

GO SWIMMING "GO Invitational"

Hosted by the Geauga YMCA Otters- GO

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Spire Institute

RETURNING THIS YEAR: PM Session will feature "Race for your Place". Ribbons will be given for every place (1-8) in every heat. Events will not be scored/awarded with overall awards. You can enter swimmers in a distance they are comfortable with—have a 9 year old ready for a 25 fly, but not a 50—that's ok! Have an 8 year old ready for a 100 IM—that's ok too! We want every swimmer to feel successful at this meet!

LOCATION: SPIRE Aquatic Center, 1822 South Broadway, Geneva, OH 44041.

POOL: Competition will be held in the deep end pool, with an optional warm down pool at the other end. Seating capacity is 1200. Colorado timing system and scoreboard are available.

RULES: Except for rule changes listed in this information packet, USA Swimming rules will govern this meet. This meet will be conducted in accordance with the "Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports" and the YMCA Swimming Black Book.

POOL MEASUREMENTS: The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming. The depth of the pool at the start end and turn end is 14 feet.

UNSUPERVISED SWIMMERS: Coaches who are entering swimmers but will not be at the meet should arrange ahead of time for another coach to supervise their athletes. Swimmers unaccompanied by their coaches or for whom arrangements have not been made must contact the Meet Director or Meet Referee who will assist the athlete in finding coach supervision.

STARTING TIMES:

The facility will not open until 9:00am. Please do not arrive earlier than 9:00am.

Saturday AM: Facility opens at 9:00am. Warm-ups begin at 9:15am.

Sprint lanes will open from 9:35-9:50am. Meet start time is 10:00am.

Saturday PM: Warm-ups will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the AM session, but not before 12:00pm. **A firm PM timeline will be posted by Wednesday, October 31.**

ENTRY DEADLINE: The due date for entries, electronic or otherwise, is Friday, October 24, 2018. The meet will be closed before the entry deadline if the session is estimated to be at three and a half hours. Email entries to: jclute@clevelandymca.org. Entries accepted on a first come, first served basis. Payment may be mailed or presented at the meet.

ENTRY FEES: Individual events \$4 plus a \$5 per swimmer surcharge, which covers admission for family members and the option to print a heat sheet from home at no cost. Relay events are \$12.00 per relay team. Make checks payable to GEAUGA YMCA. There is an additional fee \$2.00 per swimmer for entries not received electronically.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS: Swimmers may enter up to 4 individual events and 2 relay events.

DECK ENTRIES: No deck entries will be accepted.

ELIGIBILITY: Athletes with full membership privileges to their local YMCA and an active member of their YMCA swim team are eligible. Age group determined by the age of the swimmer as of **December 1, 2018** (per NEO Y Swim League rules).

QUALIFYING TIMES: There are no qualifying times, but please be considerate when registering for longer events, reserving those for more experienced swimmers.

SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY: Entries for swimmers with a disability should be handled in the following manner: (1) enter the swimmer in the Hy-Tek database (or on the regular entry form); (2) list in the email accompanying the Hy-Tek entry file (or on a separate sheet of paper) the name of the swimmer, the stroke(s)/distance(s) s/he wishes to swim, the entry times, the day/session s/he wishes to swim the event(s), and the manner in which s/he prefers to be seeded (with a longer distance or with a different age group); and (3) provide any information about special accommodations needed by the swimmer. The final determination of seeding will be made by the Meet Referee after consultation with the swimmer and his/her coach.

Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas not permitted.

CLERK OF COURSE: All swimmers should report directly to the blocks. *It is the coaches responsibility to ensure that swimmers are at their correct block for their event. Swimmers who miss their events will not be placed in a different heat.*

AWARDS: AM Events- Ribbons 1st-8th for all events

PM Events- Individual & Relay Events: Ribbons 1st-8th every heat based on heat place. Swimmers should report to the awards table to pick up their ribbon at the conclusion of their race.

ADMISSION COST & HEAT SHEETS: There is no charge for admission. Heat sheets will be sent to coaches for print at home distribution on October 31.

PARKING: Free. There will be a designated area for parking adjacent to the Aquatic and Fitness building. Swimmer drop-off is on the south entrance of the Aquatic Center, denoted by signage. Please do not park in front of the building unless you have a handicapped designation sticker for that reserved space; handicap parking is located next to the swimmer drop-off entrance.

RESULTS: Will be posted on www.neoyswim.org. Teams will be emailed results.

SAFETY/WARM-UP: Lake Erie Swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect at all times. Coaches must maintain contact with their swimmers during warm-up. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool edge. There is no diving during warm-up, except in designated sprint lanes.. Swimmers are to sprint one way and climb out at the far end of the pool. Swimmers may be removed from warm-up for violating safety rules. Continuous warm-up is available. Warm-up information will be posted on Wednesday, November 8.

RETURN TO PLAY LAW: Under the Ohio Return to Play Law governing concussions, all coaches and officials (in state or out of state) are required to have proof of training in concussion signs and symptoms. This training is available for free and can be found at <http://www.healthyohioprogram.org>. All coaches and officials are encouraged to take this training. It is your responsibility to take care of this requirement.

CAMERA ZONES: Meet Management shall designate and inform the public of "Camera Zones" at each swim meet where both still and video photography of a race or competition may be taken. Acceptable Camera Zones may include, but are not limited to the side courses of a pool, team gathering areas, concession areas, the turn-end the competition course when not in use as a start-end, etc. Meet Management shall also designate "No Camera Zones." Under NO circumstances will Camera Zones include locker rooms, restrooms, and dressing areas, or the area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for race starts during competition and warm-up. Those failing to abide by this rule may be removed from the venue.

Use of audio or visual recording, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms, and is limited to only those areas marked as designated camera zones.

COACHES: Coaches packets will be available in the timing room on the day of the meet. Only coaches that are preregistered and have a wristband will be given deck access.

All teams must have completed the 2018-2019 online YMCA registration process to participate in this meet.

HOSPITALITY/OUTSIDE FOOD: Absolutely no outside food and/or beverage is allowed, per Spire Institute Policy. This applies to all participants, coaches and spectators. A **coaches** hospitality room will be catered by Spire and available during the meet. Please be respectful and limit the number of coaches utilizing the hospitality room to a reasonable amount based on the athletes you have participating. Please indicate the names of all coaches when you turn in your entry. All coaches must display the deck pass (wristband is required to be worn by all coaches) issued by the meet host to have access to the hospitality room.

OFFICIATING OPPORTUNITY: Anyone that is a YMCA Swimming certified official is welcome and encouraged assist in officiating this meet. Please contact the meet director, Jodi Clute jclute@clevelandymca.org by Friday, October 24, 2018.

NOTE: Only athletes entered in the meet, credentialed coaches, officials, and meet workers are allowed on deck. Other non-participants are expected to remain in the spectator area.

MEET DIRECTOR & ENTRIES:	Jodi Clute	jclute@clevelandymca.org
SAFETY DIRECTOR:	Kevin McCardle	kmccardle@clevelandymca.org
HEAD OFFICIAL:	Judith Rozic	jklavery@yahoo.com

DIRECTIONS

From Cleveland:

Go East on I-90. Exit off the Geneva Exit (exit #218 on Rt. 534). Take a left at the light heading north. SPIRE entrance will be on your right.

From Erie:

Go West on I-90. Exit off the Geneva Exit (exit #218 on Rt. 534). Take a right off the exit heading north. SPIRE entrance will be on your right.

From Pittsburgh:

Take PA Turnpike to OH Turnpike. Take first exit marked 680 towards Youngstown. The road will take you around Youngstown and then exit 680 onto Route 711 at exit 3a. Route 711 then turns into Route 11. Stay on Route 11 about 40 miles until you hit I-90 and take that west for two exits to the Geneva Exit (exit #218 on Rt. 534). Take a right off the exit heading north. SPIRE entrance will be on your right.

ORDER OF EVENTS

AM SESSION		
Girls	Event	Boys
1	Open 200 Medley Relay	2
3	Open 200 Freestyle	4
5	Open 50 Butterfly	6
7	Open 100 IM	8
9	Open 50 Backstroke	10
11	Open 100 Butterfly	12
13	Open 100 Freestyle	14
15	Open 50 Breaststroke	16
17	Open 100 Backstroke	18
19	Open 50 Freestyle	20
21	Open 100 Breaststroke	22
23	Open 200 Free Relay	24
25	Open 500 Freestyle	26

PM SESSION		
Girls	Event	Boys
27	12 & U 200 Medley Relay	28
29	10 & U 100 Medley Relay	30
31	12 & U 100 Breaststroke	32
33	12 & U 50 Breaststroke	34
35	10 & U 25 Breaststroke	36
37	12 & U 100 Freestyle	38
39	12 & U 50 Freestyle	40
41	10 & U 25 Freestyle	42
43	12 & U 100 IM	44
45	12 & U 100 Backstroke	46
47	12 & U 50 Backstroke	48
49	10 & U 25 Backstroke	50
51	12 & U 100 Butterfly	52
53	12 & U 50 Butterfly	54
55	10 & U 25 Butterfly	56
57	12 & U 200 Free Relay	58
59	10 & U 100 Free Relay	60
61	12 & U 500 Freestyle	62

**Limited to 3 heats/gender
 ** those not in the top 24 times will have an opportunity to select a different event.