

# Off-Site Swimming

## Summer of 2011



The New York State Department of Health requires that we have a signed permission slip before we can allow campers to participate in water activities like swimming and boating at off-campus locations.

All campers must have this permission in order to attend camp.

As you know, we take camper safety very seriously. You can expect the same level of water safety when camp groups visit off-site locations as when they're swimming in our own pools and lake. We comply with the regulations of the New York State Department of Health and with the guidelines of the American Camp Association. We use and teach established boating and waterfront safety guidelines, including the use of Personal Flotation Devices. Campers traveling off site are always accompanied by at least one staff member certified in First Aid and, where appropriate, a member of our water safety staff.

Most of the sites our campers visit are inspected and certified by the New York State Department of Health or the local health departments in the states in which they are located. Some sites may not be regulated by governmental health departments, but they are assessed by our directors and trip staff and determined to be up to the same standards as well as our own standards, which are frequently higher. In addition, many of the places our camp groups visit are sites that we have used many times in the past.

**Please complete the permission form below and return this sheet to us by April 15.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the camp office at 201.251.0414 .

### Camper Off-Site Swimming Permission

Camper's Name..... Date of Birth.....

I give permission for my child to participate in water-related activities when traveling off campus, including those that are not inspected by the New York State Department of Health. I understand that the camp directors have selected sites and activities which they have determined to be suitable and safe for campers and that camp staff will verify the safety of each site at the time that the camp group visits.

Parent's Signature ..... Date .....

Parent's Name.....

Office Use Only. Please do not place any marks inside this box.