

Camp Trip Swimming Program Safety Certifications for NYS Children’s Camp

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(Go to www.health.ny.gov to view the most current certification list)

When swimming is conducted during a camp trip to an aquatics facility that is supervised by qualified lifeguard(s), the camp must supply one additional lifeguard or a staff member possessing training in Children’s Camp Swimming Program Safety for each 75 campers at the swimming activity (See Aquatic Certification Fact Sheet for a list of qualified lifeguard certification). A camp supplied lifeguard or staff trained in swimming safety is not required for aquatic amusement park activities that allow only one or two patrons in the water at a time and the activity water depth does not exceed chest deep for non-swimmers.

The following courses have been accepted by the Department as meeting or exceeding course standards for training in Children’s Camp Swimming Program Safety specified in Section 7-2.11(a)(4)(iv)(a) of the State Sanitary Code:

Provider	Certification Title*
American Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifeguard Management • Lifeguard Instructor
American Red Cross on Long Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Activity Leader
Boy Scouts of America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatics Supervision
YMCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatics Management • Aquatics Management Trainer

* Certifications are valid for the time period specified by the certifying agency, but may not exceed a consecutive three-year period from course completion.