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## ION BANK FOUNDATION SUPPORTS NAUGATUCK YMCA'S SAFETY AROUND WATER WEEK - TEACHING YOUTH TO BE SAFE THIS SUMMER

**Naugatuck, CT, May 15, 2021** –The Naugatuck YMCA received funding from the Ion Bank Foundation to support the YMCA national program Safety Around Water and Swim Scholarship program. The YMCA's Safety Around Water & Swim Scholarship provides two programs to the children in our community. The Safety Around Water program teaches children up to age 12 how to be safe around water. This program is offered FREE to youth in our community. The skills they develop from the Safety Around Water program will help youth learn how to be safe around bodies of water. These skills include waterfront safety, boating safety, backyard pool safety, and so much more. After completing the Safety Around Water program the children are prepared to transition into swim lessons to continue their learning. The Swim Scholarship will assist in covering the cost of these lessons for families in need of assistance. Mark LaFortune says "With so many miles of coastline, lakes, and pools in Connecticut we need our youth to learn how to swim and be safe around any body of water. At the YMCA, we firmly believe access to these programs need to be easy and affordable."

**The program is open for registration and plans to run the week of Monday, June 28 through Thursday July 1.**

### Preschool ages 3-5

4:00-4:30  
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6:00-6:30  
6:30-7:00

### Youth ages 6-12

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For more information about the Safety Around the Water program please email [igatavaski@naugatuckymca.org](mailto:igatavaski@naugatuckymca.org).

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