



LIFEGUARD

The Lifeguard oversees the pool at Camp Vincent. They establish a safe and enjoyable swimming environment for campers and staff, adhering to all Provincial, Federal, and Ontario Camping Association (OCA) standards. They perform lifeguarding duties ensuring all protocols are followed, equipment is properly stored and kept in good working condition, and that all water activities happen safely and smoothly. They will conduct the required pool water tests and record them in the log book. When not performing their lifeguard duties, they assist with camp programming and activities. Current National Lifeguard Pool certification and Standard First Aid with CPR “C” is required.

Accountability

The Lifeguard is accountable to the Summer Camp Director.

Responsibilities

- Develop a working knowledge of how the pool works, and basic pump operation.
- Ensure that the pool is kept clean and usable on a daily basis, including skimming, vacuuming, emptying skimmers, chlorine regulation, backwashing, and adding fresh water.
- Ensures that the operation of the pool strictly adheres to health standards set forth by the Province, Chatham Kent Public Health Unit and OCA. Including but not limited to: swimmer:lifeguard ratios, pool chemistry testing, accurate record keeping, filter testing etc.
- Routinely checks and maintains all PFDs (for pool and canoe program) and supplies, including storage.
- Is responsible for the physical health of all campers and staff while at or in the pool.
- Conducts and keeps a record of a swim test for all staff at the beginning of the summer (ideally during staff training).
- Conducts and keeps a record of swim tests for all campers at the beginning of each session and informs relevant counsellors of the results of the tests.
- Actively guards the pool, or ensures that the pool is appropriately supervised during ALL swimming activities throughout the duration of the camp season.
- Ensure that all swimmers know and adhere to pool rules.
- Takes part in planning and leading programs for the pool
- Ensure that the pool is cleaned and closed at the end of each camp week.
- Keeps track of all supplies and informs the Camp Director of any losses, damages, or shortages.
- Completes an inventory list at the very end of the summer, prior to departure.
- Prepares with other pool staff a list of back-up program ideas for camper’s ages 5-16 during staff training in the event that weather conditions do not permit swimming.

Qualifications

- Be 17 years of age
- Provide current lifeguard certification (N.L.S.) by July 1st
- Provide current CPR or First Aid Certification by July 1st
- Desire and ability to work with children outdoors
- Ability to accept guidance and supervision
- Good moral character, integrity, adaptability, emotional maturity
- Highly motivated, patient, possess high degree of self-control
- Enthusiastic, sense of humour, patience, and self-control