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THE SHARKS

SWIM TEAM

YMCA Located in Edina, MN



DIVE IN

SWIM TOGETHER, WIN TOGETHER

YMCA SWIMMING

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

We are here for fun, for teamwork, for healthy competition, for belonging and empowerment, and for the pursuit of a personal best. This may be through the accomplishment of finishing a practice or swimming at Y Nationals; we have a place for all.

WHAT IS Y SWIM TEAM?

Becoming a member of the YMCA Swim Team means fun, fitness and teamwork. The YMCA swim team is run by trained coaches to improve swimmers' competitive skills and endurance through both appropriate developmental progression and healthy competition. The YMCA swim team promotes healthy lifestyles while embracing the four core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

We offer structured competitive swim team practices including: stretching, warm-up, technique, endurance, and cool-down.

Participants are expected to come to practice to work hard and improve skills. While it is not a requirement to participate in the meets, it does showcase the team aspect of swimming: you swim together, you win together.

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Anyone who is between the ages of 5 and 18 can join the YMCA swim team! All swimmers must be members of the YMCA to participate.

Participants must demonstrate the following skills:

- Can swim 50 yards freestyle demonstrating breathing to the side and good body position
- Can swim 25 yards backstroke demonstrating good body position
- Can swim 25 yards breaststroke or butterfly is a plus
- Can demonstrate the fundamentals of a forward dive from the edge of the pool

We require all new swimmers to be assessed prior to registering. Our coaches will determine which level is the best fit for your swimmer. Contact: Katie.Schletty@ymcamn.org to set up an assessment.

CONTACT US

For any questions or additional information about our team, contact:

Katie Schletty

Swim Team Administrator

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THE SHARKS

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practices for the Sharks is held at both the Southdale Y location and Olson Middle School in Bloomington.

NOVICE

Practice Group 1-A (new swimmers)

Tuesday/Thursday	6:15p-7:15p	Southdale
Saturday	9:15a-10:15a	Southdale

Practice Group 2-B

Tuesday/Thursday	5:15p-6:15p	Southdale
Saturday	8:15a-9:15a	Southdale

AGE GROUP 1

Monday	5:00p-6:15p	Southdale
Wednesday	5:00p-6:15p	Southdale
Friday	6:30p-7:45p	Southdale
Saturday	10:15a—11:30a	Southdale

JUNIOR

Monday/Wednesday	6:15p-7:45p	Southdale
Friday	5:00-6:30p	Southdale
Saturday	11:30a-1:00p	Southdale

PRICING

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE FEE

Swim team fees include an average of 3-5 practices a week, entry fees for all regular season YMCA meets including Sectionals and State Meet (for qualifying swimmers).

The YGTC offers program and membership assistance through our Annual Fund. If you are in need of financial assistance, please talk to an Aquatics Director or Member Services Staff for more information.

2023-2024 Fall/Winter Season—Sept 18—Feb 25

Novice:	\$ 649.74
Age Group:	\$ 747.50
Junior:	\$ 816.50

PARENTS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The success of our team is closely linked with the participation of families. The team depends on volunteers to help run swim meets, plan and host social gatherings, or contribute to administrative support throughout the season. It teaches participants the value of helping others selflessly and doing something good for themselves as well as others.

Our team cannot function without volunteers! When your swimmers signs up for the team, **the expectation is that you will help volunteer.**