

2025-2026 Travel Assistance Policy for YMCA LC and SC Nationals

The Wilton Y Wahoos Travel Assistance Program is for families interested in reducing personal costs associated with travel to Y National Meets. To receive travel assistance, families take on additional volunteer responsibilities in addition to home and away meet job requirements. To receive the full assistance offered by the Wahoos for 1 swimmer, total volunteer hours should equal 40 hours by July 31 of the competition year, or approximately 4 hours per month. For swimmers attending the Y National SC Meet, a minimum of 20 hours must be fulfilled by March 1st of the competition year to receive assistance.

Program Details

- **Eligibility** - Any swimmer eligible to attend YMCA Nationals, by achieving individual or relay Y Nat cuts. Relay eligibility is determined by coaches.
- Jobs/Volunteer Hours are **IN ADDITION** to the normal home meet & away meet volunteer requirement. [Parent Work Policy Linked Here.](#)
- This program is **strictly voluntary**. Your swimmer may still attend the meet regardless of family participation. Families choosing to NOT participate will be charged the full price of the trip.
- If you sign up to do a job and do not complete it, you will not earn your assistance for this year and risk the opportunity to earn assistance in future years.
- Once you commit, you are responsible for completing the job regardless of your swimmer attending Y Nationals.
- If you already hold a current (non-elected) leadership role, you are automatically included in the Give Back Program.
- The Program **excludes** splash fees, apparel, and tech suit costs. It is only for costs associated with travel (flights/transportation/hotel).
- The team may provide cost assistance to other meets if airfare is necessary. To be eligible for this assistance you must be signed up for the Give Back Program.
- CHAPERONE POLICY. The Chaperone travel policy is separate from the Give Back Program. Chaperones will travel for free. One swimmer in the family will receive a 50% discount on travel costs for the meet in which parent chaperones. Chaperones are automatically included in the Give Back Program for any other qualifying meets in the 2025-2026 season. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Matt Salig (msalig@riverbrookymca.org) and Sarah Kreuzer (sakreuzer@gmail.com) .
- Trained Workers receiving Meet Fee Incentives should take on an additional volunteer role if interested in participating in both programs.