Hello SVY Families,

***Please read all of this information carefully so you are fully informed on how you will be able to register for the Long Course competitive team as a returning SVY athlete.***

We will be continuing with the online swim team registrations for the 2018 Long Couse season. Below is the timeline for when information will be rolled out and registration will be open.  If you prefer to register in-house, we will have a designated time that you will be able to do so.  You will NOT be able to come into the Bridgewater YMCA or any other branch at any time other than during the In-House registration. We are designating specific staff who are most familiar with the procedure to be present to assist you in an effort to streamline the process for all.  The regular front desk staff will NOT be responsible for the registration process.

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| Wednesday, March 21 | Long Course Rosters released by 10:00pm | Bronze/Silver group swimmers – Only returning swimmers will be listed. Swimmers that have to re-try out will not be listed. In addition, all swimmers will NOT be listed as we don’t have space in our long course program for all 12/under swimmers and not all swimmers are ready for the full year commitment. Gold/Senior group swimmers – Only returning swimmers will be listed. Swimmers that have to re-try out will not be listed. On April 12th, another roster will be released with Gold/Senior swimmers split into the separate gold and senior groups. D**o not** go and re-register them. This is to allow the focus for those still competing in Short Course to be on their current season. Thank you in advance for your support of and trust in the coaching staff’s decision making regarding group placement. |
| Thursday, March 22 | Online registration opens for returning swimmers | Starting at midnight, online registration is open for the 2018 Long Course season. Registration can be found at [www.somersetcountyymca.org](http://www.somersetcountyymca.org) not at svynj.org. Returning swimmers must register during this open registration period. Bronze/Silver swimmers will register for the specific group. Gold/Senior swimmers will register for LC Gold/Senior. Fees for all Gold and Senior swimmers are the same. Registration is NOT considered complete until all paperwork (last page of Swim Team Handbook), fines, and escrow (past and present) are received. NO EXCEPTIONS. See the FAQ below on how to return paperwork and fines. See below if you will be away during the registration period. |
| Friday, March 23 | In Person Registration at Bridgewater:  7:00-9:00am  11:00-1:00pm 4:00-8:00pm | Please use online registration if at all possible. In-Person registration should only be used for those that are unable to pay via credit card and must pay by check. This is the only in person registration for returning swimmers so please plan accordingly. You MUST bring with you the Registration form, the signed last page of the Swim Team Handbook, any past fines, any past meet fees and current meet fees. If you do not bring all that is required, you will not be allowed to register and will be sent away. NO EXCEPTIONS. |
| Friday, March 30th | -Online registration closes at Midnight.  -ALL Paperwork, fines, escrow payments due | Please plan accordingly and register early. Many families attempted to register last minute and had password issues that couldn’t be resolved in time for the registration. ***CONTACT THE BRIDGEWATER YMCA TO RESET YOUR PASSWORD PRIOR TO March 30TH– 908-526-0688*** Any registrations after this date will be considered only if space allows and will incur a $50 late fee. |

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

***I don’t know my password for*** [***www.somersetcountyymca.org***](http://www.somersetcountyymca.org)***. How do I recover it?***The password cannot be recovered, but you can have it reset. Please contact the Welcome Center at 908-526-0688. Please plan accordingly and have this done prior to registration.

***My child isn’t listed on the roster, why?***There could be a couple reasons for this.

1. Your child didn’t meet the Roster requirements either in attendance, performance or both. They will need to attend one of the two remaining tryouts (March 25th or April 9th). If they are placed back on the team, they will be included on the roster released by end of day April 12th.
2. The coaching staff feels that your child would be better served swimming on a summer team this summer. There are many summer teams in the area including two run by the YMCA, Hillsborough Hurricanes and Bridgewater Blue Dolphins. If you were not on either the Hillsborough Hurricanes or Bridgewater Blue Dolphins previously, you must tryout.

If you feel there is a mistake, please contact Head Coach Dan Roth ([droth@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:droth@somersetcountyymca.org)) for issues regarding the Gold/Senior groups and Head Age Group Coach Andrea Marumoto ([amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org)) for issues for Bronze/Silver groups.

***What is the practice schedule?***The practice schedule for the Spring is similar to that of the Fall/Winter and will be posted on our website prior to the registration period. After schools out, approximately June 23rd, practices switch to the Summer schedule. Practices move to the early (5:30am) to late morning (10:30a). Gold and Senior groups will have most of their practices at the Middlesex pool in Middlesex, NJ. Bronze A will have one practice a week at that location and Silver will have several practices in Middlesex. Bronze B will have all their practices at either Hillsborough, Somerville or Bridgewater.

***My child doesn’t want to swim Long Course. Is it required and will that affect them in their placement for the Fall?***Long course is not required for the Bronze and Silver groups. However, it is highly recommended for those that swim at the YMCA State level or higher. It isn’t for everyone as there are many early mornings and it is another commitment that must be made. Younger swimmers have many interests outside of swimming and it is encouraged by the coaching staff for them to explore these interests. For Gold group swimmers, Long Course is highly recommended but not required. For Senior group swimmers, Long Course is required. Senior group swimmers who choose to not swim Long Course will be required to tryout prior to the Fall season. If your child is listed on the roster and is not swimming Long Course, please notify Head Coach Dan Roth ([droth@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:droth@somersetcountyymca.org)) for the Gold/Senior groups and Head Age Group Coach Andrea Marumoto ([amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org)) for the Bronze/Silver groups as soon as possible.

***What if I’m away during the open registration period of 3/22-3/30?***If you are away during this registration period, March 22 to March 30 AND do not have access to the internet, you will not be guaranteed a spot on the roster unless you follow the steps below. If you do not follow the steps prior to leaving, you will only be able to register IF there is space on the roster after tryouts and you pay a late fee. Your spot on the team is only guaranteed if you follow the steps below.  You will need to do the following BEFORE March 22,, 2018.

1. Email Coach Andrea ([amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org)) **AND** Coach Dan ([droth@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:droth@somersetcountyymca.org)) notifying them that you will not be present during registration AND authorize them to charge your credit card on file.
2. Verify that the swimmer’s membership is active and will be active during the registration period (March 22-March 30). You can do this by calling the Welcome Center at 908-526-0688.
3. Verify that there is a credit card on file that can be charged for full payment or your first swim team payment.  You can call the Welcome Center (908-526-0688) and they will be able to tell you the cards on file. If you have more than one card on file, please call Barb Adam (908-526-0688 x516) to let her know what card to use for the swim team fees. Otherwise, the card on file will be the one used.
4. Return the signed and completed last page of the Swim Team Handbook via email at [svyswimteamregistration@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:svyswimteamregistration@somersetcountyymca.org) or drop off to paperwork folder/mail to the Bridgewater Y to Barbara Adam’s attention. Do not drop off at any other branch. This email is only for paperwork. Please do not email any questions to this address.
5. Return a check with any outstanding swim team fines. All checks are to be made out to SCYMCA. Checks can be dropped off at the Bridgewater YMCA and put in the Meet Fee folder in the box at the Bridgewater YMCA or mailed to: SCYMCA, c/o Janis Goldfeder - SVYSTPO Treasurer, 5 Coventry Square, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
6. Return a check with any outstanding meet fees plus enough to bring up your account to the required balance. Swimmers must start the season with a $75 or $125 positive balance on their account prior to the season starting. For example, if you have $25 credit left in your account and your swimmer is in a Gold group, then you will need to pay $100 to bring your account to the required balance. Conversely, if your account has a negative balance of $25 (meaning you owe), you will need to pay $150 to bring your account to the required amount. All checks are to be made out to SCYMCA. Checks can be dropped off at the Bridgewater YMCA and put in the Meet Fee folder in the box at the Bridgewater YMCA or mailed to: SCYMCA, c/o Janis Goldfeder - SVYSTPO Treasurer, 5 Coventry Square, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

***What paperwork needs to be returned?***NO registration will be considered complete unless all paperwork is returned. For returning swimmers, we need the completed last page of the swim team handbook. No registration form is needed for this season’s returning swimmers unless you are registering in person. This form can be completed on your computer and sent electronically. The form can be returned in one of three ways:  
Regular Mail: Mail to 601 Garretson Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08817 Attn: Barb Adam  
Email: send scanned copies to [svyswimteamregistration@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:svyswimteamregistration@somersetcountyymca.org).  **Do not** use this address for anything else other than returning these forms.  
In-Person: Drop forms off in the folder in the box at the Bridgewater YMCA marked “Swim Team Registration Paperwork”.

***What other payments need to be made - Fines, Escrow, Meet Fees?***All outstanding fees must be paid in order for your registration to be considered complete. All fees must be paid by check. In addition, volunteer fine must be a separate check from meet fees/escrow. All checks are to be made out to SCYMCA. Checks can be dropped off at the Bridgewater YMCA and put in the Meet Fee folder in the box at the Bridgewater YMCA or mailed to: SCYMCA, c/o Janis Goldfeder - SVYSTPO Treasurer, 5 Coventry Square, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.  
-Volunteer Fines – Fines from not earning the required points in the summer. Please put “Volunteer Fine” in the memo section.  
-Meet/Escrow Fees – Any outstanding meet fees must be paid in addition, your account needs to be brought up to the required balance. If you don’t have your invoice, you will need to pay the full amount; $75 for Bronze B and $125 for all other groups. Please put the swimmer name and meet fee account number (on the top of your invoice) in the memo section of the check.

***What group do I register for?***Returning Bronze/Silver swimmers will register for the group listed in the team rosters released on March 21st. Returning Gold/Senior swimmers will register for **LC Gold/Senior**. Gold and Senior group rosters will be released on April 12th. You will not need to re-register or have any further action. There is no fee difference between the Gold groups as well as the Senior groups.

***Can my swimmer swim a summer team as well as Long Course?***Yes and it is highly encouraged. Summer teams tend to be fun and allow the swimmers to race more. Please be aware that summer team practices are not a replacement or substitution for the Long Course practices and summer team meets should not take precedence over Long Course meets or practices. Long course swimmers can join the Hillsborough Hurricanes or Bridgewater Blue Dolphins with a small additional fee. You will also need to complete the last page of the Summer Swim team handbook and register for the summer team when registering for Long course.

***Do I have to pay the full amount at once?***Yes. There is no payment plan for the SVY Long Course program.

***Does the YMCA offer any Financial Assistance?***Yes, the YMCA offers assistance for memberships and programs. Please see <http://www.somersetcountyymca.org/membership/financial-assistance> for more information and who to contact for more information. If you are currently on financial assistance, please be sure to make sure your current assistance is up to date.

***Is there a sibling discount for swim team?***We offer a 10% discount for families with 3 or more swimmers. If you have 3 or more swimmers, please ***do not*** register online. You must contact Barb Adam ([badam@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:badam@somersetcountyymca.org)) and she will process your registration with the discount. If you don’t contact Barb Adam, you will not receive your discount.

***Help, I don’t understand what I’m supposed to do?***Please contact Barb Adam ([badam@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:badam@somersetcountyymca.org)) or Andrea Marumoto ([amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org](mailto:amarumoto@somersetcountyymca.org)). They will be happy to answer your questions and help you through the process. Please do not contact the welcome centers with registration questions or attempt to register at a welcome center as they will not be able to assist. If you need to reset your login password, the Welcome Center will be able to help you.