



Read this swim and aquatic activity permission form completely and carefully and indicate the appropriate swim level for your child. You are encouraged to complete this form even if the program(s) you selected do not include swimming or aquatic activities, so we have the information in the event you add a program for which swimming or aquatic activity permission is necessary.

Child's Name _____ Age _____
 (Please print) (as of 6/1/17)

Day Camp

Camper will participate in recreational swimming activities off-site at a designated swimming pool or beach at least once during the camp week, weather permitting. Please note: Immersion Camps in Dane County do not include swimming or aquatic activities.

Wander Wisconsin

Programs include swimming in natural bodies of water or in swimming pools as well as other aquatic activities in a variety of settings such as canoeing, kayaking, rafting, tubing and water park attractions. A swim level of 2 or higher is required to participate in Wander Wisconsin. Specific activities, as well as the swim level required for those activities, are outlined in the program descriptions.

Middle School U

Some courses include swimming in natural bodies of water or in swimming pools as well as other aquatic activities in a variety of settings such as canoeing, kayaking, tubing and water park attractions. Specific activities, as well as the swim level required for those activities, are outlined in the course descriptions.

I Understand:

1. There is a greater risk in having my child participate in swimming and other aquatic activities, however, I feel that the added risk is acceptable because of the benefits to my child and agree to absolve WYC of any greater responsibility by virtue of my child's participation in swimming or aquatic activities.
2. WYC adheres to state licensing regulations, American Camp Association accreditation standards (for applicable programs), and program policies regarding supervision of children while swimming.
3. Swimming will only take place at beaches and swimming pools where there is a certified lifeguard on duty.
4. Swimmers will be supervised by camp staff at a ratio of one adult staff member for every eight swimmers.
5. At beaches, all level 2 and 3 swimmers will stay in water no deeper than chest level. (day camp only)
6. Swim levels, as defined below, will be used to divide swim groups during swim activities and to ensure that participants in Wander Wisconsin and Middle School U are only allowed to use watercraft within their swim level classification.
7. Aquatic environments may vary and the swim levels, as defined below, will be translated accordingly.
8. Aquatic or WYC staff members reserve the right to decrease participant swimming levels for any reason.
9. I may update my child's swim level in writing either at my child's program location or by sending an email to your regional WYC office.
10. My child will receive a program shirt (the cost of which is included in the program fee) and will be required to wear the program shirt for all program swimming activities at public facilities. The program shirt will help WYC staff and lifeguards supervise my child and has the added benefit of providing sun protection. My child will not be allowed to swim without a program shirt. (Please indicate program shirt size on part IA of the registration packet, applicable to day camps and Wander Wisconsin.)
11. Floatation devices such as water wings and life jackets are not permitted for use in our day camp programs during swimming field trip activities. (Life jackets are used for Wander Wisconsin and Middle School U boating programs.)

Please select one of the swim levels below:

- No Swimming:** my child is not allowed to go in the water but may play in a designated area away from the water.
- Level 1 – Beginning Swimmer:** my child has little or no swimming experience. My child can enter and exit the water unassisted; put his/her face into water; and float on front and back. My child may enter the water, but must stay in water no deeper than waist level at pool or beach.
- Level 2 – Intermediate Swimmer:** my child has intermediate swimming skills. My child can tread water for at least 20 seconds; swim 20 yards on front with arm action and some side breathing; and has been introduced to deep water. My child may swim anywhere within the designated swim area of the swimming pool with water levels up to 6 feet. My child may participate in canoe, kayak and tubing activities if applicable. In a beach setting at day camp my child will still be expected to remain in water no deeper than chest level.
- Level 3 – Advanced Swimmer:** my child has intermediate to advanced swimming skills. My child can tread water (without touching bottom) for at least one minute; swim front crawl for 25 yards; and is comfortable in deep water. My child may swim in the deep water area of the swimming pool. In a beach setting at day camp my child will still be expected to remain in water no deeper than chest level. My child may participate in canoeing, tubing and kayaking activities if applicable.
 - Level 3 Advanced Swimmers ONLY - Swimming Pool Diving Board Permission:** if available, my child may jump off (low) diving boards (feet first only and no flips). Flips and diving head first are not allowed.

Do you have any concerns about your child participating in water activities? YES NO

Comments:

I give permission for my child to participate in swim and aquatic activities as indicated above.

 Parent/Guardian - Please Print Name _____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____