

Job Description - Camp Lifeguard

The Society's policies on Risk Assessments, Limits and Boundaries, Relationship of Positions to Goals of Camp, Challenge by Choice & Job Description - General, which can be found elsewhere on this page, are an integral part of this job description

Qualifications:

As required by the British Columbia Camping Association's mandatory standards, the Camp Lifeguard must be a minimum of 17 years old and be NLS certified

NOTE: If the Camp Lifeguard is under 19 years of age, then the Camp Director must appoint a Waterfront Director to oversee all water activities.

The Camp Lifeguard is responsible to:

- ensure the safety of the campers and leaders in the waterfront area during organized events. To facilitate this, the Camp Lifeguard has complete charge of the waterfront while it is being used for camp activities. On the waterfront the Camp Lifeguard will have final authority over all campers and leaders at all times;
- check all aquatic equipment and report any damages or inadequacies to the Camp Director, for the appropriate requirements;
- coordinate with the Camp Director regarding the timing of waterfront activities and be punctual and respect these times;
- ensure that swimming areas are properly marked;
- govern all swimming and/or boating periods throughout the duration of the camp;
- complete the appropriate form in the event that a waterfront emergency is declared;
- report infractions of waterfront rules to the Camp Director for disciplinary action, although the Camp Lifeguard always has the option of banning someone from or restricting someone's access to the waterfront;
- ensure that campers and leaders are classified as to their swimming ability on their first day (one method of doing this is with coloured wrist bands). This must be done prior to any participation in waterfront activities;
- prepare a brief report of each camp's activities, including any problems and/or suggestions that the Camp Lifeguard might have;