

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

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(Go to [www.health.ny.gov](http://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 Certifications Fact Sheet](#) for a list of qualified lifeguard certifications). 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><b>American Red Cross (ARC)</b> Lifeguard Management (LGM) certifications:</p> <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> <p>Lifeguarding Instructor or Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24 certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Certificates including a combination of Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 and Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24 are acceptable.</li> <li>– Certificates are valid for the time period specified in parentheses after the certification title.</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> <li>➤ Lifeguard Instructor Trainer</li> <li>➤ Lifeguarding Instructor r.24</li> <li>➤ Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24</li> </ul>
<b>American Red Cross on Long Island</b>	➤ Pool Activity Leader
<b>American Aquatics Safety Training</b>	➤ Aquatic Supervisor (Lifeguard Management, Pool Activity Leader)
<b>Boy Scouts of America</b>	➤ Aquatics Supervision
<b>YMCA</b>	➤ Lifeguard Supervisor

\* Certifications are valid for the time period specified by the certifying agency but may not exceed a consecutive three-year period from course completion.