

Fun Facts about YMCA Swim Lessons

- The year 2011 marked the 105th anniversary of the first swim lessons offered by the YMCA.
- A YMCA instructor created the first group swimming lesson, and the Y was the first to establish certification programs for lifesaving, swimming and aquatic instruction.
- Collectively, YMCAs are the largest operator of swimming pools in the world.

**** Swim caps, goggles and Little Swimmers are available for sale at the Courtesy Counter.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if my child has a fear of the water? Please stay positive and patient. Take your child to the pool regularly. Please remember that every child must learn to swim to be safe and it takes some children longer to get over a fear of water. If your child is afraid, it may help to remove yourself from the pool area and wait in the lobby area.

Q: How long will it take for my child to learn to swim? There is not a magic number of lessons. Swimming is a motor skill and takes practice. Each child will be challenged by different skills and will breeze through other skills.

Q: Will my child have the same instructor for the session? We do our best to maintain consistency with instructors. However, there will be times when the regularly scheduled instructor cannot be there and will have to find a sub for the class.

Q: What is the ratio of instructors to swimmers? We try to stick to a 1:6 ratio for Preschool and a 1:8 ratio for Youth.

Q: How do we make-up a class? Make-up classes are only permitted for rare occasions where the YMCA has to cancel class. Make-up days are scheduled based on instructor and pool availability. Make-ups cannot be made by attending another swim lesson.



Swim Lessons Guide Wapakoneta Family YMCA

The Wapakoneta Family YMCA offers a variety of learn-to-swim programs for all ages. All YMCA Swim Instructors are lifeguard certified and trained to teach individuals to swim based on a progressive skills approach.



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Group Swim Lessons

Parent/child Ages 6 months to 3 years

Preschool Ages 3-5

Youth Ages 6 & over

Advanced Ages 6-10

Please see the latest Program Brochure for prices, dates and times of lessons.

Private Swim Lessons

- Accommodate one individual
- 30 minutes in length

Members	Potential Members
3 for \$36	3 for \$55
5 for \$60	5 for \$85
7 for \$84	7 for \$115
10 for \$120	10 for \$160

Semi-Private Swim Lessons

- Accommodate two individuals of similar swim ability
- 30 minutes in length

Members	Potential Members
3 for \$60	3 for \$100
5 for \$100	5 for \$155
7 for \$140	7 for \$200
10 for \$180	10 for \$260

General Guidelines

- Please shower before entering the pool to keep it clean.
- Long hair should be tied back or put in a swim cap. Goggles are recommended.
- When bringing in children to the YMCA, please use the Family Girls and Family Boys locker rooms during your visit. The Men's and Women's locker rooms are reserved for those 18 and older.
- Please have your child use the restroom before they come into the pool area.
- Children under 8 years are not permitted in the pool without a parent or instructor in the water unless they have passed their swim test.
- Parents are required to sit at the South side of the pool area, away from the immediate view of the children taking the lessons. If your presence is a distraction for your child, we strongly recommend you sit in the lobby so the swim instructor has the child's undivided attention.
- Except for the Parent/Child class, parents are not permitted to enter the water with their child during the swim lesson unless requested by the instructor.
- Personal Flotation Devices are prohibited during all swim lessons, unless they are provided by the instructor.
- Children not toilet trained must wear 'Little Swimmers' swim diapers.
- Make-up classes for Group Lessons are only permitted for rare occasions where the YMCA has to cancel class. Make-up days are scheduled based on instructor and pool availability. Make-ups cannot be made by attending another swim lesson.

Private Swim Lessons

- Swim lessons are only permitted by YMCA Swim Instructors. Lessons with any non-YMCA staff are not permitted.
- Upon paying for private swim lessons, an instructor will call you within 5-7 business days to schedule your first lesson at a mutually agreed upon time.
- Get to know your child's instructor. Establishing a good parent/instructor relationship with open communication will help you continue with your child what they are learning at the YMCA.
- Please arrive on time for your scheduled lesson. Many instructors schedule private lessons back to back and will not be able to accommodate running class over.
- To cancel a lesson, you must contact the instructor at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson, except for emergencies. Lessons cancelled without proper notification will count as used lessons.
- Private swim lessons must be used within 9 months of purchase. Any lessons remaining after 9 months are considered void.