

SCHOOL SWIM LEAGUE

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Registration – Information

THE YMCA MISSION: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



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What Is It?

The YMCA School Swim League Program offers children the opportunity to test the waters of competitive swimming while having fun at the same time. Participants take part in weekend swim meets and have the chance to swim in a variety of events that provide individual and team competition.

Program Prerequisites

The program is for children 14 and under who have had some form of swim instruction. Children should be able to swim at least one length of freestyle in the YMCA's 25-meter pool.

PLEASE NOTE: The School Swim League does not involve swim lessons! This program is strictly an introduction to competitive swimming, which is more advanced.

Registration

Program registration is from February 25 through March 16*. To register, fill out the registration form at the end of this packet and return it to the Front Desk along with your payment.

The cost for each participant is:

- Y Members - \$30
- Program Members - \$50

*There will be a \$5 late fee from March 16-23 and a \$10 late fee after March 23.

Volunteers

As with all YMCA programs, volunteers are needed in order for the School Swim League to operate. Head and assistant coaches will be needed for the season. Before each swim meet, representatives will organize ribbon writers, timers, clerk of course and runners. Please volunteer to participate in at least one meet. Mark your volunteer interests on the registration form.

Parents and Volunteers Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at the YMCA pool. This meeting is for establishing team coaches and meet representatives, and for asking questions, offering comments or recognizing concerns.

Coaches Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in the Aquatics Office.



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****Teams and Practice Schedules**

Team	School
Y Piranhas	Bradley, Cranberry, Daniels, Shady, Sophia, Stanaford, Trinity Chr.
Y Makos	Crab Orchard, Crescent, Fairdale, Greater Beckley, Hollywood, Lester, Mabscott, Marsh Fork, Clear Fork
Y Porpoises	Beckley, Coal City, Ghent, Maxwell Hill, St. Francis, Stratton

** Find the elementary school that the participant attends, attended, or will be attending and match it up with the corresponding team. The participant will be swimming on that team for the School Swim League season.

Practices will be held at the Beckley-Raleigh County YMCA's 25 – Meter pool beginning Monday, March 24, 2008. Each team practices for (1) one hour, twice a week throughout the School Swim League season and will have access to two lap lanes plus pool equipment.

Practices can be viewed from the observation deck on the second floor of the YMCA.

Equipment

Each participant needs a swimsuit and towel. Swim goggles and caps are not necessary, but may be used. Swimsuits, goggles, and caps can be purchased from Coach Caroline for a nominal fee.

Facilities are available for changing purposes on the bottom floor of the YMCA.

Schedule

Please see the next page for a calendar!

2008 School Swim League Calendar

Registration: February 25-March 16, \$5 late fee March 17-23, \$10 late fee after March 24

Practice for ALL teams: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 23	24 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	25 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	26	27 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	28	29
30	31 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	APRIL 1 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	2	3 Swim Meet #1 Warm-ups: 5:00 p.m. Meet starts: 5:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	8 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	9	10 Swim Meet #2 Warm-ups: 5:00 p.m. Meet starts: 5:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NO PRACTICE or MEETS—SPRING BREAK!						
20	21 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	22 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	23	24 Swim Meet # 3 Warm-ups: 5:00 p.m. Meet starts: 5:30 p.m.	25	26
27	28 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	29 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	30	MAY 1 Practice 6:00-7:00 p.m.	2	3 Championship Swim Meet Warm-ups: 12:00 noon Meet Starts: 12:30 Award ceremony and Pizza & Pool Party immediately following

Meet Volunteer Assignments:

- Meet 1: Mako parents
- Meet 2: Piranha parents
- Meet 3: Porpoise parents
- Meet 4 (Championships): BRY swim-team parents

Meet volunteers will help with concessions, clerk of course and set-up/break-down of the pool. It is important that each team help to volunteer on the assigned meet. This volunteering is what helps run a quality swim team and swim meet!! Thank you for your support.