CAMP AQUATICS DIRECTOR

for NYS Children's Camp Bathing Facilities

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

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:

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**
American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguard Management (LGM) certifications: – 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.	➢ Lifeguard Management – certifications issued after 12/31/13 must be accompanied by a separate certification indicating in-person testing session. ➢ Lifeguarding Instructor
Boy Scouts of America	➢ Aquatics Instructor, BSA
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	➢ New York State Lifeguard Management
YMCA Aquatics Management and Aquatics Management Trainer certifications are no longer offered: – 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.	➢ Aquatics Management ➢ Aquatics Management Trainer

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 or from your local health department).