

# Off-Site Swimming

## Summer of 2010



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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older 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. 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 CPR, and, where appropriate, a member of our water safety staff.

Most of the sites our trips 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 as soon as possible.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the camp office at 516-620-4300.

### 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.....