

YMCA OF THE GREATER TWIN CITIES
FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING



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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

THE **RAYS**

SWIM TEAM

YMCA Located at Elk River



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DIVE IN

SWIM TOGETHER, WIN TOGETHER

YMCA SWIMMING

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

We are here for fun, teamwork, healthy competition, belonging, 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, Equity, 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.

WHO CAN JOIN?

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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 25 yards freestyle demonstrating breathing to the side and good body position
- Can swim 25 yards backstroke demonstrating good body position
- Can demonstrate the fundamental knowledge of what breaststroke and butterfly should look like
- Can demonstrate the fundamentals of a forward dive from the edge of the pool
- Mastery of strokes is NOT required to join!

We recommend all new swimmers try out before registering. Our coaches will help you determine which level is the best fit. Contact: rays@ymcamn.org to set up a time to try out.

CONTACT US

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

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PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practices for the Rays are held at the Elk River YMCA and Vandenberg Middle School.

NOVICE

Day	Time	Location
Mon/Wed/Fri	5:00p-6:00p	Elk River

AGE GROUP

Day	Time	Location
Mon//Wed/Fri	5:00p-6:30p	Elk River
Sat	10:00a-11:30a	Elk River

SENIOR

Day	Time	Location
Mon/Wed/Fri	6:30p-8:30p	Elk River
Sat	10:00a—11:30a	Elk River

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR TEAM WEBSITE AT:
WWW.TEAMUNIFY.COM/YMCA-3156

PRICING

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE FEE?

Swim team fees include an average of 3-6 practices a week, and entry fees for all Swim Meets.

The YMCA of the North 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.

2025-26 Season-September 15- February 22

Novice:	\$649.75
Age Group:	\$793.50
Senior:	\$868.25

2025-26 High School Boys Season-September 15- November 30

Senior:	\$415.25
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2025-26 High School Girls Season-November 3- February 22

Senior:	\$604.00
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**Swim team fees are eligible to be paid into multiple payments. Talk to your team for more details.*

PARENTS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The success of our team is closely linked with the participation of families.

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