



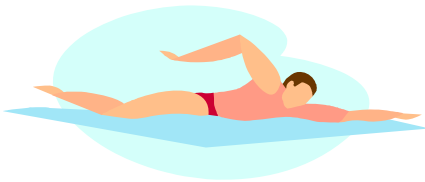
Y Times

YMCA News for Coaches, Athletes and Families

Welcome to the 2007 YMCA Swimming and Diving Short Course Nationals!

We are pleased to host 1,560 swimmers from over 200 YMCA teams this year in one of the largest student-athlete championship in the United States. Our total audience is approximately 3,500 friends, parents, siblings and future YMCA swimmers!

Thank you for joining us in Sunny Ft. Lauderdale, Florida



Scholarships announced on Wednesday

The YMCA OF THE USA COMPETITIVE SWIMMING & DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE will announce the 2007 Outstanding Athlete Scholarship winners on Wednesday evening. A check for \$500.00 will be issued directly to the athlete's institution of higher learning. All YMCA swimmers may apply that comply with the following criteria.

- Must be a graduating senior and must have been a YMCA swimmer and/or diver for five years.
- Must have competed in the National YMCA Short Course Swimming & Diving Championships for three years.
- Must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 or equivalent scale during senior year in high school.
- Must have plans to continue education at a university or junior college.
- Must present 2 letters of recommendation that reflect the athlete's display of the YMCA character traits of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
- Must present a **one page letter** reflecting upon what the athlete's participation in the YMCA competitive swimming and/or diving program has meant to him/her.
- And must compete at the National Short Course Swimming & Diving Championships in their senior year and must be present to accept the award.

All 2008 Seniors, please check the YMCA Swimming and Diving website prior to the 2008 Short Course for more information and to apply.

Did You Know...

More than 40 YMCA Olympians began their early swimming experience at a local YMCA, including: seven-time Gold-Medal-Winner Mark Spitz, Donna De Varona, Debbie Meyer, Kim Linehan, Betsy Mitchell, Janel Jorgensen, Steve Bigelow, Anita Nall, Eric Namesnik, Joe Hudepohl, Jenny Thompson, Ian Crocker, Dana Torres, Josh Davis, Tom Jager, Janet Evans and Tripp Schwenk.

The Ys' Olympic diving medalists include Robert Clotworthy, Sam Hall, Tom Gompf, Rick Gilbert, Leslie Bush, Greg Louganis and Mary Ellen Clark.

And it's easy to believe that Olympians of the future will be perfecting their skills in the Ys' short course this week! Thank you YMCA Coaches and Parents!

About YMCA of the USA

YMCA of the USA is the national resource office for the nation's 2,617 YMCAs, which serve more than 20.2 million people each year, including 9.5 million children, uniting men, women and children of all ages, faiths, backgrounds, abilities and income levels. From urban areas to small towns, YMCAs are collectively the nation's largest non-profit provider of child care and afterschool programs in nearly 10,000 diverse communities and neighborhoods across the U.S. A place for people to belong, YMCAs have proudly served America's communities for more than 150 years by building healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Visit www.ymca.net to find your local YMCA.

Thank You Officials!

"Almost 100 volunteer YMCA Swim Officials from over 20 states are on deck to assist with the 2007 YMCA Short Course Meet," said Ed Miller, YMCA National Swim Officials Chair. Most of these volunteers have kids swimming in YMCA programs but about 1/3 of our YMCA officials are still giving their time well after their kids have outgrown the program. "There is a great sense of community with this YMCA Swim Event and everyone enjoys coming back year after year".