

# 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.)	
<b>Provider</b>	<b>Certification Title</b>
<b>American Red Cross (ARC)</b> Lifeguard Management (LGM) certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 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. Certifications without an expiration date are not valid.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Lifeguard Management – certifications must be accompanied by a separate certification indicating in-person testing session.</li><li>➤ Lifeguarding Instructor</li><li>➤ Waterfront Lifeguarding Instructor</li></ul>
<b>Boy Scouts of America</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Aquatics Instructor, BSA</li></ul>
<b>New York State Department of Environmental Conservation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ New York State Lifeguard Management</li></ul>
<b>YMCA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Lifeguard Supervisor</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).