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# SAFE SWIMMERS START HERE

## 2019 Spring Swim Lessons MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA



### PARENT TIPS

- Register in person at the Y or go online to [www.ymca-ywca.org](http://www.ymca-ywca.org) for class descriptions and registration.
- Please contact Shelley Lechnir, Aquatic Director for questions regarding placement in a level: [shelley.lechnir@ymca-ywca.org](mailto:shelley.lechnir@ymca-ywca.org) or 641-752-8658
- **Stages are for both Preschool and School age children. They are combined.**
- All swimmers progress at an individual pace. Some may need to repeat a stage.
- If class is full, please ask to be added to wait list. Classes will be added if possible. (Not a guarantee.)



**Y swim instructors are nationally certified.** Their training includes CPR, AED and First Aid . Swim lessons provide important life skills that could save a life and will benefit students for a lifetime.

### Session Dates

**Spring 1:** April 1— April 28  
**Spring 2:** April 29 — May 26

### Fees

**One time per week (8 weeks)**  
**Two times per week (4 weeks)**  
Rate - \$40  
Y member - \$30

### Private Lessons

Rate - \$90  
Y member - \$60  
Students will purchase a private lesson punch card worth 4 –30 minute lessons.

### Spring 1 & 2 4-week sessions

#### Stage 1

M/W 9:15-10:00 a.m.  
M/W 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
M/W 6:10-6:55 p.m.

#### Stage 2

M/W 10:05-10:50 a.m.  
M/W 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
M/W 5:20-6:05 p.m.

#### Stage 3

M/W 5:20-6:05 p.m.  
M/W 6:10-6:55 p.m.

#### Stage 4

M/W 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
M/W 6:10-6:55 p.m.

#### Stage 5

M/W 5:20-6:05 p.m.

#### Stage 6

M/W 5:20-6:05 p.m.

### Registration

First date listed is for Y Members; second date is for program members  
Register online or in person.

**Spring 1:** March 25 March 27  
**Spring 2:** April 22 April 24

### Spring 1 8-week session

#### Water Discovery/ Water Exploration

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

#### Stage 1

T 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
TH 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
SAT 8:30-9:15 a.m.

#### Stage 2

T 5:20-6:05 p.m.  
TH 5:20-6:05 p.m.  
T 6:10-6:55 p.m.  
TH 6:10-6:55 p.m.  
SAT 8:30-9:15 a.m.  
SAT 9:20-10:05 a.m.

#### Stage 3

T 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
TH 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
T 5:20-6:05 p.m.  
TH 5:20-6:05 p.m.  
SAT 9:20-10:05 a.m.

#### Stage 4

T 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
TH 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
SAT 9:20-10:05 a.m.

#### Stage 5 & 6

T 5:20-6:05 p.m.  
TH 5:20-6:05 p.m.  
SAT 8:30-9:15 a.m.

#### Home School Swim Club

MON 3:00-3:45 p.m.

# DESCRIPTIONS

## Swim Starters Aquatic Program

Accompanied by a parent\*, infants and toddlers learn to be comfortable in the water and develop swim readiness skills through fun and confidence-building experiences, while parents learn about water safety, drowning prevention, and the importance of supervision.

### Stage Descriptions:

**A / Water Discovery** Introduces infants and toddlers to the aquatic environment.

**B / Water Exploration** Focuses on exploring body positions, blowing bubbles, and fundamental

\* We define parent broadly to include all adults with primary responsibility for raising children, including biological parents, adoptive parents, guardians, stepparents, grandparents, or any other type of parenting relationship.

## Specialty Classes and Programs

Swimmers who love the water and want further instruction for future aquatics activities enjoy participating in our Specialty Programs focused on leadership, competition, and recreation.

We continually develop our specialty program curriculum. Please check the Y website for updates: [www.ymca-ywca.org](http://www.ymca-ywca.org).

## Home School Swim Club

This multi-level class is available to any home school student. Swimmers practice strokes, basic water safety and skills.

## Swim Basics for Preschool and School Age

Students learn personal water safety and achieve basic swimming competency by learning two benchmark skills: **swim, float, swim**—sequencing front glide, roll, back float, roll, front glide, and exit—and **jump, push, turn, grab**.

**In Water Acclimation, Water Movement, and Water Stamina**, students are taught the recommended skills for all to have around water including safe water habits, underwater exploration, and how to swim to safety and exit in the event of falling into a body of water. Activities, games, and drills, geared to reinforce learning, are utilized heavily as students progress in this skill-based approach to swimming.

### Stage Descriptions:

**1 / Water Acclimation** Increases comfort with underwater exploration and introduces basic self-rescue skills performed with assistance.

**2 / Water Movement** Encourages forward movement in water and basic self-rescue skills performed independently.

**3 / Water Stamina** Develops intermediate self-rescue skills performed at longer distances than in previous stages.

## SWIM LESSON CANCELLATION POLICY

The Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA reserves the right to combine class levels, or cancel classes for insufficient enrollment. In the event of a cancelled session, system credit will be given. Classes missed due to weather will not be made up or refunded.

## Swim Strokes for Preschool and School Age

Having mastered the fundamentals, students learn additional water safety skills and build stroke technique, developing skills that prevent chronic disease, increase social-emotional and cognitive well-being, and foster a lifetime of physical activity.

**In Stroke Introduction, Stroke Development and Stroke Mechanics**, swimmers are introduced to the four competitive swimming strokes as well as rescue skills and healthy lifestyle habits.

### Stage Descriptions:

**4 / Stroke Introduction** Introduces basic stroke technique in front crawl and back crawl and reinforces water safety through treading water and elementary backstroke.

**5 / Stroke Development** Introduces breast-stroke and butterfly and reinforces water safety through treading water and sidestroke.

**6 / Stroke Mechanics** Refines stroke technique on all major competitive strokes and encourages swimming as part of a healthy lifestyle.