

# CAMP AQUATICS DIRECTOR

## for NYS Children's Camp Bathing Facilities

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A camp aquatics director must oversee all swimming activities that occur at swimming pools and bathing beaches operated as part of a children's camp. This person shall supervise lifeguards and other required staff during swimming activities and implement the camp safety plan. The camp aquatics director must:

- be at least 21 years of age
- have a minimum of:
  - one season of previous experience as a camp aquatics director at a New York State children's camp; or
  - two seasons of previous experience consisting of at least 12 weeks as a children's camp lifeguard which had more than one lifeguard supervising it at a time; or
  - 18 weeks of previous experience as a lifeguard at a swimming pool or bathing beach, which had more than one lifeguard supervising it at a time.
- hold an accepted and current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate as listed on the Fact Sheet entitled "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification for NYS Children's Camps and NYS Bathing Facilities"
- annually review and document the review of the camp's safety plan for swimming
- possess current certification in a training course for lifeguard supervision and management as described below:

<b>Acceptable Lifeguard Supervision and Management Courses</b>	
(Certifications are valid for the time period specified by the provider, but may not exceed three years from the date of course completion.)	
Provider	Certification Title
<p><b>American Red Cross (ARC)</b> Lifeguard Management (LGM) certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– As of 1/1/14, LGM is only offered online. In-person testing is required and obtained through ARC Lifeguarding Instructors that are ARC Authorized Providers.</li> <li>– Certification expiration date is based on the LGM certificate, not the in-person testing certificate date.</li> <li>– Cards issued prior to 1/1/14 without an expiration date can be accepted for three years from date of issuance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lifeguard Management – certifications issued after 12/31/13 must be accompanied by a separate certification indicating in-person testing session.</li> <li>➤ Lifeguarding Instructor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Boy Scouts of America</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Aquatics Instructor, BSA</li> </ul>
<p><b>New York State Department of Environmental Conservation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New York State Lifeguard Management</li> </ul>
<p><b>YMCA</b> Aquatics Management and Aquatics Management Trainer certifications are no longer offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Certification in Aquatics Management remains valid for three years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2018.</li> <li>– Certification in Aquatics Management Trainer remains valid for two years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2017.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Aquatics Management</li> <li>➤ Aquatics Management Trainer</li> </ul>

An Aquatics Director may not perform lifeguard duties unless currently certified as a qualified lifeguard, or assess swimming ability unless currently certified as a progressive swimming instructor (see corresponding Fact Sheets available at [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov) or from your local health department).