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New Tampa Family YMCA to Close Pool for Renovation

Tampa, FL (December 12, 2013) – In mid-January, the [New Tampa Family YMCA](#) will close its 50-meter pool in order to better serve the community. The pool will undergo some much-needed renovations including a swim lane expansion. To complete the expansion and renovation successfully, the pool will be closed from Monday, January 13th until Monday, February 3rd, 2014.

“Our goal at the New Tampa Family YMCA has always been to create the best environment for our swim team program,” says Director of Competitive Swimming Stu Wilson. “We are very excited to modernize and expand our pool facility to better serve our swimmers. We appreciate the community’s patience during the temporary closure.”

Practice for the Tampa YMCA Stingrays (TYS), the competitive year-round swim team for the Y association, will take place at these nearby locations (excluding normally scheduled dry land practice at the New Tampa Y):

- [East Pasco Family YMCA](#) at 37301 Chapel Hill Loop in Zephyrhills:
 - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
 - Senior group – 4-6pm
 - Saturday
 - Senior group 11am-1pm
 - Advanced Age Group (AAG)/ Green/Black Age group 1-3pm
- [Bob Sierra’s Youth and Family Center](#) at 4015 Ragg Road in Tampa:
 - Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 - AAG – 6-8pm
 - Tuesday
 - Green/Black Age group – 4-6pm
 - AAG – 6-8pm
 - Thursday
 - AAG – 6-8pm
 - Sunday
 - Senior/AAG/Green/Black Age group – 12-2pm

Practice for the Synchronized Swim Team will take place at these locations (excluding normally scheduled dry land practice at New Tampa Y):

- [Plant City Family YMCA](#) at 1507 YMCA Place in Plant City:
 - Tuesday
 - 13-15 Age Group – 4-6pm
 - AAG– 5-7pm
 - Wednesday
 - Normal schedule

- [Bob Sierra's Youth and Family Center](#) at 4015 Ragg Road in Tampa:
 - Saturday
 - 11-12 Age Group – 10:15-11:45am
 - 13-15 Age Group – 11:15am-12:45pm
 - AAG – 11:45am-2:45pm

Built in 2001, the New Tampa Family YMCA's heated 50-meter-pool has become the epicenter for competitive swimming in the local community. The pool also has a chiller, keeping the pool cool in the spring and summer. It's home for local and regional competition -from high school to college and, even international, swim meets. The TYS team has excelled to high levels, including USA Swimming Scholastic All-Americans, YMCA All-Americans, US Open and Olympic Trials qualifiers, YMCA Spring and Summer National Championship qualifiers, and Florida Swimming Zone and All-Star Teams. The team's coach, Stu Wilson, brings more than 20 years of experience in collegiate and club level coaching. Stu was head coach for Georgia Tech's men's and women's swim team, assistant coach at Clemson University and head coach with the Swim Atlanta program. During his career, he has mentored five Olympic swimmers, coached many All-Americans, Olympic qualifiers and Senior and Junior National qualifiers. Stu also swam for the University of Georgia.

The Tampa Metro Masters (TMM), a registered U.S. Masters Swimming swim team, also practices at the New Tampa Y pool. Adult members consist of fitness swimmers, triathletes and competitive swimmers. The mission-driven team is athlete-centered, purpose driven and organized to pursue excellence in body, mind, and spirit.

[Click here for a detailed swim practice schedule.](#) For more information about the pool closure or TYS, contact alexis.mendenhall@tampaymca.org or stuart.wilson@tampaymca.org.

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