



Water Magic!

Dear Potential Swimmer and Family,

WELCOME TO THE WATER! Founded in 1991 in Berkeley, California, by *Dori Maxon PT, PCS, MEd*, the *Special Needs Aquatic Program (SNAP)* is a motor development program in the water for children with a variety of abilities and challenges. We strive to foster self-confidence, pride, and the fun of movement by increasing strength, coordination and functional skills. In 1999, SNAP was honored with the Tsunami Award for creativity and innovation in aquatics.

SNAP Palo Alto is partnering with the *Palo Alto Family YMCA* and *Kids with Dreams at Stanford University* to make this program possible in the South Bay. This program works with children who need extra attention. School age children who have cerebral palsy, arthritis, spina bifida, sensory integration disorder, developmental delays, and/or autistic spectrum disorder as well as other conditions will be considered. Our program goals are to provide your child with high quality aquatic instruction and to train the next generation of adapted aquatics specialists.

Classes are 45 minutes in length and will be held on Friday afternoons at 4:15 and 5:00 p.m. at the Palo Alto Family YMCA. While a one-on-one program, children are grouped to encourage socialization and friendships. Swimmers work with volunteer helpers who are supervised by head instructors and a certified pediatric aquatic rehabilitation specialist.

When we receive your completed application via email or fax, your child will be placed on our waiting list. We try to be very creative and flexible at SNAP in order to help meet the needs of as many children and families as we can. Your patience is appreciated while we do our best to accommodate the children in our community.

We value your input and participation at SNAP. We look forward to sharing the magic of the water with you. Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

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NEW SWIMMERS: Registration Procedures

1. Complete the [SNAP application](#) and email the application to swimsnap@gmail.com or fax application to 510 740 3974.
2. Once we receive your registration materials, your child will be placed on our [waitlist](#).
3. When we have an opening, you will be contacted to schedule an aquatic evaluation for your child. This is an in-water evaluation and free of charge.
4. If it is agreed that SNAP is a good fit for your family, your child must be a YMCA member. [Complete YMCA application materials for a program membership](#) for your child at the YMCA if your family does not already have a YMCA membership. A \$25.00 fee will be collected by the YMCA for the program membership and this is good for a year. Children who are already YMCA members will not be charged the \$25.00.
5. The next step is to pay SNAP tuition each session. It is \$125.00 and the check is made out to UCP/SNAP. In the memo section of the check, please put your child's name. Please mail the check to the P.O. Box listed below. If you pay online, please follow the directions on the website.

Tuition

- Class: \$125.00 for the session (usually 7 or 8 weeks). We have sessions during the fall, winter, and spring. SNAP in Palo Alto is not held during the summer.
- We are unable to refund for missed lessons or unexpected pool closure.
- SNAP strives to provide affordable, low cost services to all swimmers. If you have special financial circumstances, please speak to us. In addition, the YMCA may have financial aid available to help defray the cost of the program membership fee for families who qualify.

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