

# MayJAWS Summer Swim 2025 Green Group Info

## (Jenison Age Group Swimming for New or Veteran Swimmers)

### What is the official name of the Jenison Age Group Swim Team?

Jenison Area Wildcat Swimming (JAWS) Green Group.



How do I know if my child is ready? \*\*NEW\*\* swimmers must be at least six years old and able to swim one lap (25 yards) of “freestyle” and one lap of “backstroke” during a tryout.

Can my child try it out for a day? Yes! It is required to attend a trial day/tryout if your child has never been on a swim team. Please click [HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAFA628A46-jenison3) to get to our Signup Genius page to select a day and time (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAFA628A46-jenison3>) During the tryout the swimmers will meet the coaches and swim a lap of freestyle and a lap of backstroke. At that time your swimmer will be all set to join the swim team unless the coaches tell you otherwise. Should they recommend waiting a season, we have our Jenison Swim Lesson program available to you.

Does my child have to attend the trial day/tryout? Yes, but only if they have never been on a swim team! We need to know that every child can meet the minimum requirements (25 yards on belly and back) before registering and is not a safety concern. If your child is not ready for the swim team yet the coaches will tell you at the tryout. Do not register until you have completed your tryout. There are no refunds.

What does my child need for the trial day/tryout? Swimmers should arrive in suits (any type), have goggles, and a towel. Swim caps are encouraged otherwise hair that is long enough must be tied up. Swimmers are required to shower before going into the water.

How long is the season? The season will go from mid-May through mid-July. We practice 1-2 times a week in the spring (when school is in session) and 3-4 times a week in the summer. During a normal week, we will have an AM (~10 am) and PM (~5:30 pm) practice group Monday through Thursday. When we have an age group swim meet (usually Thursday mornings, but can be other days or in the evening) we will not have AM or PM practices on Thursdays.

Attendance/Participation/Does my child have to attend every practice?: No! Most age group programs (softball, football, basketball, etc.) offer only one weekly practice during an extended season. We will offer 3-4 practices a week. We recommend your swimmer attend as many practices as possible, but attendance is not required nor taken. We request that your swimmer arrive in their suit 5-10 minutes before practice, but if they happen to be late (or need to leave early) we still want them to come to practice. To get to the practice calendar go to [www.jenisonaquatics.org](http://www.jenisonaquatics.org). Click on “Pool Calendar.” Click on “JAWS.” Click on “Week” in the upper right corner. Check the calendar every Sunday for the upcoming weekly schedule. Please note that we encourage taking vacations, a day off, etc. 😊

Does my child have to swim in meets and when are they?

Yes! All green group swimmers are expected to swim in all West Michigan Swim League (WMSL) meets they are in town for. If your child is not ready for meets they are not ready for the swim team. Meets are an expectation of being on the team!

We will have 3-4 age group meets scheduled this summer. All of these meets are included in your registration fee. We also host a fee-based meet that will be on Friday, June 20, in the afternoon. All JAWS swimmers in town are expected to swim at this meet. Also, there will be one championship meet for every swimmer the week of July 14. The championship meet could be on Tues, Wed, or Thur, morning, noon, or evening.

\*For green group swimmers who have been on the team for at least two seasons and who are interested in more meet opportunities please email Coach Jen at [jcoffey@jpsonline.org](mailto:jcoffey@jpsonline.org). Additional meets would be USA meets and they are local and travel.

To get to the meet schedule go to [www.jenisonaquatics.org](http://www.jenisonaquatics.org). Sign in. TOGGLE over JAWS. CLICK on GREEN - Event/Meet Schedule.

**Work/Volunteer:** We require all families to pay an additional \$150/swimmer to complete your registration costs at checkout or we offer the opportunity to work/volunteer three times per swimmer per season at any home meet to save \$150 out of pocket. One shift is approximately four hours (one WMSL meet or one session of a USA meet). Meet workers can be mom, dad, neighbor, grandma, or even the swimmer if old enough. You may also get your work/vol hours in when your child is not swimming! The fees listed below are *without* the additional \$150 as we need our families to work/vol at our home meets for us to raise money and keep registration costs as low as possible. If you agree to work and are unable to complete your shifts by the end of the season your account will be billed \$50 per missed shift to cover your unpaid registration balance. We know some families are unable to work the meets and therefore we do provide the opportunity to pay the additional \$150 at checkout during registration. Volunteer Qs? Email Hilary: [candhfisher@gmail.com](mailto:candhfisher@gmail.com).

#### **Jenison Summer Swim 2025 Green Group Registration Fee Details:**

**\*\*** Rates below are through the WMSL Championship Meets (July 15-17). Any additional swimming past the WMSL Champ meets will have a weekly fee assessed and billed through our team website. There will be no JAWS State Games this summer, unfortunately. **\*\***

Jenison student or Jenison school district resident: TWO payments of \$80 PLUS three shifts (or add \$150 at checkout instead of shifts)

Non-Jenison student/non-school district resident: TWO payments of \$100 PLUS three shifts (or add \$150 at checkout instead of shifts)

\*One payment will be at checkout and the second payment will be billed to your account on July 1, 2024.

\*\*If you need your payments broken down further/spread out further just email our team treasurer Hilary at [candhfisher@gmail.com](mailto:candhfisher@gmail.com)

#### **All Fees/Other Fees/Possible Fees:**

- 1) **Meet Fees** WMSL Thursday morning meets and WMSL championship meets do not have additional fees.
  - a) On Friday, June 20, all JAWS swimmers in town are expected to swim at our Wildcat Summer Invite Meet and this will be the only additional meet that has fees for our WMSL (only) Green Group Swimmers.
- 2) **Team Suits** are highly recommended, but not required. If you do not purchase a team suit please wear a suit that is green/black/white. We will have suits to try on and purchase early in the season. Details will be emailed out.
- 3) **Goggles** are required. Get them from our team store or [swimoutlet.com](http://swimoutlet.com), Dicks, Dunhams, or any sporting goods store.
- 4) **Caps** We will provide each swimmer with a latex "J" meet cap (worth \$5) before their first meet, but it is always a good idea to have a second/spare cap in your swim bag for practices and especially meets. These can also be purchased all season.

**How and when to register:** Those who have been on JAWS before may register on or after May 1. Those who are new to the swim team must do a trial day before registering. To register go to [www.jenisonaquatics.org](http://www.jenisonaquatics.org) and click on the green tab that says JAWS REGISTRATION. If you are new, wait until after your tryout day to register. There are no refunds so ensure your child is ready to swim and all of your questions have been answered before registering (Qs? Email Coach Jen at [jcoffey@jpsonline.org](mailto:jcoffey@jpsonline.org)). Feel free to watch some practices before signing up if you want, too. \*\*If the evening green group does not have enough swimmers full refunds will be issued.