



Day Camp Visitors Policies

1. Any Day Camp or similar group with 10 or more participants using City operated pools on more than a one-time-only basis must contact the City Pool Recreation office at (626)-744-7590 at least two weeks before the first visit for recreational swimming. This will ensure the availability of space and promote aquatic safety for all users of City operated pools.

2. Groups must provide active supervision (both in and out of the water) and have a person designated as the Head Counselor (who is over 18 years old) who can supervise other counselors at all times. If there is no Head Counselor present the group will be asked to leave the pool. The other counselors must be 16 or older. All counselors must follow the minimum ratios at all times:

a. 1:5 Ratio: Minimum 1 supervisor to 5 participants for ages 5 and 6

b. 1:10 Ratio: Minimum 1 supervisor to 10 participants for children ages 7 and older

c. Additional supervision may be required for participants with special needs.

3. Children under the counselor's supervision must stay with the group at all times. If a child needs to leave the group (e.g. visit the restroom), a supervisor must accompany the child. If there is no other supervisor with the group, all children must remain out of the pool while the supervisor is absent.

4. It is the responsibility of the organization and the organization's supervisors to know each child's limitations.

5. Camp/Group counselors must be within two feet of the day camp participants whenever the participants are near or in the water and must be actively supervise the children by watching for safety risks to the children.

6. Camp/Group counselors must assist the lifeguards in making sure the children under the counselors' supervision adhere to pool rules, and make the necessary corrections when swimmers violate rules.

SWIM TESTS AND WRISTBANDS. Throughout the summer the City lifeguards will offer the required swim test and upon completion, will issue wristbands to indicate each child's swim level.

1. Each child will take a swim test on his/her first visit to a City pool. The child will be asked to swim two laps freestyle width of the pool without stopping or touching the wall.
2. Upon successful completion of the swim test, the child will then be issued a green wristband labeled "swimmer".
3. All wristbands must be returned to the lifeguard at the end of each pool visit. They will be re-issued at the next pool visit.
4. Camp/group counselors must maintain a list of all campers' names and results of swim tests.
5. If a lifeguard witnesses a child switching wristbands with someone who has not taken or passed the swim test, both children will not be allowed back in the pool for one week.
6. Lifeguards have the right to re-test a swimmer regardless of previous successful completion of swim tests.