

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 CPR certificate as listed on the Fact Sheet "[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:

Acceptable Lifeguard Supervision and Management Courses (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>American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguard Management (LGM) certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. Certifications without an expiration date are not valid. <p>Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer or Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificates including a combination of Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24 and Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 are acceptable. – Certificates are valid for the time period specified in parentheses after the certification title. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lifeguard Management – certifications must be accompanied by a separate certification indicating in-person testing session. ➤ Lifeguarding Instructor ➤ Waterfront Lifeguarding Instructor ➤ Lifeguard Instructor Trainer ➤ Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 ➤ Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24
American Aquatics Safety Training	➤ Aquatic Supervisor (Lifeguard Management, Pool Activity Leader)
Boy Scouts of America	➤ Aquatics Instructor, BSA
YMCA	➤ Lifeguard Supervisor

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 health.ny.gov or from your local health department).