

Huntley Park District – Starfish Swim Lesson Information

The Huntley Park District is an independent authorized provider of Starfish Swimming. Starfish Swimming is a nationally recognized swim instruction curriculum developed by the Starfish Aquatics Institute (SAI). The Starfish Swimming Program combines both swimming and water safety skill development by providing effective color awards of achievement to swimmers as their skills advance. The curriculum begins with StarBabies™/StarTots™, transitions into the five levels of Starfish Swim School®, and finally advances to Starfish Stroke School™.

Swim Lesson Registration

Register online or in-person by using the Swim Lesson Registration Form found in the summer brochure. You must have a household account to be able to register online. Please call 847-669-3180 extension 0 for additional information regarding registration.

Choosing the Appropriate Level

Stingray Bay provides lessons based on skill level, not age. If your child participated in swim lessons at Stingray Bay in 2017, we have record of which levels were completed and whether or not he/she passed. Please note that each child will have different abilities and will learn at their own pace. The instructors and manager do their best to accommodate each participant's skill level and individual needs. Please review the level descriptions to ensure a positive experience for your child!

The Starfish Swimming curriculum is designed for students as early as 6-months of age. A child who is not toilet-trained MUST wear a re-usable aqua diaper at all times. Aqua diapers have a tight fitting plastic or rubber pant that is fitted around the legs and waist. Disposable diapers, such as Little Huggies, are only allowed when covered by the tight fitting aqua diaper. Aqua diapers are reusable and available for purchase at Stingray Bay. Children without appropriate diapers are not allowed in the pool.

Swimmers will meet at the same location on the pool deck every day of class with their instructors. Like a school setting, children perform better when they are able to give full attention to their instructors. Parents are asked to sit in the concession pavilion or in the grass behind the designated flags to ensure your child is focused on the instructor. Under no circumstances will parents and their siblings be able to wait on the pool deck. Parents are invited to the pool deck on the last day of lessons to take pictures and see to what your child has learned!

Cancellation and Make-up Lesson Policies

Lessons are instructed in cool and windy weather. The pool water is kept at 82 degrees, but may vary due to weather conditions. Lessons are only cancelled due to severe weather. If there is inclement weather, please call (847) 515-7665 no sooner than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time or check out our website's homepage at www.huntleyparks.org to determine the status of lessons. Please do **not** call the REC Center. Make-up class days will only be held if the park district cancels the lesson. No make-ups will be issued for sickness or vacations.

Refund Policy

There are no refunds, credits, or make-up lessons given for cancelling a swim lesson. In special cases when there is a need to change a class time or session, the request must be received 2 weeks in advance of registered class start date. An additional \$5 fee will be charged per family for class change.

Starfish Swimming Group Lessons

Group lessons provide affordable instruction with the added benefit of group dynamics. Many students learn through watching and mimicking. In addition, repetition reinforces skill development, so as children listen to repetitive instruction, they may more easily comprehend. Plus, group lessons can be fun with old and new friends!

Saturday Morning Starfish Swimming Lessons

Stingray Bay offers a 6-week Saturday morning swim lesson session. Prices for Saturday Morning Session and schedule can be found in the summer brochure.

Starfish Swimming Private Lessons

Private lessons incorporate the same Starfish Swimming skill development as our group lessons. More information about our private swim lessons can be found in the summer brochure. (Bottom of swim lesson schedule)