tickets:** All tickets to this event are electronic and sold only online. Fans are advised to purchase their tickets prior to arriving at the Nat at <https://am.ticketmaster.com/iuindy/buy/26-summer-showdown> While there will be a ticketing Help Desk on the main concourse at the Natatorium, there will be no onsite sale of tickets. Upon arrival, spectators will need to present their electronic ticket to obtain a wristband at the ticketing Help Desk. The wristband is used for in-and-out privileges into the spectator seating galleries. Fans who purchase an all-session ticket will be given an all-session tag at the ticketing Help Desk that allows entry into all meet sessions throughout the weekend.
- **Theme Days:** Please join in the continued celebration of the 250th Birthday of our Nation by participating in the event theme days. Friday is Red, White, & Blue; Saturday is Stars & Stripes Day; and Sunday is Team USA Day. There will be prizes and recognition for those who display the spirit of the July 4 season!
- **Event Vendor:** Plan your summer shopping by visiting our 2026 Summer Showdown at the Nat vendors. Elsmore will be our swim shop vendor, and Fine Designs will be making custom-branded event apparel. Thank you for your support of our valued vendors!