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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a foundation that allows for direct on-going communication with each of you. Information contained within will cover the most current Safe Sport related information. If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions, please email us at [safesport@usaswimming.org](mailto:safesport@usaswimming.org)

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### **Convention!**

Another fantastic Convention week is in the books. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Your participation and input continue to be crucial in moving the Safe Sport message forward. Your voices were heard!

Next steps: Safe Sport staff will take the work the attendees did in the workshops and create tools. These tools will include How To Do Safe Sport for LSC Safe Sport Chairs and the Safe Sport Meet in a Box. These tools will further assist members to do Safe Sport everyday.

PLEASE take the time to complete the evaluations of these sessions if you have not done so already. We truly value and listen to all of your feedback. You will find all the links to the evaluations and the PDFs for the Safe Sport sessions here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/articles-landing-page/2017/09/11/safe-sport-2017-convention-materials> .

The evaluation links will be active until Tuesday, October 17th.

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## Safe Sport Fellows!

The 2017 Safe Sport Fellows continue to impress us! This past weekend, Makayla Varga, Safe Sport Fellow from Illinois Swimming, hosted an event she created called #SafeSportPalooza. During the two-track event, athletes got in the water to have fun on the Wibit equipment and, along with their parents, received interactive training about Safe Sport. With the support of her team and LSC, the SafeSportPalooza was a huge success. Great job, Makayla! Way to show everyone that Safe Sport is about giving people a positive and fun experience.

## USA Swimming LEARN!

LEARN, which stands for the Leadership Education and Resource Network, is USA Swimming's new educational platform. Starting in 2018 it will serve as a hub for all USA Swimming online courses and certifications. LEARN will also house other relevant content for all USA Swimming members. This is an exciting program that, as it grows, is going to allow USA Swimming to provide education to members in a whole new way.

The Athlete Protection Training (APT) certification is the first content to be added to LEARN. Please be sure to check your membership card and complete your training before it expires. As a reminder, non-athlete members are required to renew their Athlete Protection Training every two years. Access the training through the member portal at [www.usaswimming.org/apt](http://www.usaswimming.org/apt)

If you have any questions or problems please contact [learn@usaswimming.org](mailto:learn@usaswimming.org) .

## LSC Safe Sport Chair Highlight!

Shout out to Utah Swimming LSC Safe Sport Chair, Cathy Vaughan. Every month, Cathy sends out the Utah Safe Sport Newsletter. Each newsletter highlights a different principle of Safe Sport with ideas and practical suggestions of how to create a positive environment. She directs the newsletters to club coaches and club leadership. Great job, Cathy! Keep up the great work!

To view all of the Utah Swimming newsletters to date please go here: <https://www.teamunify.com/About.jsp?team=lscuts> .

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### **Free Training!**

The U.S. Center for Safe Sport offers free training available to all. The Center continues to build their educational resources and you can find their webinars at <https://webinar.com/channel/263ba738632546a9b515f704b17c17bc> . The webinar currently available is Preventing Bullying Behaviors.

For more information about the Center, please visit [www.safesport.org](http://www.safesport.org) .

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