SWIM LESSONS

SWIM STARTERS

A/Water Discovery
Parents accompany children in stage A, which introduces infants & toddlers to the aquatic environment through exploration & encourages them to enjoy themselves while learning about the water. Class duration: 30 minutes.
• Saturday: 10:20 am

B/Water Exploration
In stage B, parents work with their children to explore body positions, floating, blowing bubbles, and fundamental safety & aquatic skills. Class duration: 30 minutes.
• Saturday: 10:20 am

SWIM BASICS

1/Water Acclimation
Students develop comfort with underwater exploration and learn to safely exit in the event of falling in a body of water in stage 1. This stage lays the foundation that allows for a student’s future progress in swimming. Class duration: 30 minutes (3-5 years) or 40 minutes (6 years & up).

- Ages 3 – 5 years: 30 minutes:
  • Thursday: 6:00 pm
  • Friday: 5:00 pm
  • Saturday: 9:00 am

- Ages 6 years & up: 40 minutes:
  • Friday: 5:00 pm
  • Saturday: 9:30 am

2/Water Movement
In stage 2, students focus on body position & 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.

- Ages 3 – 5 years: 30 minutes:
  • Thursday: 6:00 pm
  • Friday: 6:10 pm

- Ages 6 years & up: 40 minutes:
  • Thursday: 6:00 pm
  • Saturday: 9:30 am

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 & integrated arm & leg action.

- Ages 3 – 5 years: 30 minutes:
  • Saturday: 10:20 am

- Ages 6 years & up: 40 minutes:
  • Thursday: 6:35 pm

SWIM STROKES

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

- Ages 3 – 5 years: 30 minutes:
  • Saturday: 10:20 am

- Ages 6 years & up: 40 minutes:
  • Thursday: 6:35 pm

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

- Ages 6 years & up: 40 minutes:
  • Thursday: 6:35 pm

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.

- Ages 6 years & up: 40 minutes:
  Not available at the Butler-Gast YMCA. Please view another Y location.

Unsure about which stage your child is ready for? Visit our website to view our lesson selector chart: www.metroymca.org/lesson-selector or visit the Welcome Center.

30 minute lessons
Member: $60
Non member: $110

40 minute lessons
Member: $60
Non member: $110

REGISTRATION OPENS – Members: March 16 • Non members: March 20
Register at the Butler-Gast YMCA Welcome Center or online: metroymca.org