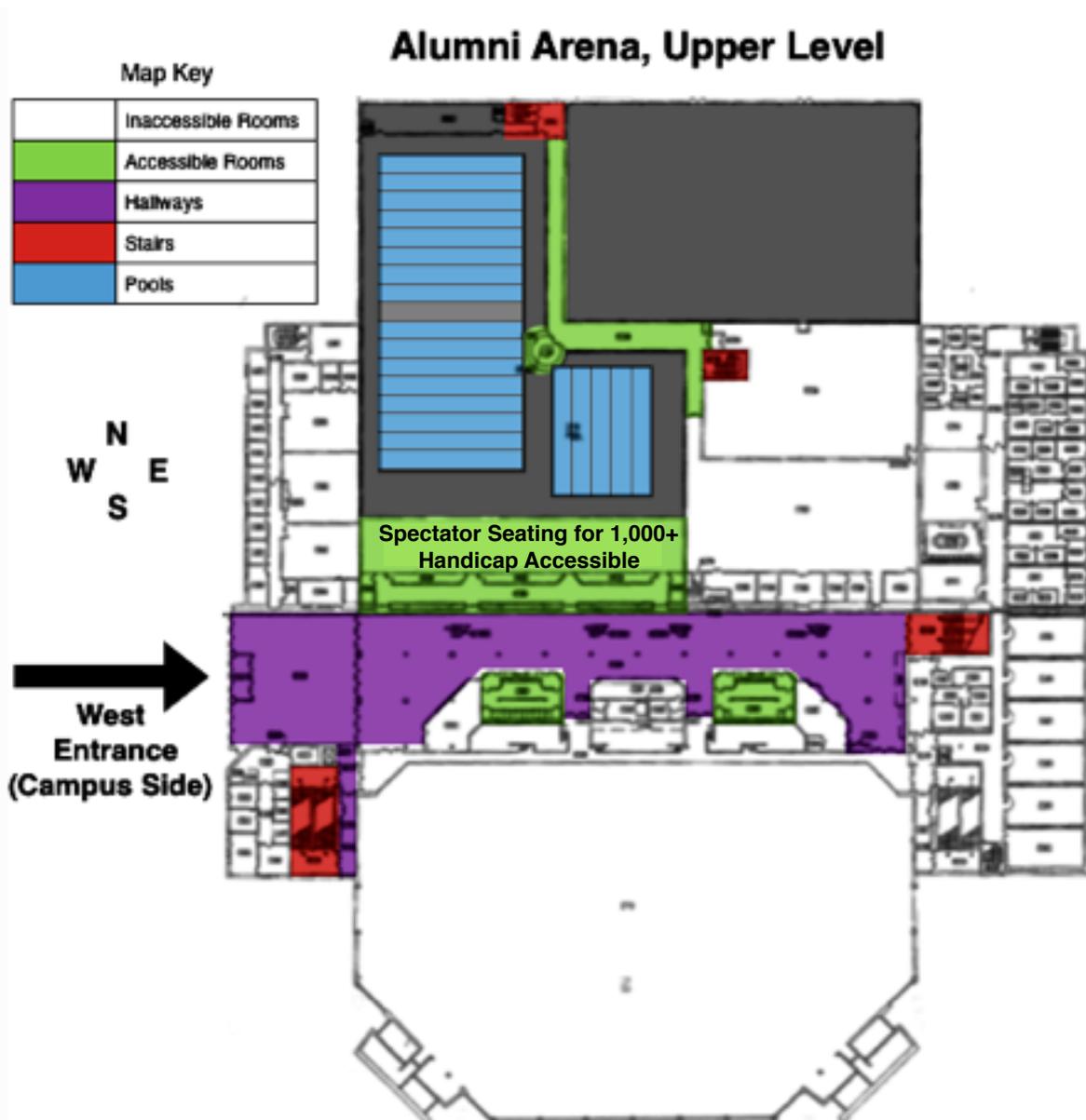


Facilities

The Alumni Arena houses two indoor pools. The 1st is a 25yd x 50m competition pool with a moveable bulkhead, and the 2nd is a separate competition diving well that can be set-up as a 5-lane warm-up/cooldown pool to be used between swimmers' events.

The bulkhead in the competition pool can be used to separate it into two 8-lane competition pools without losing access to consistent warm-up/cooldown access. Doing this could allow for 11-12 year olds to swim their prelims sessions in the mornings and get more rest before the finals sessions each day.

Having two pools in the mid-day session could also allow for 10 and under swimmers to compete in one pool while a time trial session takes place in the other. Doing this would allow for swimmers with only 1 or 2 champ's qualifying times to have more competitive opportunities without adding to the meet's timeline.



Alumni Arena, Lower Level



The Alumni Arena has successfully hosted the New York State YMCA Championships Meet within the past year, and will do so again in the Spring of 2018, with no issue of deck or spectator seating space. That YMCA meet had over 1,200 swimmers in attendance.

In an effort to provide even more deck space and offer athletes a more comfortable space to stretch out and relax between events, we have included in our bid partial access to the Alumni Arena's Triple Gym (reflected in the lower level layout).

We will establish audio, and try to establish visual, information in the Gymnasium for athletes to know what event and heat is in the water at all times.

Meet Volunteers

80 families currently have swimmers who train with Buffalo Area Aquatic Club. We've been training our members to run well managed swim meets. We've run six meets in under a year, and our membership's capacity to operate those meets has grown stronger with each one. Our closed meets at Alumni Arena mimic the set-up and operation processes of high level prelims/finals meets so that we can familiarize our membership with running meets of that level.

Buffalo Area Aquatic Club will be able to supply volunteers for all positions necessary to run a 4 day prelims/finals meet smoothly and to a standard that provides swimmers the best opportunities for great competition. We will provide timers, at least, for all Finals Sessions (including Thursday evening). As LSC Champs meets in the past have done, we may ask that teams provide timers for preliminary sessions throughout the meet.

BAAC Hosted Meets

Buffalo Area Aquatic Club began hosting meets in April of 2016. Beyond offering our own swimmers opportunities to compete on a regular basis, our team's goal has been to train our membership on how to host meets with the intention of hosting a large scale prelims/finals meet. Below is a list of the meets we've hosted, and the meets we intend to host ahead of the 2018 Niagara SC LSC Championships.

04/24/16	2016 LC BAAC in Action Meet	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
07/16/16	2016 LC BAAC Chance Meet	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
10/09/16	2016 SC BAAC to Basics Meet	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
11/13/16	2016 SC BAAC at it Again Meet	CLOSED	Buffalo State
02/12/17	2017 SC BAAC Chance Meet	OPEN	Buffalo State
* 5 teams attended this meet with over 120 swimmers total in the meet. The meet ran very smoothly.			
04/22/17	2017 LC BAAC Intrasquad Series, #1	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
06/03/17	2017 LC BAAC Intrasquad Series, #2	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
07/04/17	2017 LC BAAC Intrasquad Series, #3	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
08/05/17	2017 LC BAAC Intrasquad Champs	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
10/TBD/17	2017 SC BAAC to Basics Meet	CLOSED	Alumni Arena
11/TBD/17	2017 SC BAAC at it Again Meet	OPEN	Buffalo State
02/TBD/18	2017 SC BAAC Chance Meet	OPEN	Buffalo State
03/08/18	2017 SC Niagara LSC Champs	LSC	Alumni Arena

Lodging/ Food/ Shopping

The University at Buffalo's North Campus hosts Division I athletic events throughout the school-year, and has a culture and environment built around it to supply travelers a great experience while they're in town.

Within 3 miles of the Alumni Arena there are at least 15 hotels at varying costs to fit anyone's budget for a travel meet. There is a large variety of restaurants and shopping venues close by, as well.

For those who prepare their own food for swim meets, there are many grocery stores such as Wegman's, Top's, Aldi's, and Walmart close to the Alumni Arena and its surrounding hotels.

Our Goal

Our goal in bidding to host this meet is to provide a great competitive experience to the swimmers of this LSC. The Alumni Arena's aquatic facility can allow for a meet's design to be more inclusive of the athletes by way of offering more bonus events or time trials sessions for swimmers without sacrificing the competitive level of the meet.

I have full confidence in our team's ability to host a great meet for the athletes of this LSC.