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YMCA Celebrates St. Patrick's Day with Annual "Dive for Gold" Party

Northbrook, IL: February 2016 – The North Suburban YMCA invites young swimmers and their families to make a splash at the NSYMCA's annual "Dive for Gold" event, to be held on March 12. This well-loved event, which is open to the community and free for NSYMCA members, celebrates St. Patrick's Day in the Y's spacious indoor pool, where swimmers turn the pool water green and retrieve "leprechaun gold" tokens from the bottom. Kids can then exchange their tokens for goody bags.

The swim party runs from 2:00 to 3:45pm at the Y, 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook. Admission is free for NSYMCA members. Non-member admission is \$10 per person with a maximum fee of \$20 per family. Parents are asked to swim with children younger than six, and to stay in the pool area to supervise older children.

"The "Dive for Gold" party is inspired by the tradition of turning the Chicago River green, but with our own family-fun twist," notes Don Enger, NSYMCA Aquatics Director. "It's a great chance for kids to enjoy swimming, and the challenge of collecting the leprechaun gold makes it special. While they're swimming, they circulate the green dye that gives us the beautiful emerald color of St. Patrick's Day."

The Y uses its indoor pool for a wide variety of activities, including top-rated swim lessons, lap swimming, water-based fitness classes, and private rental pool parties. To better serve the Y's diverse community, the Y's aquatics staff offers swim instruction in English, Spanish, French, Korean, Russian, Persian, and Italian. For more information about aquatics programs at the North Suburban Y, or about the "Dive for Gold" event on March 12, contact Don Enger at denger@nsymca.org or visit www.nsymca.org.



Photo Caption: Collecting leprechaun gold is just part of the fun at the North Suburban Y's Dive for Gold Party on Saturday, March 12.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a charitable organization and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techy Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagin at 847-272-7250 or bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.