



Winter Team 2019-20 sign-up information
YMCA membership is required for all Winter Swim Team members.

Thank you for your interest in the YMCA of Frederick County Tidal Force winter swim team! The following is the process for registering for an evaluation. PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD A SPOT ON THE TEAM. More information on team placement can be found below.

Registration will begin on August 5 at 8:00am. We encourage you to register on-line to keep lines at the front desk reasonable. See below for the program number you should register under.

Current Summer Team Members and Siblings: (This group includes anyone who is a member of the 2019 summer team, and their siblings.)

Current summer swimmers are given first priority when filling available spots on the team. You must be a YMCA member to register. (PLEASE NOTE: Parent volunteer history and meet attendance history may affect your child's placement on the team.) This group must register before August 16 to receive priority placement. (Registration from any returning member who has an outstanding balance from a previous season will not be accepted.) The program and session is: Session 1905 Program 5Y36SUMRET.

Winter Team Members and Siblings: (This group includes anyone who has been a member of the team for the winter season and their siblings.)

Current summer swimmers are given first priority when filling available spots on the team, then returning winter swimmers, then siblings. You must be a YMCA member to register. (PLEASE NOTE: Parent volunteer history and meet attendance history may affect your child's placement on the team. Registration from any returning member who has an outstanding balance from a previous season will not be accepted.) The program and session is: Session 1905 Program 5Y36WINRET.

Current YMCA of Frederick County Members:

This group is next when filling available spots. The program and session is: Session 1905 Program 5Y36MEMBER.

Non-YMCA Members:

This will be the final group to fill available spots. The program and session is: Session 1905 Program 5Y36NONMEMB.

We will be checking the rosters. If you are registered in the wrong group we will move you to the correct list.

We will be holding informative parent meetings on Sunday, September 8:
Returning families in Ripple, Low Tide and Rip Tide (mandatory): 12:10 – 12:50
Returning families in Force Prep, Split and Force (mandatory): 12:50- 1:30
Families new to the team and new from 2018 summer: 11:00 – 12:10
At this meeting team participation and volunteer requirements will be explained. Any questions you may have can be addressed at the meeting.

The process for joining the team is as follows:

No money is required for the initial registration. You will also need to sign up for an evaluation, which can be done when you register. You can sign up for an evaluation by calling the front desk @ 301-663-5131 ext. 0 or come into the Y to sign up for a time at the front desk. Evaluations will be scheduled between August 18 to August 21 at select times. If you are a returning member who swam for the Y this summer, you do not need an evaluation. If you are a returning member who did not swim for the Y this summer, please contact Coach Christine at 301-663-5131 ext. 1259 or swimteam@frederickymca.org to find out if the coaches would like you to be evaluated.

Once all evaluations are completed, we will assign children to practice groups with the following priorities: Current summer team members, returning winter team members, siblings of the above, YMCA members new to the team, and then non-members. When this process is completed, the coaches will e-mail all potential team members with notification of their placement on the team or the wait list by 8:00pm Monday, September 1. If you do not receive an e-mail by the end of the day on the 1st please notify us by e-mailing swimteam@frederickymca.org.

Registration paperwork for each accepted swimmer will be placed in the file cabinet outside the pool door. We require a \$65 per swimmer administrative fee and all forms to be completed and returned by Tuesday, September 3 at 11:00 am. (This fee covers the cost of a silicone team cap, C&P League fees and fees for the C&P Championship meet in February.) **SWIMMERS MAY NOT START IF FORMS ARE NOT COMPLETED AND TURNED IN AND THE REGISTRATION FEE IS NOT PAID BEFORE THE FIRST PRACTICE. *If you are a non-member, your child must become a member before the first practice.*** (Practices begin Wednesday, September 4). This applies to ALL team members. We do have a 2-week trial which will end September 18. You must send written notice to swimteam@frederickymca.org by September 18, 2019 to have the balance due for your program/group fee removed. After September 18, 2019 the program/group fee will be broken into 3 payments, the first of which is due September 30, the second October 30, and the third November 30.

If you have been given a spot on the team, but do not complete the required paperwork, become a member *and* pay your \$65 admin fee by the first practice, your spot will be offered to a swimmer on the wait list.

We make a tremendous effort to find room for every swimmer who has signed up and been evaluated. Please keep in mind there is a possibility your child could be placed on the wait list. (Note: some levels may fill earlier than others, so it is possible that a non-member could get a spot on the team while a member does not if there are openings in the group the non-member qualifies for and there are no openings in the group the member would be placed in.) We will move wait-listed children onto the team as space becomes available. After September 30th we will not move swimmers onto the team from the wait list.

Depending on the level of the group your child is assigned to, he or she will have 3 to 9 practices a week, at different times of the day. We try to make sure each group has at least one evening and one weekend practice, and most will have at least one in the late afternoon. We utilize Walkersville High on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and early mornings for some of our practice groups. We lose evenings at the public High Schools on the 15th of November due to the start of high school swimming, after which all practices are at the YMCA, with the exception of the early morning practice for our advanced groups which will continue at WHS through the end of the season.

Team Fees:

\$65 Administrative fee (covers awards, C&P league and meet fees, team cap)

Pre-team: Y members \$205, Green Valley member \$280 (1 practice per week)

Ripples: Y member \$305, Green Valley member \$470 (2 practices per week)

Low Tide: Y member \$405, Green Valley member \$550 (3 practices per week)

Rip Tide: Y member \$430, Green Valley member \$605 (3 practices a week plus weekly cross training)

Force Prep: Y member \$490, Green Valley member \$670 (5 pool practices per week, 1-2 cross training per week)

Force Prep Plus: Y members \$490, Green Valley members \$670 (5 pool practices per week, 1-2 cross training per week)

Force: Y member \$550, Green Valley member \$780 (7-9 pool practices per week, 2-3 cross training per week)

National Training group: \$640, Green Valley member \$860 (9-11 practices per week, 2-3 cross trainings per week)

USA Swimming is optional and requires coach approval. The additional costs are: \$87 USA registration fee (may be adjusted based on MD LSC swimming's fee) paid in the fall, \$300 per year fee, paid in three monthly installments January, February and March. (1 additional practice per week for riptide and below, some practices between sessions, additional meet opportunities.)

Once again, thank you for your interest in our team. If you have any questions, please contact our swim team office at 301-663-5131 ext. 1259 or e-mail swimteam@frederickymca.org. Our swim team staff is not full time, so please leave a message and a coach will return your call. We hope to see you all at the pool!