



CONFIDENCE IN THE WATER

Progressive Swim Lessons

SWIM LESSON DATES & TIMES

	BELLINGHAM			LYNDEN		
DATES	Mon. & Wed. 8 Lessons	Tues. & Thurs. 8 Lessons	Saturdays 8 Lessons	Mon. & Wed. 8 Lessons	Tues. & Thurs. 8 Lessons	Saturdays 8 Lessons
DATES	January 7 - 30 February 4 - 27 March 4 - 27 April 8 - May 1	January 8 - 31 February 5 - 28 March 5 - 28 April 9 - May 2	Jan. 12 - Mar. 2 March 9 - April 27	January 7 - 30 February 4 - 27 March 4 - 27 April 8 - May 1	January 8 - 31 February 5 - 28 March 5 - 28 April 9 - May 2	Jan. 12 - Mar. 2 March 9 - April 27
Level A & B (6-36 months w/parent)		4:00 - 4:30p	9:30-10:00am			9:30-10:00am
Level 1 (3-5 yrs)	4:00-4:30pm 5:30-6:00pm	5:30-6:00pm	10:00-10:30am	5:30-6:00pm	5:30-6:00pm	10:00-10:30am
Level 2 (3-5 yrs)	5:00-5:30pm	5:00-5:30pm	10:30-11:00am	6:00-6:30pm		10:30-11:00am
Level 3 & 4 (3-5 yrs)	3:30-4:00pm	3:30-4:00pm	12:00-12:30pm	6:30-7:00pm		9:00-9:30am
Level 1 & 2 (6-11 yrs)	4:30-5:00pm	4:30-5:00pm	11:30am-12:00pm		6:00-6:30pm	11:00-11:30pm
Level 3 & 4 (6-11 yrs)	3:00-3:30pm		11:00-11:30am		6:30-7:00pm	11:30am-12:00pm
Level 5 & 6 (6-11 yrs)		3:00-3:30pm	9:00-9:30am	7:00-7:30pm	7:00-7:30pm	12:00-12:30pm
YMCA Members	\$55			\$55		
Program Members	\$70			\$70		

Private Lessons available: Contact Tish, 360-255-0637 or tokeefe@whatcomymca.org.

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SWIM LESSON OVERVIEW

The purpose of the YMCA swim lesson program is to develop competency in swimming, along with confidence and endurance. A child is advanced to the next level only when he or she can proficiently and safely perform the skills within his/her level.

We expect each child to learn and progress at their own rate. Therefore, please don't be discouraged if your child doesn't complete all the skills within their level during any one session. Your child needs to know that it is acceptable to take as much time as is necessary to master the skills.

The YMCA uses small groups, individual programming, guided discovery and problem solving to communicate the skills of swimming. Instructors create a student-centered rather than teacher-centered atmosphere in the class. Our aquatic staff hopes that your family will participate in all of our swim programs. If you have any questions, please contact the Aquatics Director, 360-255-0637

RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. Please keep children away from the edge of the pool until the instructor is with them.
2. Children 5 and younger can accompany opposite gender adult into locker to help with dressing/showering. If children over 6 need assistance, the public bathroom in the lobby may be used.
3. Please make sure your child has a towel and proper swimming attire. Swim diapers are required if not toilet trained. No cotton material.
4. No gum, candy or food on the pool deck or in the pools.
5. Encourage children to use the restroom before beginning class.
6. Please resist going to your child even if they are crying or misbehaving. This is the time the instructor needs to develop trust and set disciplinary boundaries, parental interruption makes this task more difficult.
7. Please shower before entering the pools.
8. No shoes allowed on the pool deck.

YMCA SWIM LESSON OVERVIEW

SWIM STARTERS Parent* & Child Lessons		SWIM BASICS (Safety Around Water) Recommended skills for all to have around water			SWIM STROKES Skills to support a healthy lifestyle		
A Water Discovery	B Water Exploration	1 Water Acclimation	2 Water Movement	3 Water Stamina	4 Stroke Introduction	5 Stroke Development	6 Stroke Mechanics
Introduces infants & toddlers to the aquatic environment	Focuses on exploring body positions, & fundamental safety & aquatic skills	Increases comfort with underwater exploration & introduces basic self-rescue skills	Encourages forward movement in water & basic self-rescue skills	Develops intermediate self-rescue skills performed at longer distances	Introduces basic stroke technique in front crawl & back crawl & reinforces water safety	Introduces breast stroke & butterfly & reinforces water safety through treading water	Refines stroke technique on all major competitive strokes