SUMMER 2025





Pool Safety & Swim Instruction

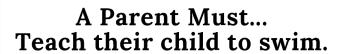
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Teaching Philosophy



Talmud, Kiddushin 29A



We Believe:

- Every child has an inherit ability to swim
- Exposure to water builds confidence
- Learning to swim should be fun!

With daily exposure to the pool through both Instructional Swim and Free Swim opportunities...

Your Child Will Learn To Swim!



Wrist Band Policy



Red Bands

New Swimmers

- Campers must wear a life-vest and stay in our shallow end.
- During Instructional Swim, an instructor may remove the vest for direct instruction.

Yellow Bands

Emerging Swimmers

- Campers may swim without a lifevest in the shallow area only.
- Swimmers may wear life-vests or use pool noodles to build confidence!





Green Bands

Advanced Swimmers

Can use all areas of the pool

Periodic testing will allow campers to move to the next swim band!



Directors are certified Pool Operators and on site at all times the pool is open.

Directors

Pool Head **Pool Head** is an experienced lifeguard and pool manager who works directly with the Aquatics Director.

Duty Guards Unit Heads

Swim Instructors

Duty Guards are certified life guards; on watch from chair or pool deck.

Bunk Staff

Swim Instructors engage in group swim instruction and enforce rules during free swim.

Unit Heads will be on the pool deck managing Bunk Staff. BunkStaff must be on the pool deck or in the pool watching campers.

Ratios

in addition to Aquatics Director and Pool Head

1 Duty Guard

for every 10-15 campers

1 Swim Instructor

for every 8-10 campers

1 Bunk Staff

for every 4-7 campers



Swim Instruction



Our swim instruction program is based off the Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety program. There are six total swim levels but most CA Campers are instructed at Swim Levels 1 – 3 (typically PreK-4th grade).

Level 1

Our youngest and beginner swimmers start with basic water safety skills around the water and how to enter the water safely. Campers' vests are removed briefly for 1:1 instruction to practice buoyancy and breath control (e.g., blowing bubbles, treading water).



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Level 2

Once comfortable in the water, campers learn additional skills including safe jumps, swimming motions, floating techniques, combining leg and hand movements, advanced breath control, retrieving dive rings in the shallow end.

Level 3

More advanced young swimmers and our intermediate age groups begin to focus on more advanced swimming techniques including rotary breathing, changing positions while swimming, basic front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, and kicking techniques (flutter kicking, scissor kicks), etc.





Rules & Readiness



Camper Pool Rules

- Do not enter pool deck until directed by pool staff.
- Walk, do not run, while on pool deck.
- No rough play, grabbing, pushing, climbing on other campers or counselors.
- No food or drinks allowed on pool deck.
- Enter pool via steps or feet first jump no diving.
- Toys must be removed from pool and returned at end of swim period. No floats or toys from home.
- No loud shouting or screaming.
- 1 whistle stop and look. 3 whistles out of pool.

Staff Readiness

- All staff is trained to enforce pool rules and for pool emergencies.
- We expect bunk staff to be in the pool with the campers every day...
 It's in their job description!
- Our Pool Staff meet every morning before campers arrive; we review safety procedures and staff expectations throughout the entire summer.





About Our Program

A Tradition of Teaching

The CA Camps swim program was developed by **Camp Director Robyn Wolf** and **Aquatics Director Kori Snair**.

Outside of their careers as elementary school educators, Kori and Robyn worked every summer in swim instruction and pool operations and management at Jewish Summer Camps since their teenage years.

Between them, they have taught over 5,000 kids how to swim.



Robyn & Kori @ the pool, 2014



Kori teaching swim skills, 2012

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