

FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS *

for NYS Children’s Camp Staff

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

Subpart 7-2 of the State Sanitary Code requires the health director, other staff specified in section 7-2.8, and certain camp trip and activity leaders¹ to possess valid certification in the code standard first aid course, or a course accepted by the Department as being equivalent to or exceeding the standard.

Some medical personnel may possess training and experience that is equivalent to or exceeds this certification requirement (i.e., emergency room (ER) physician or ER nurse). A résumé or list of qualifications should be submitted to the local permit-issuing official for evaluation.

Provider	Certification Title
Code Standard	
American Red Cross (ARC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to Emergencies (RTE)
Accepted Courses	
ARC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Response • Wilderness First Aid Basics
American Safety & Health Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Wilderness First Aid • Wilderness First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT
Canadian Red Cross Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard First Aid
(Canadian) St. John Ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced First Aid - Level 1 • Advanced First Aid - Level 2
Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI – formerly AAOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced First Aid • Wilderness First Aid Advanced Level • First Responder
National Safety Council (NSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Taking Action • First Responder
National Ski Patrol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Emergency Care Technician
New York State (NYS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) • Certified First Responder
SOLO Wilderness Emergency Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT
Wilderness Medical Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness Advanced First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT • Wilderness First Aid 16 Hours²
Wilderness Medicine Institute of the NOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness Advanced First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT

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At a SUMMER DAY CAMP, when the children’s camp activities do not include aquatics, the camp’s programs are limited to minimal physical activity, and emergency medical care and consultation is available in less than 5 minutes, the following certifications may be substituted for the Code standard above.

Provider	Certification Title
American Lifeguard Association (ALA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First Aid and Safety Instructor-Led Course ³ • Lifeguard Training – Community First Aid and Safety Instructor-Led Course ³
ARC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First Aid and Safety • Lifeguard Training - Community First Aid & Safety • Standard First Aid • First Aid Basics • Workplace First Aid • First Aid
American Safety & Health Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic First Aid - Universal ⁴
Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI – formerly AAOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid
EMS Safety Services Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid • First Aid and CPR
Medic First Aid ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medic First Aid Basic ⁵ • Medic First Aid Pediatric ⁵ • Medic First Aid Emergency Care ⁵
NSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard First Aid • First Aid – Level 2
Workplace CPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Rescue

***FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR A MAXIMUM OF THREE YEARS**

¹ A trip leader of a camp trip that includes an activity where emergency medical care is not readily available or an activity such as wilderness hiking, rock climbing, camping, horseback riding, bicycling, swimming and/or boating shall possess or be accompanied by staff who possess certifications in ARC RTE or one of the additional acceptable courses.

An activity leader of an activity on the camp property where other staff certified in first aid in accordance with Section 7-2.8 of Subpart is not readily available, shall possess or be accompanied by staff who possess certifications in ARC RTE or one of the additional acceptable courses.

² Wilderness Medical Associates course entitled “Wilderness First Aid option B – 16 Hours” is not acceptable.

³ Certificate must include the words “Instructor-Led Course” in the title.

⁴ Universal must be checked on the card face.

⁵ Medic First Aid cards must be accompanied by a “Successful Evaluation Certificate” which indicates that the individual has passed written and performance evaluations and the course included modules on Burns, Bites, Stings, Exposure to Heat, Exposure to Cold and Splinting Painful, Swollen, or Deformed Limbs.