YMCA - City of St. Thomas Aquatic Partnership Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend the Family YMCA of St. Thomas-Elgin pool?
Any resident of St. Thomas with a city swim pass!

Please note the age restrictions below:
According to the YMCA swim admission policy, anyone 12 and younger must either:

- Pass the facility swim test and wear a Y swim wristband OR remain in shallow water and WITHIN ARM'S REACH at all times of a guardian who is 13 or older.
- The ratio of guardians to swimmers who have not passed the swim test is 1:4 (all wearing PFDs) or 1:2 (not in PFDs).

Why are swim passes only available for St. Thomas residents?
This promotion is the result of a partnership between the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario and the City of St. Thomas. The purpose of this partnership is to provide indoor swimming opportunities to residents of St. Thomas, which does not currently have a public pool.

Can I use the city swim pass at another YMCA of Southwestern Ontario location?
No. The St. Thomas YMCA swim pass is only for the Family YMCA of St. Thomas-Elgin pool.

Can I use the Y fitness center with my swim pass?
No. This special promotion aims to provide indoor swimming opportunities to residents of St. Thomas, which does not have a public indoor pool.

Is the St. Thomas pool accessible?
The Y is for everyone! We have a chair lift for those who are unable to use the stairs going into the pool and require assistance. Users should be able to get in and out of the chair lift without assistance.

What programs and classes are included with a swim pass?
If you have the swim pass, you can join the St. Thomas Y's open swim times, lane swims, aquafit classes, as well as Parent and Tot Drop-In Classes. Please visit **ymcaswo.ca** for the schedule of day and time listings.

When can we use the swim passes?
St. Thomas residents can use the swim passes to attend the YMCA of St. Thomas-Elgin pool anytime except during July and August.

What should I bring?

- A lock for changeroom lockers
- Photo ID
- Towel
- Indoor sandals or water shoes (no outside shoes allowed in the pool area)

Do I need to purchase a Y membership to register for the City/Y partnership programs?
No, any St. Thomas resident can purchase a swim pass or register for a City partnership program without having a YMCA membership.

How do I register for passes, drop-in classes, and lessons? How do I pay?
Swim passes and registration for city partnership programming can be done by visiting the YMCA at 20 High St., St. Thomas. Don't forget to bring proof of St. Thomas residency. Payments can be made with cash, debit or credit.

Are there financial subsidies for aquatics programming?
No, rates are fixed.

Swim Pass Pricing

Swim Pass
$5.00

10 Swim Passes
$35.00
(passes do not expire)

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Can non-resident adults bringing resident children to swim?
Since children typically do not have identification to verify their address, a parent or legal guardian must first create a profile and purchase the swim passes for the child. Once this has been completed, another adult may bring the child for a swim using the existing pass.

In addition to swim passes, we are excited to offer swim lessons.

When does Fall registration open for City of St. Thomas residents?
Registration opens on September 3 at 10:00 AM.

Where and how do St. Thomas residents register?
Register in-branch and present St. Thomas proof of residency.

When does the Fall session run?
The session runs for 13 weeks, from the week of September 15 to December 8.

- Tuesday Session: September 16 – December 9
- Thursday Session: September 18 – December 11
- Saturday Session: September 20 – December 13

What are the prices for swimming lessons?
- Ages 0 – 5 years: $93.29
- Ages 6 – 13 years: $102.38
- Ages 13+ years: $116.03

Where can I find the list of swim lesson offerings?
Lesson offerings are available:
- On the **YMCA website**
- On the **St. Thomas YMCA Facebook page**
- In-branch

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