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2017 PARENT HANDBOOK
YMCA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA



MOBILE AQUATICS PROGRAM

In May 2014, in an effort to expand our Healthy Living outreach we added our Mobile Aquatics Program. As a non-facility YMCA all of our programs are executed through off-site collaborations. Because of this, we use community partners, that have pools, to teach all of our swim lessons and lifeguard courses.

Our Mission:

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that help build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

PARENT RULES

Do not disrupt the swim lessons unless it is an emergency.

The children are there to learn, and do not need distractions.

Stay in the assigned "Parent Zone"

Anyone found outside of the zone more than 3 times in one lesson, will be asked to leave the pool area.

This is for safety reasons, and for the children's benefit.

Please do not distract your child if they are in "timeout"

However, if you see your child(ren) displaying unsafe and/or inappropriate behavior, we will allow you to take care of the situation.

If there is an emergency situation, we ask that the bystanders stay back so that our certified Lifeguards can handle the situation. If the emergency involves your child(ren) we ask that you let our guards perform an initial evaluation. Once the situation has been assessed you can then assist the guards.

Please put your phone on vibrate, any phone calls should be taken away from the pool area.

Again, this is to help limit the distractions for the participants.

If you feel the need to talk to the Aquatics Director, please do so within the 15 minutes she has between classes.

PLEASE DO NO DISRUPT THE LIFEGUARDS DURING CLASSES.

ANY PARENT WHO VIOLATES 3 OR MORE OF THE ABOVE RULES DURING A CLASS, WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE POOL AREA. THESE RULES ARE IN PLACE TO PROVIDE A SAFE LEARNING ENVIROMENT FOR YOUR CHILDREN.



MAP LEGEND

- = STAFF AREA
- = PARENT AREA
- = ENTRANCE
- = DAILY SIGN IN
- = LIFEGUARD AREA

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY IN THE ASSIGNED AREAS ABOVE. THIS IS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THE PARTICIPANTS FULL ATTENTION DURING OUR LESSONS.

PLEASE STAY OUT OF THE LIFEGUARD AREAS DURING THE LESSONS, THIS IS FOR SAFETY ISSUES.

PLEASE DO NOT DISRUPT THE LIFEGUARDS WHILE THEY ARE ON DUTY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS THE AQUATICS DIRECTOR WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO TALK TO AFTER THE LESSONS END.

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AQUATICS THUNDER AND LIGHTNING POLICY



**If you hear thunder or see lightning,
clear the pool.**

**Resume activities 30 minutes
after the last observed lightning or
thunder.**

Lessons will go on as scheduled, even if it is raining, the only reason we will cancel swim lessons is if it is thundering/lightning or if the water quality is not up to the Y standards. So, come to your lesson, unless you have been notified by the Aquatics Director or other Y Staff.

POOL RULES

NO DIVING

No food or beverages in pool or on pool wet deck.

No glass or animals in the fenced pool area.

Do not swallow the pool water.

No horseplay, running, playing on ladders, throwing objects/swimmers or riding on shoulders.

Enter pool from the ladder.

Swimmers must wear appropriate swim attire.

As a courtesy to others, do not use the pool when sick.

Anyone experiencing incontinence must wear approved swim diapers.

Two rescue-ready lifeguards are required for the pool to open.

Pool will close for 30 minutes after thunder/and or lightning occur.

As a reminder, the lifeguard is always in charge. It is the primary responsibility of the lifeguard to scan the pool area, deal with emergency situations and enforce rules for your safety. Please support the guards by supervising the children in your party.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.



LIFEGUARD PROMISE

We will constantly scan the pool so that we can recognize swimmers in distress within 10 seconds and provide assistance within an additional 10 seconds when needed.

We are always on guard and must remain focused on our primary responsibility of protecting lives. Please understand, that is why we cannot stop to talk.

We will always wear a rescue tube and carry a mask and gloves, ready for use.

We will always sit in an elevated lifeguard chair or patrol at the edge of the pool. We will be aware of visibility issues and rotate our positions accordingly.

We will attend regular training events to practice our skills and stay on the cutting edge of aquatic safety.

We are here for you and your safety. Please enjoy your visit at our YMCA pool.



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