

SAMPLE BLOCK AND LESSON PLANS

Preschool Aquatics Level 1

Important Note: These block and lesson plans are samples only and are in no way intended to serve as a recommended way to deliver the lessons. Develop block plans and lesson plans to meet your specific needs.

Instructor Resources: Swimming and Water Safety, Water Safety Instructor's Manual, Teaching Swimming and Water Safety DVD, Longfellow's WHALE Tales K–6 Educational Packet, Instructor's Corner

SAMPLE BLOCK PLAN



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Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Safety Topic Recognizing the lifeguards	Safety Topic Staying safe around water	Safety Topic Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket	Safety Topic Too Much Sun Is No Fun
Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Kick legs to make it "rain" on the instructor while seated on the edge of the pool	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Ease-in, wiggle and splash then blow bubbles	Opening Activity/ Review Skills Ring Around the Rosie—back float Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged object Front glide and recover Alternating leg action on front Simultaneous leg action on front	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Follow the Leader • Recover from a back float to a vertical position • Back glide
New Skills • Enter and exit water safely using ladder, steps or side • Blow bubbles through mouth and nose	New Skills Open eyes under water and retrieve a submerged object Front glide Recover from a front glide to a vertical position Alternating leg action on front Simultaneous leg action on front	New Skills Recover from a back float to a vertical position Back glide	New Skills Alternating leg action on back Simultaneous leg action on back Alternating arm action on front Simultaneous arm action on front
Game/Song Blow the Cork	Game/Song • Treasure Hunt	Game/Song • "London Bridge"	Game/Song Simon Says
Equipment Swim Lessons Achievement Booklets, as needed Preschool Aquatics Level 1 newsletters Ping-Pong or ball-pit balls	Equipment Submersible water toys Swim bar floats Foam noodles Kickboards	Equipment Submersible water toys Swim bar floats Foam noodles Kickboards Life jackets Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket poster	Equipment Swim bar floats Foam noodles Kickboards Too Much Sun Is No Fun poster

SAMPLE BLOCK PLAN (Continued)

Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Safety Topic Staying safe around water (review)	Safety Topic Recognizing an emergency	Safety Topic How to call for help	Safety Topic Too Much Sun Is No Fun (review)
Opening Activity/ Review Skills Teeter Totter—blow (bubbles) in (the water), breathe out (of the water) Alternating arm action on front Simultaneous arm action on front	Opening Activity/ Review Skills Teeter Totter Alternating arm action on back Simultaneous arm action on back Combined arm and leg actions on back	Opening Activity/ Review Skills Treasure Hunt Front glide Front glide with kick Combined arm and leg actions on front Back glide Back glide with kick Combined arm and leg actions on back Roll from front to back Roll from back to front Treading water (arm and hand actions)	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Follow the Leader • Review all skills
Combined arm and leg actions on front Alternating arm action on back Simultaneous arm action on back Combined arm and leg actions on back	Roll from front to back Roll from back to front Treading water (arm and hand actions)	No new skills	Exit skills assessment
Game/Song • Sharks and Minnows	Game/Song • Follow the Leader	Game/Song • Water Tag	Game/Song Big Bad Wolf Race
Equipment • Kickboards • Swim bar floats	Equipment Swim bar floats Foam noodles Kickboards Beach ball	EquipmentWater toysToy or nonworking telephone	Equipment Kickboards Swim bar floats Ping-Pong balls Completion cards Rewards for participants Too Much Sun Is No Fun poster

SAMPLE LESSON PLANS





Instructor:Wilbert E. LongfellowSession Begin Date:June 15Location:Municipal Family Aquatic CenterSession End Date:June 30Total Number of Classes:8Length of Classes:30 minutes

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 Equipment Swim Lessons Achievement Booklets Preschool Aquatics Level 1 newsletters Ping-Pong or ball-pit balls 		 Reminders Distribute one Swim Lessons Achievement Booklet to each participant, as needed. Distribute newsletters to participants and/or their parents. Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" and "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner. 	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
5 minutes	 Introduce yourself and ask participants for their names Show designated lesson area Explain basic rules 	 "Safe" "No running"	Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
3 minutes	 Recognizing the lifeguards 		Circle, seated on deck
Opening Activity			
5 minutes	 While seated on the edge of the pool, kick legs to make it "rain" on the instructor 	"Make it rain"	L-formation
New Skills			
5 minutes	Enter and exit water Explain and demonstrate using the ramp, steps or side to enter the pool and the ladder, steps or side to exit the pool Enter using the ramp, steps or side Exit using the ladder, steps or side	"Careful, safely"	L-formation then stagger

Day 1 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
New Skills (continued)	1.00.010		
5 minutes	 Blowing bubbles through the mouth and nose Blow Ping-Pong ball back and forth to each other Look down slightly, then submerge to nose and blow bubbles for the count of 3 (repeat 3 times) Submerge past eyebrows and blow bubbles for the count of 3 (repeat 3 times) 	 "Blow the ball back and forth" "Hum" "Hum" 	Parallel lines, swimmers paired-off
Game/Song			
5 minutes	Blow the Cork		Single line, in water, 10 feet away from the side of the pool
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 	 "Good job" "Great bubbles" "Fantastic humming"	• Circle

Equipment Reminders Submersible water toys Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool Swim bar floats Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" Foam noodles and "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on **Kickboards** Instructor's Corner. **Time Activity Key Words/Phrases Class Organization** Housekeeping 2 minutes Attendance Review last lesson **Safety Topic** 5 minutes Staying safe around "What areas are Circle, on desk water safe?" **Opening Activity/Review Skills** 2 minutes Ease-in, wiggle and "Pretend that you are Line splash for the count of a balloon that has 10 then blow bubbles been popped and for the count of 5 wiggle and splash" **New Skills** 2 minutes Open eyes "Open your eyes" Line underwater and "Look for the toy" retrieve submerged object Front glide "Fly like Superman" Line 5 minutes 2 minutes Recover from a front "Feet down" Line glide to a vertical "Stand up" position 4 minutes Alternating leg action "Soft kick, Line on front long legs" 4 minutes Simultaneous leg "Kick like a frog" Line action on front "Kick like a dolphin" Game/Song 2 minutes Treasure Hunt Closing 2 minutes Thank participants Circle for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson

Equipment Reminders Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool Submersible water toys Swim bar floats Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" Foam noodles and "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner. Kickboards Life jackets Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket poster **Time Activity Key Words/Phrases Class Organization** Housekeeping 2 minutes Attendance Review last lesson **Safety Topic** 5 minutes Don't Just Pack It, Circle Wear Your Jacket **Opening Activity/Review Skills** "Head back" Circle in water 5 minutes Ring Around the Rosie "Ears in the water" Demonstrate "Look at the sky" back float by substituting "all fall back (float)" for "all fall down" Back float (3 seconds) 1 minute Open eyes underwater "Open your eyes" and retrieve submerged "Look for the toys" object 2 minutes Front glide and "Fly like Superman" Line "Put your feet down" recover to a vertical position 2 minutes "Soft kicks" Alternating leg action Line on front 2 minutes Simultaneous leg "Kick like a frog" Line "Kick like a dolphin" action on front **New Skills** 2 minutes Recover from a back "Head back" Line float to a vertical "Tummy up" position "Put your feet down" "Tummy up" 5 minutes Back glide Line "Stretch long" Game/Song "London Bridge" 2 minutes Closing 2 minutes Thank participants Circle for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson

Equipment Reminders Swim bar floats Keep an eye out for any participant who is able to Foam noodles qualify for a badge. Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool **Kickboards** Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" Too Much Sun Is No Fun poster and "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" Instructor's Corner. **Time Activity Class Organization Key Words/Phrases** Housekeeping Circle 2 minutes Attendance Review last lesson **Safety Topic** 2 minutes Too Much Sun Circle Is No Fun **Opening Activity/Review Skills** Follow the Leader 2 minutes "Bounce like Tigger" Recover from a back "Head back, ears Line 1 minute float to a vertical in the water" position "Tummy up" "Put your feet down" "Tummy up" 3 minutes Back glide Line "Stretch long" **New Skills** Alternating leg action 4 minutes Line "Floppy feet" on back 4 minutes Simultaneous leg "Kick like a frog" Line "Kick like a dolphin" action on back "Reach and pull" 4 minutes Alternating arm action Stagger on front "Long arms" "Reach out, glide, pull 4 minutes Simultaneous arm Stagger action on front water back' Game/Song 2 minutes Line at wall Simon Says Closing 2 minutes Thank participants Circle for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson

EquipmentKickboardsSwim bar floats		Reminders Review "Parent and Ch Aquatics Images, Game and "Teaching Activities Instructor's Corner.	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	AttendanceReview last lesson		Circle
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	Staying safe around water (review)	"What were the safe and unsafe environments?"	Circle, seated on deck
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
2 minutes	Teeter Totter Blow (bubbles) in (the water), breathe out (of the water)	 "Blow in, breathe out" "Hum"	Pairs in parallel lines
2 minutes	Alternating arm action on front	 "Reach and pull" "Long arms"	Stagger
2 minutes	Simultaneous arm action on front	"Reach out, glide, pull water back"	Stagger
New Skills			
4 minutes	Combined arm and leg actions on front	 "Reach and pull" "Kick, kick, kick"	Stagger
4 minutes	Alternating arm action on back	 "Reach back, push water to feet" 	Stagger
4 minutes	Simultaneous arm action on back	"Reach out, flap your wings"	Stagger
4 minutes	Combined arm and leg actions on back	 "Reach and pull" "Kick, kick, kick"	• Stagger
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Sharks and Minnows		
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 		• Circle

EquipmentSwim bar floatsFoam noodlesKickboardsBeach ball		Reminders Review "Parent and Ch Aquatics Images, Game and "Teaching Activities Instructor's Corner.	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	Attendance Review last lesson		Circle
Safety Topic			
4 minutes	 Recognizing an emergency 	"When in doubt, shout it out"	
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
2 minutes	Teeter Totter	"Blow in, breathe out"	
2 minutes	Alternating arm action on back	"Reach back, push water to feet"	Stagger
2 minutes	Simultaneous arm action on back	"Reach out, flap your wings"	Stagger
2 minutes	Combined arm and leg actions on back	 "Reach and pull" "Kick, kick, kick"	Stagger
New Skills			
4 minutes	Roll from front to back	 "Tuck the arms and flip" "Tummy up"	Line, stagger
4 minutes	Roll from back to front	 "Look for the sky" "Look at the fish"	Line, stagger
4 minutes	Treading water (arm and hand actions)	"Direct the orchestra"	Line, stagger
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Follow the Leader		• Line
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 		• Circle

EquipmentWater toysToy or nonworking telep	phone	any participant who may	o test for a badge, especially not pass the level. d Aquatics and Preschool es, Songs and Rhymes"
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	Attendance Review last lesson		
Safety Topic			
4 minutes	How to call for help	• "9-1-1, phone"	Circle
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
5 minutes	Treasure Hunt		Wave
3 minutes	 Front glide Front glide with kick Combined arm and leg actions on front 	 "Stretch long arms together" "Hum and kick, kick, kick" "Reach and pull and kick" 	Line, stagger
3 minutes	 Back glide Back glide with kick Combined arm and leg actions on back 	 "Stretch long" "Ears in the water" "Tummy up and kick" "Reach, pull and kick" 	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Roll from front to back	 "Tuck the arms and flip" "Tummy up"	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Roll from back to front	"Look for the sky""Look at the fish"	Line, stagger
3 minutes	 Treading water (arm and hand actions) 	"Direct the orchestra"	Line, stagger
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Water Tag		
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 		• Circle

Equipment Reminders Kickboards Complete completion cards for presentation at the Swim bar floats end of the lesson. Ping-Pong balls Ask participants for their achievement booklets for Completion cards you to complete and sign. Rewards for participants Test participants for badges or award badges. Too Much Sun Is No Fun poster (Some participants may have completed badge requirements and do not require a formal test.) Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" and "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner. **Time Activity Key Words/Phrases Class Organization** Housekeeping 2 minutes **Attendance** Review last lesson **Safety Topic** 2 minutes Too Much Sun Is "Ouch" Circle No Fun (review) **Opening Activity/Review Skills** 5 minutes Follow the Leader Line 7 minutes Review all skills Line, stagger **New Skills** Exit skills assessment: 8 minutes Line, stagger Enter independently, using either the ramp, steps or side, travel at least 5 yards, submerge to mouth and blow bubbles for at least 3 seconds then safely exit the water (children can walk, travel along the gutter or "swim") While in shallow water, glide on front at least 2 body lengths, then roll to back and float on back for 3 seconds then recover to a vertical position Game/Song Big Bad Wolf Race 2 minutes 2 lines

Day 8 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Closing			
4 minutes	 Congratulate participants on their success and progress Complete and sign any achievement booklets and distribute completion cards Encourage participants and their parents to sign up for the next session 	 "Thank you" "Keep practicing what you've learned" "What to sign up for" 	• Circle