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## **Tampa Y & Tampa Bay Rays Team Up to Offer Free Swim Lessons**

**Tampa, FL (Feb. 14, 2018)** – The world is 71 percent water and kids are 100 percent curious. As a leader in drowning prevention, the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) believes a child’s safety in and around water should never be left to chance. To remind the community to be water smart from the start, the Tampa Y is teaming up with the Tampa Bay Rays to offer free [Safety Around Water](#) lessons to children **March 12-15** to coincide with Hillsborough County Public Schools spring break.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rays, the free Safety Around Water program is offered annually in the spring to help keep kids stay safe at the beach, pool, lake and while boating. It’s open to the entire community, beginners and non-swimmers, ages 3-12 years.

During the free 4-day course, certified instructors teach children a sequenced set of skills that will reduce the risk of drowning and give them confidence in and around water. A YMCA membership is NOT required; however, pre-registration is required due to limited space. Participants must be present on the first day of class and bring their own swimsuit and towel.

Classes take place Monday, March 12 - Thursday, March 15. Times vary based on YMCA location. For more information, [click here](#) or contact the following participating Ys to pre-register:

**Bob Gilbertson Central City Family YMCA**

110 East Palm Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33602  
813.229.9622

**East Pasco Family YMCA**

37301 Chapel Hill Loop  
Zephyrhills, FL 33542  
813.780.9622

**Northwest Hills. Family YMCA**

8950 W. Waters Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33615  
813.249.8510

**Bob Sierra YMCA Youth & Family Center**

4015 Ragg Rd.  
Tampa, FL 33624  
813.962.3220

**New Tampa Family YMCA**

16221 Compton Dr., Tampa, FL 33647  
813.866.9622

**Plant City Family YMCA**

1507 YMCA Pl., Plant City, FL 33563  
813.757.6677

**Campo Family YMCA**

3414 Culbreath Rd., Valrico, FL 33596  
813.684.1371

**North Brandon Family YMCA**

3097 S. Kingsway Rd.  
Seffner, FL 33584  
813.685.5402

**South Tampa Family YMCA**

4411 S. Himes Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33611  
813.839.0210

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**About the Tampa Y**

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#), strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities for 129 years, through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 18 facilities engage nearly 160,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community’s health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. [www.tampaymca.org](http://www.tampaymca.org)