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 three seasons of previous waterfront experience as a lifeguard *or* have prior experience as a camp aquatics director
- 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"
- be currently certified in an accepted title as a progressive swimming instructor *or* a qualified lifeguard as described below

Code Standards	Providers/Certification Titles	Comments
Progressive Swimming Instructor* **(OR)**	See "Progressive Swimming Instructor" Fact Sheet	• May also assess swimming ability. • May not perform lifeguard duties unless currently certified as a qualified lifeguard.
Qualified Lifeguard*	See "Aquatic Certifications" Fact Sheet	• Must be lifeguard certified for the specific type of bathing facility at the children's camp (i.e., surf, pool and beach and/or pool only). • May also perform lifeguard duties. • May not assess swimming ability unless certified as a progressive swimming instructor.

* Instructors for code standard or acceptable equivalent certification courses also qualify for the position of camp aquatics director. Candidates must present a valid certification(s) from the provider for the specific instructor's title. A lifeguard instructor may perform lifeguarding duties only when currently certified as a qualified lifeguard.