FAQ's for Private Swim Instruction
Soothing Waters Swim School

1. Who benefits most from private instruction?
Private swim instruction provides an individualized approach to swimming and can be of benefit to all, especially those who are 3 years or older, those who would benefit from an extra nudge or those who desire to accomplish the task at the quickest rate possible. It is important that a child be able to follow directions and work independently with the instructor, generally age three and up.

2. When are classes offered?
Each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 - 12 during the Soothing Waters season.

3. How long are the classes?
30 minute, 45 minute or 1 hour long classes may be scheduled.

4. Are a specific number of classes required when registering?
Registering for 6 consecutive classes provides you with the best rate and gives you priority over those scheduling classes individually.

5. If I desire more than 6 classes, how do I proceed?
Once you have secured your spot by signing up for 6 classes, the spot is yours for as long as you would like. However, I request that you communicate your desire to continue or stop **2 weeks before your series ends** so I may schedule accordingly with you or with someone who may be waiting for a spot to open up.

6. Is it recommended that a parent be in the water with their child?
When 1:1, it is best to not have a parent in the water. Readiness for private classes is indicated by your child being willing to work with me

independently. If there is another child (2:1), it most likely will be helpful to have an additional parent due to the 4 foot depth of the pool and to maximize learning opportunities. However, parent-child relationship and special needs may influence this answer. Soothing Waters prides itself in being flexible and adaptable.

7. How are absences managed?
For the best rate, your class time is reserved for you for 6 consecutive weeks. Please provide 24 hour notice for illness related absences. I do understand that other conflicts may interfere with our schedule. One missed class due to reasons other than illness may be acceptable with a minimum of one week notice provided in writing to Liz. 50% of your class fee may be charged if these guidelines are not followed due to the limited availability and high demand for Soothing Waters swim instruction.

8. How may I register?
All registration materials are found in the Fees and Forms section of www.soothingwaters.net To reserve your space please send your Enrollment Packet to: Soothing Waters
                           5207 Filbert Lane
                           Bow, WA 98232

Your Enrollment Packet includes 3 items:
1. Private Swim Enrollment Form: 6 or More Consecutive Classes
2. Liability Release
3. Your full payment of the Private Class Fee for 6 classes

Please be very specific on your Enrollment Form regarding time ranges and days that work for you. Provide as many options as possible in the specified hours of operation.

Classes are assigned in the order in which the Enrollment Packet was received. Please plan ahead. Beginning early in the season helps you to secure your first choice.

It is not uncommon for a 'Wait List" to develop later in the season. Typically, If you a re patient I will find a time to accommodate you.

You can rest assured that your check will not be cashed until we have found a class match. In the unlikely event that we do not find a matching time, your check will be shredded or returned.

9. How can participants get the most out of their experience?
We all learn by trying. The Soothing Waters Swim School motto is "I'll try." I encourage all skills to be attempted at least one time during each class. It is helpful that all participants are aware of the 'I'll try" approach prior to attending their first class. When working with children, I believe in a partnership with parents. Children are very capable and it is important to allow them to flourish by encouraging them to try. This skill will serve them throughout their lives.

Please, also, be sure to read [Parking Plan](#) and [Guidelines Before Coming to Soothing Waters.](#)