



# STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

## SWIM STARTERS

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.



### A / WATER DISCOVERY

Parents accompany children in stage A, which introduces infants and toddlers to the aquatic environment through exploration and encourages them to enjoy themselves while learning about the water.



### B / WATER EXPLORATION

In stage B, parents work with their children to explore body positions, floating, blowing bubbles, and fundamental safety and aquatic skills.



### 1 / WATER ACCLIMATION

Students develop comfort with underwater exploration and learn to safely exit in the event of falling into a body of water in stage 1. This stage lays the foundation that allows for a student's future progress in swimming.



### 2 / WATER MOVEMENT

In stage 2, students focus on body position and control, directional change, and forward movement in the water while also continuing to practice how to safely exit in the event of falling into a body of water.



### 3 / WATER STAMINA

In stage 3, students learn how to swim to safety from a longer distance than in previous stages in the event of falling into a body of water. This stage also introduces rhythmic breathing and integrated arm and leg action.

## SWIM BASICS

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
- Jump, push, turn, grab



### 4 / STROKE INTRODUCTION

Students in stage 4 develop stroke technique in front crawl and back crawl and learn the breaststroke kick and butterfly kick. Water safety is reinforced through treading water and elementary backstroke.



### 5 / STROKE DEVELOPMENT

Students in stage 5 work on stroke technique and learn all major competitive strokes. The emphasis on water safety continues through treading water and sidestroke.



### 6 / STROKE MECHANICS

In stage 6, students refine stroke technique on all major competitive strokes, learn about competitive swimming, and discover how to incorporate swimming into a healthy lifestyle.

## SWIM STROKES

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.

**HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?** Contact our Aquatics Manager, Erin Benz at 507.376.6197 ext. 224 or [erin.benz@ymcaworthington.org](mailto:erin.benz@ymcaworthington.org)

# GROUP SWIM LESSONS FALL 2021

Aug 16–Sept 13 (No class Sept 6)	Preschool 1	Preschool 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
M & W Evening								
5:00–5:30pm	X		X					
5:35pm–6:05pm		X		X				
6:10–6:40pm			X		X			

  

Sept 20—Oct 13	Preschool 1	Preschool 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
M & W Evening								
5:00–5:30pm		X			X			
5:35pm–6:05pm	X			X				
6:10–6:40pm			X			X		

  

Oct 25—Nov 17	Preschool 1	Preschool 2	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
M & W Evening								
5:00–5:30pm	X			X				
5:35pm–6:05pm			X		X			
6:10–6:50pm						X	X	X

**Group Swimming Lesson Fees: Member: \$19 per session Non-Member: \$41 per session**  
(a session includes 8 scheduled classes)

## Stage A & B (Parent/Child Lessons)

**Session 1** August 19–October 7 Thursday's 5:15–5:45pm

**Session 2:** October 14–December 9 Thursday's 5:15–5:45pm  
(No class November 25)

Each session includes 8, 30 minute classes

Fees: Member: \$19 per session Non-Member: \$41 per session.

## Adult & Teen Group Lessons

**Session 1** September 7–October 5 Tuesday's 6–6:40pm

**Session 2:** October 19–November 16 Tuesday's 6–6:40pm

Each session includes 5, 40 minute classes.

Fees: Member: \$35 per session Non-Member: \$55 per session.

## Private & Semi-Private Lessons

Did you know we offer Private Swimming Lessons? No age restrictions, to schedule your lessons please contact Erin Benz at [erin.benz@ymcaworthington.org](mailto:erin.benz@ymcaworthington.org).

Each session includes 5, 30-minute lessons

Private Fee: 1:1 \$60 Member \$115 Non Member

Semi-Private Fee: 1:2 or 3 \$40 per Member \$80 per Non Member