



2016-2017 TRY-IT NIGHTS

CHOOSE ONE NIGHT TO ATTEND:

Tuesday, Sept. 27th or Thursday, Sept. 29th, 2016
6:00 pm at the Otsego County Sportsplex Pool

Bring your swim suit, towel, swim cap & goggles.

There is NO COST to attend Try-It Night!

WHO ARE THE GAYLORD GATORS? The Gaylord Gators Swim Club is an independent, not-for-profit competitive swim team, managed by a volunteer board of directors. The Gaylord Gators are members of the Michigan Team Swim League (MTSL). Gators have two paid coaches who work specifically with training each of the different levels of swimmers.

The purpose of Gators is to encourage a lifelong love of the sport while developing individual swim abilities, good sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline and enthusiasm for competitive swimming.

Who can join the Gators? Any boy or girl who has successfully passed Level III Swim Lessons or is able to swim 25 yards (one length) of the pool AND has coach approval after attending Try-It Night.

The purpose of Try-It Night is to determine if your child is physically ready for competitive swimming and in turn will have a good experience in the program.

Swim season will begin on Monday, October 3rd, 2016. Practices are held in the evenings 5-6:30.

The number of days per week that your swimmer practices will depend on which of the levels (based on ability) your child is placed. You may choose for your child to swim the fall session, October 3-December 16, 2016, the winter session, January 3-March 3, 2017, or BOTH sessions.

There is a discount if you register and pay for both sessions at once.

Competitive swim meets are held on Saturdays and Sundays. The Gators do travel—attendance at away meets is not required, but encouraged. Gators compete against the following MTSL teams: Oscoda, Caro, Charlevoix, Alpena, Harbor Springs, Midland, Ogemaw, Rudyard, Sault Ste. Marie and Kalkaska.

—————→ **GUPPIE PROGRAM** ←————

A child who is not quite ready to swim for the Gators will be invited to join the GUPPIES with coach approval.

This will give him/her the opportunity to help build strength, skill and endurance and join Gators in the future.

The Guppies practice twice a week for 30 minutes and their sessions run from November 2nd-December 9th, 2016 and January 11th-February 17th, 2017.

Guppies are invited to attend swim meets but do not compete.

REGISTRATION will take place both Try-It Nights, as well as October 2nd from 1-3 pm.

If you have any questions prior to Try-It Night, please contact

Carrie Buchler (Registrar) at 989-370-1333 or Amy Bradfield (President) at 989-350-1028.