

Rental Group Waterfront Policies



General

1. The Rental Group Leader is responsible for scheduling qualified personnel for the swimming area and scheduling hours that the waterfront will be open, unless Camp Marshall is contracted to provide lifeguards.
2. The Rental Group Leader shall present the Site Manager or Designee with credentials of any Certified Lifeguards that will be supervising waterfront activities.
3. The Rental Group Leader will introduce all Certified Lifeguards to the Site Manager or Designee for orientation.
4. The Site Manager will advise the Rental Group Leader and Lifeguards of best practices and give a tour of appropriate locations for emergency equipment, land-line phones and answer any questions about the facility regarding waterfront safety.
5. We advise Rental Groups that they should adhere to our standard ratio of 1 Lifeguard to 10 swimmers.
6. At least one staff person on duty at the waterfront should be trained in Lifeguarding, CPR, AED, and Blood borne pathogens.
7. Spotters (lookouts) are at the waterfront to assist lifeguards, help with transitions, and manage crowds (especially congregating on the dock). Ratio for spotters is 1:5.
8. Lifeguards must have: a whistle, rescue tube, water bottle, and a vantage point from which he/she is able to see the entire water surface being used.
9. The Rental Group Lifeguard / Rental Group Director is responsible for keeping an accurate count of all campers at the waterfront.
10. A first aid kit, appropriately stocked, and a bottle of sunscreen should be on the dock.
11. The backboard should be in an easily accessible place. (1e – on boat house)
12. All staff on the waterfront should have whistles.
13. Weather safety will be determined by the Rental Group Lifeguard or by the Rental Group Leader. State law requires that the waterfront be cleared for 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder, and 1 hour after the last sighting of lightning.
14. At the end of a swim session, or when campers/staff leave the waterfront, campers should be dismissed in an orderly fashion, with supervision.
15. Lifeguards are expected to behave professionally, to avoid small talk with staff or campers while on duty, and should not be seated while on duty.
16. Because safety is their first priority, lifeguards may introduce additional rules to campers in any given waterfront session.
17. People in wheelchairs, with visual impairment or physical disabilities, shall be accompanied at all times when at the waterfront by a person capable of providing aid in a rescue situation.

Rules for Campers and Staff:

1. Swim only when a certified lifeguard is on duty.
2. Swim in designated area only.
3. No rough play (ie - pushing, dunking) or running.
4. No diving.
5. Campers on the dock must have adult or lifeguard supervision.
6. We advise rental groups that it is a good policy for each camper to take a swim test within 24 hours of arrival, or as soon as weather permits.
7. No swimming under the dock.
8. We encourage campers to shower with soap after swimming.

Waterfront Participant Testing and Classification

- Nonswimmer: a camper who has not taken or has not passed the swim test.
- Provisional swimmer: a camper who has passed the swim test with the use of a PFD.
- Swimmer: a camper who has passed the swim test, but not the kayak test.

Swim Test is to help determine a camper's ability to safely participate in water activities. The test may vary based on a person's size and the water temperature.

Recommended Swim Test: Swim the length of the dock and back. Tread water for 60 seconds. Jump into swimming area from the dock with swimmer's head submerged, swimmer should spin 360 degrees in the water, resurface, and climb out by the ladder.

Waterfront Equipment:

Emergency Equipment:

The following items of emergency equipment are available in the kayak shed:

1. Backboard
2. First Aid kit
3. Whistles
4. Rescue tube
5. Water bottle
6. Sunscreen

PFD's are stored in the program office and in the kayak shed.

Emergency Action Plan

Should an emergency occur on the waterfront:

1. The staff member identifying the emergency will initiate the emergency action plan with three whistle blasts. This staff member must then decide how best to help the person in danger.

2. The next staff members responding are responsible for assisting the primary responder. This may include: moving campers elsewhere, taking over primary responsibilities, calling EMS, obtaining additional equipment.
3. The waterfront will be cleared in the case of an emergency, and staff members may move campers to the lodge, playing field, the Arts & Crafts center, or to another location.
4. One staff member not needed with campers or on the waterfront should meet the ambulance at the camp sign.
5. Emergency vehicles should be directed to the upper parking lot (by the office), and staff should stay with victim on a backboard on the dock until EMS arrives.
6. Notify the Site Manager or her designee of any emergency as soon as it is possible.