

The PVS Diversity Coach Forum provides an opportunity for coaches to have a dialogue and identify, share and discuss the issues and challenges related to expanding the sport among traditionally under represented communities. Facilitated by Peter Clark, USA Swimming Sport Development Consultant.

**Registration:** - To register, please send an email with your intent to participate to <u>diversity@pvswim.org</u> addressed to Merari Chollette, PVS Diversity Chair

What: PVS Diversity Coaches Forum - round table discussion - lunch
When: Friday, April 25, 2014
Time: 11-2pm
Location: Takoma Aquatic Center, Washington, DC
Who's Invited: All USAS/PVS registered coaches and other LSC registered coaches attending the Regional Coaches Clinic
Cost: Free - PVS coaches that attend this forum are eligible for a continuing education 50% reimbursement of their Regional Coaches Clinic registration fee\*. Please email diversity@pvswim for more details.

**Description:** A meeting sponsored by PVS Diversity Committee, in conjunction with the Regional Coaches Clinic as a round table forum discussing diversity in swimming and helping coaches develop their programs. This forum will provide coaches who currently work with minority athletes or coaches who would like to reach out to more potential athletes from under represented communities a session to discuss the challenges, opportunities and strategies in developing these athletes. Peter Clark, USA Swimming Eastern Zone - Sport Development Consultant will facilitate the session. Manny Banks, Diversity Consultant from USA Swimming and Miriam Lynch, Eastern Zone Diversity Coordinator are also supporting the event.

**Expected outcomes:** A candid open discussion of the issues and challenges that coaches face and a sharing of or development of strategies they can employ to address the issues, meet the challenges and improve the ongoing development of their clubs and athletes. Work towards helping coaches expand and implement programs for all athletes while engaging a broader demographic into the swimming experience while improving club and program sustainability.

\*Sponsored by PVS Diversity - In order to be eligible for this reimbursement, the coach must be a current PVS registered coach in good standing, register for both the forum and clinic by April 10, 2014 and attend both the forum and at a minimum 2 of the 3 days of the Coach Clinic. All submissions for reimbursement will be reviewed and approved by the PVS Diversity Committee to ensure compliance with the requirements set forth. Please email diversity@pvswim for more details.