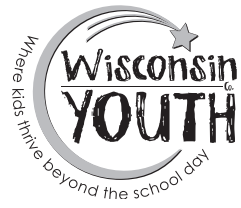


Part IV **WYC Summer 2019: Swim & Aquatic Activity Permission Form**



Please read this permission form completely and indicate the appropriate swim level for your child. You are encouraged to complete this form even if the program(s) you selected does not include swimming or aquatic activities. This ensures we have the information in the event you add a program for which swimming or aquatic activity permission is necessary. Reference the program handbook for additional information.

Child's Name _____ Age _____
(Please print) (as of 6/1/19)

Day Camp

Campers will participate in swimming activities at a designated off-site swimming pool or beach at least once during the camp week, weather permitting. Campers will be assigned to a group of no more than eight campers per staff based on their designated swim level. Campers will be provided a colored wristband indicating their swim level. Please note: immersion camps do not include swimming or aquatic activities.

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Some programs include swimming in natural bodies of water or in swimming pools. Other aquatic activities include canoeing, kayaking, standup paddle boarding and water park attractions. A swim level of 'yellow' or higher is required to participate. Specific activities are outlined in the program descriptions.

- I Understand:**
1. There is risk in having my child participate in swimming and other aquatic activities, and I agree to absolve Wisconsin Youth Company (WYC) of any liability as a result 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. Swim levels, as defined below, will be used to divide swim groups during swim activities.
 6. Aquatic environments may vary and the swim levels, as defined below, will be translated accordingly.
 7. Aquatic or WYC staff members reserve the right to decrease participant swimming levels for any reason. Some aquatic facilities will require an additional swim test for deep water swimming.
 8. I may update my child's swim level in writing either at my child's program location or by sending an email to the WYC office.
 9. My child will receive a program shirt 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. (Not applicable to Middle School U.)

Please select one of the swim levels below:

Please note that flotation devices such as water wings or lifejackets are not permitted for use in day camp program. (Lifejackets are provided for Wander Wisconsin and Middle School U boating programs.)

- White Level – Non-Swimmer:** my child is not allowed to go in the water, but may play in a designated area away from the water.
- Red Level – Beginner Swimmer:** my child has little or no swimming experience. My child can enter and exit the water unassisted and put his/her face into water. My child must stay in water no deeper than waist level at pool or beach.
- Yellow Level – Intermediate Swimmer:** my child has intermediate swimming skills. My child can tread water for at least 20 seconds; swim 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 six feet. My child may participate in canoe, kayak and stand up paddleboard activities, if applicable. In a beach setting at day camp my child will be expected to remain in water no deeper than chest level. My child may use water slides dropping into water up to six feet deep.
- Green Level – Advanced Swimmer:** my child has advanced swimming skills. My child can tread water for at least one minute; swim for an extended period of time with arm action and side breathing; and is comfortable in deep water. My child may swim in water deeper than six feet. In a beach setting at day camp my child will be expected to remain in water no deeper than chest level. My child may participate in canoe, kayak and stand up paddleboard activities, if applicable. My child may use water slides dropping into water up to six feet deep.
- Double Green Level – Advanced Swimmer with Diving Board & Deep Water Slides Permission:** my child has advanced swimming skills, as listed for 'Green Level.' If available, my child may jump off low diving boards (feet first only and no flips). My child may also use water slides dropping into water deeper than six feet.

Do you have any concerns about your child participating in water activities? YES NO
If answered yes, please provide comments:

I have reviewed the swim & aquatic activity permission form and 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

