

Needs

Organization Name

Water Safety Checklist

		Yes	Attention
1.	Do you pair up swimmers regardless of their skill level and use the buddy system during all outings that involve water play?	Ο	O
2.	Do you employ certified lifeguards at all of your swimming areas and limit swim times to when a lifeguard is on duty?	Ο	O
3.	Do you post rules and safety regulations in highly visible places near all of your swimming areas?	Ο	O
4.	Do you use wristbands or some other form of identification for all of your young children and inexperienced swimmers, so they can be easily seen while in the water?		D
5.	Do you limit inexperienced swimmers' water play to shallow areas, in order to help ensure their safety?	D	D
6.	Do you provide young children and inexperienced swimmers with U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets (personal flotation devices)?	Ο	O
7.	Do you schedule regular swim breaks (for example, 10 minutes at the top of every hour) and strictly enforce them?	Ο	D
8.	When swimming involves natural bodies of water, do you clearly mark off the deep areas and drop-offs?	D	D
9.	Do you have a designated person assigned to watch the weather for pop-up storms that could pose lightning dangers?	O	O
10.	Do your group leaders know how to prevent, recognize, and respond to emergencies?	D	O
11.	Do your group leaders know CPR?	Ο	O
12.	Do your group leaders have ready access to a cell phone or radio, in the event of an emergency?	0	0
Notes:			

Completed by:__

___ Date: _

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