

Swim Level Guide

Water Babies (6-18mo.)

Parents and babies will explore introductory swim skills, basic swimming strokes and water safety. Parents will experience swimming with their student as well as be introduced to lifejackets. An instructor led class where parents learn to positively interact with their child in the water through swimming skill development and water play.

Safety Topic: submersion - 1-2x per week

Aqua Tots (18mo.-3 years)

Parents and Tots will explore introductory swim skills, basic swimming strokes and water safety. Parents will experience swimming with their student as well as be introduced to lifejackets. An instructor led class where parents learn to positively interact with their child in the water through swimming skill development and water play.

Safety Topic: ask permission

Preschool Level 1 (previously pike/eel, ages 3-5)

Youth Level 1 (previously polliwog, ages 6 and up)

Goals: safe entries/exits, blowing bubbles, submersion, front and back floats, roll from front to back, introduction to deep water, and basic swim strokes

Safety Topics: asking permission, adult supervision, never swim alone, and getting an adult for help

Preschool Level 2 (previously ray/starfish, ages 3-5)

Youth Level 2 (previously guppy, ages 6 and up)

Prerequisite Skills: comfortable in water, submerge full face, and float on front and back

Review: blowing bubbles, floating, basic swim strokes

Goals: in water recovery from floats and swimming, introduction to freestyle with rotary breathing, backstroke, elementary backstroke arms, and sitting/kneeling dives

Safety Topics: asking permission, adult supervision, never swim alone, getting an adult for help and calling 911

Youth Level 3 (previously minnow/fish)

Prerequisites: comfortable in the water, front and back floats, elementary backstroke arms, introduced to deep water

Review: freestyle with rotary breathing, backstroke, elementary backstroke arms, and diving

Goals: swimming without flotation devices, freestyle, backstroke, whip kick, elementary backstroke, flip turns, treading water, and sitting/kneeling/standing dives

Safety Topic: asking permission, adult supervision, never swim alone, life jacket safety, boating, nutrition

Level 4 (previously flying fish / shark)

Prerequisites: swim freestyle and backstroke for 15 yards, swim underwater, tread water and diving

Review: freestyle, backstroke, whip kick, elementary backstroke, and flip turns

Goals: swim 25 yards continuously, feet first surface dives, breaststroke, dolphin kick, butterfly arms, butterfly stroke as well as refine freestyle, backstroke, elementary backstroke, and kneeling/standing dives

Safety Topic: asking permission, adult supervision, never swim alone, and entry in unknown depths, and boating

Level 5

Prerequisites: swim 25 yards continuously, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, jumping into deep water, and tread water for 1 minute

Review: all strokes and turns for each, diving

Goals: endurance, swim continuously for 50 yards, butterfly, head first surface dives, tread water for 2 minutes, introduction to side stroke, and long, shallow standing dives

Safety Topics: asking permission, adult supervision, buddy system/never swim alone, entry into unknown depths, boating and nutrition/fatigue

Level 6

Prerequisites: swim all strokes continuously, retrieve object 10ft underwater, and tread water for 2 minutes

Review: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, elementary backstroke, side stroke, proper turns for each stroke and long, shallow standing dives

Goals: swim 100 yards continuously, stroke refinement with streamline, endurance, diving from starting blocks (optional)

Safety Topics: asking permission, adult supervision, never swim alone, entry into unknown depths, boating, and nutrition

SWIM LESSON SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The YMCA has received a Swim Lesson Scholarship Grant which is funded by the Y-USA Strategic Initiatives Fund. The grant provides opportunities for children that have no or low swimming ability. To learn how to qualify for financial assistance and for more information regarding the Aberdeen Family YMCA swim lesson program, please contact Dan Severson, Aquatic Director at dseverson@aberdeenymca.org or 605-225-4910.

SWIM LESSONS

New swimming lesson curriculum beginning in Sept.!
See back of flyer for a guide on swim lesson levels.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY (4 weeks, 8 lessons)

4:30pm-5:10pm	5:20pm-6:00pm	6:10pm-6:50pm
Preschool 1	Preschool 1	Youth 1
Youth 1	Preschool 2	Youth 2
Youth 2	Youth 1	Youth 3
Youth 3	Youth 2	Youth 4
		Youth 5

T/TH SESSION DATES:	T/TH SESSION COST:
Sept. 3 - Sept. 26	Y Household Members - \$30
Oct. 8 - Oct. 31	Y Members - \$40
Nov. 12 - Dec. 10	Non-Members - \$65
	• No lessons Nov. 28

SATURDAYS (6 weeks, 6 lessons)

9:00am-9:40am	9:50am-10:30am
Preschool 1	Preschool 1
Preschool 2	Preschool 2
Youth 1	Youth 1
Youth 2	Youth 2
10:40am-11:20am	11:30am-12:10pm
Youth 1	Youth 2
Youth 2	Youth 3
Youth 3	Youth 4
	Youth 5

SAT. SESSION DATES:	SAT. SESSION COST:
Sept. 7 - Oct. 19	Y Household Members - \$25
Nov. 2 - Dec. 14	Y Members - \$35
	Non-Members - \$55
	• No lessons Oct. 12 or Nov. 30

SUNDAYS (6 weeks, 6 lessons)

12:30pm-1:10pm	1:20pm-2:00pm
Preschool 1	Preschool 1
Preschool 2	Preschool 2
Youth 1	Youth 1
Youth 2	Youth 2
Youth 3	Youth 4

SUN. SESSION DATES:	SUN. SESSION COST:
Sept. 8 - Oct. 13	Y Household Members - \$25
Nov. 3 - Dec. 15	Y Members - \$35
	Non-Members - \$55
	• No lessons Dec. 1

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register for swim lessons at Member Services or online at

www.aberdeenymca.org.

Registration will close three days prior to class start date. *Minimum of 3 participants for the class to be held. Missed classes cannot be made up or credited. Session changes must be done prior to the beginning of the session. No refunds, only credit available.

If you have questions regarding level requirements or placement, contact Dan Severson at dseverson@aberdeenymca.org.

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