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Free Lessons for New Swim Students at the Y

Tampa, FL (May 2, 2018) – Thanks to the generosity of the Rays Baseball Foundation and United Way Suncoast, the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) is offering a free 3-week Safety Around Water session to kids who have never tried Tampa Y swim lessons before. Twice a week, from May 21 until June 7, certified instructors will introduce new swim lesson participants to water safety skills that could save their lives.

More children under the age of four drown in Florida than anywhere else in the nation. In fact, each year in this state enough kids to fill four classrooms drown and do not live to see their fifth birthday. Formal swim lessons cut the risk of drowning by 88 percent. Since there's proof swim lessons save lives, the Tampa Y is committed to reach as many kids as possible to ensure not one more child drowns in Tampa Bay!

In honor of National Water Safety Month, the free Safety Around Water program is open to anyone in the community, ages 3-12 years, who has never enrolled in Y swim lessons before. During the free 3-week session, children will learn 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. Times vary based on Y 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

[Plant City Family YMCA](#)

1507 YMCA Pl.,
Plant City, FL 33563
813.757.6677

[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

[South Tampa Family YMCA](#)

4411 S. Himes Ave.
Tampa, FL 33611
813.839.0210

[Camp Cristina](#)

9840 Balm Riverview Rd.
Riverview, FL 33569
813.677.8400

[North Brandon Family YMCA](#)

3097 S. Kingsway Rd.
Seffner, FL 33584
813.685.5402

[Campo Family YMCA](#)

3414 Culbreath Rd.
Valrico, FL 33596
813.684.1371

[Northwest Hills. Family YMCA](#)

8950 W. Waters Ave.
Tampa, FL 33615
813.249.8510

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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