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Team USA Heads to Shanghai for 2011 FINA World Championships

Indianapolis, Ind. – The 2011 U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Team will dive into the waters of the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center next week at the 14th FINA World Championships. The elite competition which features all four aquatic sports, runs July 17-23.

Mary Killman (McKinney, Texas) will represent Team USA in the solo competition and will team up with **Lyssa Wallace** (San Antonio, Texas) in the duet. Action gets underway on July 17 with the solo tech prelim, duet tech prelim and the solo tech final. Champions will be crowned in the solo, duet and team events in both tech and free events.

The roster includes four returning athletes from the 2010 National Team which finished sixth at last year's FINA World Cup. Team USA began training on January 24 in Indianapolis, Ind., home of the USA Synchro National Headquarters and sponsor, St. Vincent Sports Performance (SVSP). The National Team has split training time between the IU Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI and SVSP.

The 2011 U.S. National Team is coached by **Mayuko "Mayu" Fujiki**. Fujiki, who competed for Japan, earned a bronze medal at the 1996 Olympic Games. As a coach, Fujiki has served on the coaching staffs of Italy, Australia, Japan, Greece, Hungary, and most recently, Spain, where she led the 2010 Spanish National Team to an overall Gold Medal finish, topping synchro powerhouse Russia at the FINA World Trophy.

The 2011 U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Team includes:

Christiana Butera (El Cajon, Calif.), **Morgan Fuller** (Sunnyvale, Calif.), **Megan Hansley** (New Canaan, Conn.), **Heidi Homma** (Orinda, Calif.), **Mary Killman** (McKinney, Texas), **Maria Koroleva** (Concord, Calif.), **Jourdan Meltzer** (Oakland, Calif.), **Michelle Moore** (Tonawanda, N.Y.), **Leah Pinette** (Bristol, Conn.), **Brooke Taylor** (Las Vegas, Nev), **Lyssa Wallace** (San Antonio, Texas), **Katy Wiita** (Vancouver, Wash.) and **Alison Williams** (Northridge, Calif.)

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