Liberty Lightning Swim Team

SUMMER 2026

LIBERTY ATHLETIC CLUB

Liberty Lightning

Registration

May 4 - May 31

Registration is available through the mobile app, online, or at the front desk.

Fun, Fun, Fun!

The Liberty Lightning swim team believes that an important part of the season is to have FUN! That is why we offer social events for all age groups throughout the season. Motivating pep rallies and the end of season party are just a few of the fun social events swimmers may attend.

LIBERTY LIGHTNING SWIM TEAM HISTORY

Established in 1991, our Liberty Lightning Swim Team offers the opportunity for all swimmers to thrive and succeed in an upbeat and fun atmosphere. One of our primary goals is to motivate swimmers to succeed -- not by being the best, but by trying their best. With a focus on individual improvement, teamwork, and good sportsmanship, Liberty Lightning swimmers are sure to have a memorable and rewarding season!

The Liberty Lightning swim team is part of the Washtenaw Interclub Swim Conference (WISC). The conference is made up of other area clubs including Travis Pointe, Huron Valley, Barton Hills, Georgetown, and Racquet Club. There are five swim meets throughout June and July. The season culminates with the league championships in late July.

MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage swimmers of all ages to realize their swimming potential in a welcoming atmosphere of instruction and encouragement. Our coaches focus on fostering individual improvement, emphasizing the importance of teamwork, and cultivating sportsmanship.



SWIM TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- The Liberty Lightning Swim Team is available to all Liberty Athletic Club members ages 5-17.
- Children should be comfortable in large groups and in the water.
- Children should have a good swimming foundation to ensure their safety and success on the team.
- *Each swimmer must be able to tread water for one minute, swim 25 yards of front crawl and 25 yards on their back without stopping.
- It is not necessary for children to know all four competitive strokes before the season begins.
- New swimmers age 8 and under are required to have an evaluation. Evaluations are free of charge. New swimmer evaluations will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 4:00pm at Liberty's indoor lap pool *(reservations are not required)*.

IMPORTANT PRESEASON DATES

Monday, May 4
Swim team registration opens

Sunday, May 17 - 4:00pm
*New swimmer evaluations

Wednesday, May 27 - 6:30pm via Zoom
Mandatory parent meeting/volunteer meeting

Sunday, May 31
Swim team registration closes

SATURDAY SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

June 20	Liberty at Racquet Club
June 27	Liberty (hosting) at Georgetown
July 1	Liberty at Huron Valley
July 11	Barton Hills at Liberty
July 18	Travis Pointe at Liberty

CHAMPIONSHIPS *(at Skyline High School)*

Monday, July 20	Ages 13 thru 17
Tuesday, July 21	Ages 9 & 10
Wednesday, July 22	Ages 8 & under
Thursday, July 23	Ages 11 & 12

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Parent Checklist

- ☐ Register swimmer(s) starting May 4
- ☐ Purchase required black team swimsuit
- ☐ Drop off suit at Dexter Print & Embroidery for logo screen printing
- ☐ Visit the Liberty Lightning Team Store *(optional gear)*
- ☐ Attend mandatory parent Zoom meeting May 27
- ☐ Sign up for at least two volunteer positions

Dexter Print & Embroidery

SWIM TEAM FEES

$328 per child

These fees assist in providing the facilities, equipment, instruction and coaching staff for the swim team.

TEAM APPAREL

Starting May 1, the Liberty Lightning Team Store will be available through Dexter Print & Embroidery. While not required, this optional team gear is a great way to show team spirit, featuring sweatshirts, t-shirts, and sweatpants, along with plenty of other gear in both adult and youth sizes. To order, visit the Dexter Print & Embroidery online stores page and select the Liberty Lightning Team Store to view the full collection.

TEAM SWIMSUIT

Black team swimsuits must be purchased and screen-printed with the Liberty Lightning logo. Optional retailers include Amazon, swimoutlet.com, and thelifeguardstore.com.

Female: Black thin-strap one-piece
Male: Solid black jammers

Team swimsuits must be dropped off at Dexter Print & Embroidery for logo screen printing. Cost is $15 per suit with a four day turnaround.

SWIM CAPS

Swim caps are available for purchase at the front desk of Liberty Athletic Club.

Latex: $8.00 Silicone: $10.00



COACHES' COMMITMENTS

- To promote high self-esteem, the value of hard work, and good sportsmanship.
- To provide the best possible instruction, training, and competition for each individual.
- To motivate swimmers to achieve the most from their efforts, not by being the best, but by trying their best.

SWIMMERS' COMMITMENTS

- Attend at least three practices per week.
- Attend at least three swim meets.
- Participate 100% in practices, meets, and team social events.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- Attend championships.
- Have fun!

PARENTS' COMMITMENTS

- Attend the mandatory parent meeting. Mandatory parent meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 pm. A Zoom meeting link will be e-mailed to those registered.
- Parents are required to sign up for at least two volunteer positions during the season. You will be contacted via e-mail with sign-up instructions.
- Support the team.
- Be respectful of the coaches' ability to coach.



Swim Team Calendar - June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GROUPINGS **8 & UNDER** Group #1 Last Names A-K Group #2 Last Names L-Z	1 **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** Group #1 4:30-5:30pm **AGES 9-10** 5:45--7:00pm	2 **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** Group #2 4:30-5:30pm **AGES 11-UP** 5:45--7:00pm	3 **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** Group #1 4:30-5:30pm **AGES 9-10** 5:45--7:00pm	4 **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** Group #2 4:30-5:30pm **AGES 11-UP** 5:45--7:00pm	5 **PRACTICE** **AGES 9-10** 4:30-5:30pm **AGES 11-UP** 5:45--7:00pm	6 **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** 8-8:45am #1 8:45-9:30am #2 **AGES 9-10** 9:30-10:30am **AGES 11-UP** 10:30am-12pm
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28	29 **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** 8-8:45am #1 8:45-9:30am #2 **AGES 9-10** 9:30-10:30am **AGES 11-UP** 10:30am-12pm	30 **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** 8-8:45am #1 8:45-9:30am #2 **AGES 9-10** 9:30-10:30am **AGES 11-UP** 10:30am-12pm				

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New swimmer evaluations @4:00pm - Indoor Lap Pool

Wednesday, May 27
Mandatory Parent Zoom Meeting - 6:30pm

Monday, May 31
Last day to register

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19 **PRACTICE** **AGES 13-17** 9:30-10:30am	20 **CHAMPIONSHIPS** **AGES 13-17** **COMPETE** **PRACTICE** **AGES 9-10** 6-7pm	21 **CHAMPIONSHIPS** **AGES 9-10** **COMPETE** **PRACTICE** **8 & UNDER** 5:30-6:15pm #1 6:15-7pm #2	22 **CHAMPIONSHIPS** **8 & UNDER** **COMPETE** **PRACTICE** **AGES 11-12** 6-7pm	23 **CHAMPIONSHIPS** **AGES 11-12** **COMPETE**	24 **END of SEASON PARTY!** **5:30pm-8:30pm**	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Meet the Coaches

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Team Communication

An accordion file folder with a file for each Liberty Lightning family is located on the pool deck. The file folder will serve as a communication vehicle for meet ribbons. Please check e-mails regularly for current updates. If you do not receive an e-mail by June 1, please contact the Head Swim Coach at libertylightning@libertyathletic.net.

Since coaches are regularly engaged in practices or meets, please feel welcome to address questions / concerns to them via e-mail. The coaches will respond promptly to all inquiries. Coaches may be contacted by e-mail at libertylightning@libertyathletic.net.



Ella Majer
Head Coach

We are excited to welcome back Ella Majer as our Liberty Lightning Head Coach. Ella brings many years of swimming experience to this role: she grew up swimming in Ann Arbor, swam competitively for the Saline Swim Team and Club Wolverine, and participated in the WISC League in the summers. After moving to Shanghai, China, in 2017, Ella spent a few years working as a private coach and competed throughout Southeast Asia with her school team. This fall, she will graduate with a degree in Political Studies and hopes to pursue a career in the legal field. Ella is thrilled to return to the Liberty Lightning coaching team this summer, and she looks forward to mentoring our swimmers as they work toward their individual and team goals.



Grace McClellan
Assistant Coach

Grace's love of swimming began at just five years old with the Ann Arbor Country Club Dolphins and carried her through her competitive years at Dexter High School. By age 14, she was teaching lessons in the Liberty pools, and last season, she coached her first Liberty Lightning team. Along the way, she has enjoyed being outdoors, traveling, and spending time with friends and family—interests that keep her energized both in and out of the pool. Having just completed her first year at the University of Michigan, where she is pursuing a chemistry degree, Grace is excited to return to the Liberty pool this summer. She looks forward to meeting new faces and sharing the same fun, rewarding summer swim experience that played such a meaningful role in her own childhood.



Allison Yadmark
Assistant Coach

Allison first started competitive swimming on the Liberty Lightning team before going on to swim for Club Wolverine, the Saline Swim Team, Pioneer Swim & Dive, and most recently, Michigan Club Swimming. Returning to Liberty every summer season as a swim instructor, Allison is thrilled to come back this year to share her love of the sport as an assistant coach. Allison is majoring in Information Science at The University of Michigan. In the fall she enjoys performing at football games as a member of the Michigan Marching Band.