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Bellingham Parks & YMCA Offer New Swim Programs for Residents

Instructional Lessons Offered at Silver Lake

[BELLINGHAM, MA] – The Bellingham Parks Department and the Hockomock Area YMCA at the Franklin Branch recently collaborated to offer a summer instructional swim program at Silver Lake in Bellingham.

The Bernon Family YMCA in Franklin will offer two four-week sessions, twice a week. Session dates are July 5 through July 29 and August 2 through August 26 and follow a Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday schedule at the following times: 9:00 am, 9:45 am, 10:30 am, 4:00 pm, 4:45 pm and 5:30 pm.

The cost for a four-week session, twice weekly is \$40. Classes are 30 minutes per day but participants may also register for lessons four days per week. Fridays are for make up classes due to cancellation because of weather.

A certified lifeguard will be on duty at all times and ratios will remain 1:6 for proper instruction. Parents must accompany children under 10 years old and are recommended to attend lessons for children over 10.

“Without question, the Hockomock Area YMCA has many decades of experience when it comes to high quality aquatics programming,” says Bernon Family Branch Executive Director Jeanne Sherlock. “The YMCA aquatics staff understand the essential job of delivering safe, superior instruction. They also recognize the real value of creating a fun, enjoyable and lasting experience for participants of every age.”

Registration will be held at the Bellingham Municipal Center at 10 Mechanic Street on Saturday, June 12 from 9 am to Noon. [Residents may also download the registration form from the Hockomock Area YMCA website at hockymca.org or the Town of Bellingham website at bellinghamma.org](#) and return the form to either the Bellingham Municipal Center on June 12 or anytime to the Franklin YMCA Member Services desk at 45 Forge Hill Road, Franklin. To register by phone through the YMCA, call 508-528-8708.
