

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

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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*
<p>American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguard Management (LGM) certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. – Certification expiration date is based on the LGM certificate, not the in-person testing certificate date. – Cards issued prior to 1/1/14 without an expiration date can be accepted for three years from date of issuance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lifeguard Management – certifications issued after 12/31/13 must be accompanied by a separate certification indicating in-person testing session. ➤ Lifeguard Instructor
<p>American Red Cross on Long Island</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pool Activity Leader
<p>Boy Scouts of America</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aquatics Supervision
<p>YMCA Aquatics Management and Aquatics Management Trainer certifications are no longer offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certification in Aquatics Management remains valid for three years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2018. – Certification in Aquatics Management Trainer remains valid for two years from date of certification, but no later than 12/31/2017. 	<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.