

SAMPLE BLOCK AND LESSON PLANS

Parent and Child 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 • Facility safety information	Safety Topic How to call for help and the importance of knowing first aid and CPR	Safety Topic Basic water safety rules	Safety Topic General water safety around the home
Opening Activities/ Review Skills	Opening Activities/ Review Skills Water adjustment Kicking sitting on the side of the pool Splash water Sprinkle water from can Enter and exit the water lifting in "If You're Happy and You Know It" Front float—shoulder support Front glide—shoulder support	Opening Activities/ Review Skills "If You're Happy and You Know It" Leg action on front—hug Back float—cuddle Back glide—cuddle Leg action on back—cuddle	Opening Activities/ Review Skills Enter and exit the water walking in "If You're Happy and You Know It" Submerge mouth and nose Blow bubbles—with mouth and nose submerged Underwater exploration Leg action on front—hug
New Skills Out-of-water exploration Water adjustment Kicking sitting on the side of the pool Splash water Sprinkle water from can Enter and exit the water lifting in—shoulder support In-water exploration—hip straddle or shoulder support "If You're Happy and You Know It" Front float—shoulder support Front glide—shoulder support Leg action on front—hug position Blow bubbles—on the surface	New Skills Back float—cuddle Back glide—cuddle Leg action on back—cuddle	New Skills • Enter and exit the water walking in—hip straddle using steps or ramp • Submerge mouth and nose • Blow bubbles—with mouth and nose submerged	New Skills • Front glide with support • Back glide with support
Games/Songs • "Humpty Dumpty" • "It's Raining, It's Pouring"	Games/Song Retrieve the Balls	Games/Songs • "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" • "London Bridge"	Games/Songs • "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" • Motorboat
 Equipment Water toys Foam noodles Swim bar floats Parent and Child Aquatics Level 1 newsletters 	EquipmentWater toysFoam noodlesSwim bar floats	Equipment Water toys Foam noodles Swim bar floats	EquipmentWater toysFoam noodlesSwim bar floats

SAMPLE BLOCK PLAN (Continued)

Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Safety Topic Recreational water illnesses (RWIs)	Safety Topic The importance of wearing a life jacket	Safety Topic Sun safety	Safety Topic Review of general water safety rules
Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Enter and exit the water walking in • "If You're Happy and You Know It" • Underwater exploration • Leg action on front—hug • Front glide with support • Back glide with support	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • "If You're Happy and You Know It" • Underwater exploration • Leg action on front—hug • Front glide with support • Passing from instructor to parent—shoulder support	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • "If You're Happy and You Know It" • Back glide with support • Leg action on back—cuddle • Passing from instructor to parent—shoulder support • Roll from front to back • Roll from back to front	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • "If You're Happy and You Know It" • Passing from instructor to parent—shoulder support • Roll from front to back • Roll from back to front • Front glide with support • Back glide with support
New Skills Passing from instructor to parent—shoulder support	New Skills Putting on life jackets Roll from front to back wearing life jackets Roll from back to front wearing life jackets	New Skills No new skills	New Skills No new skills
Games/Songs • Little Frog • "Wheels on the Bus"	Games/Songs • "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" • "Old MacDonald"	Games/Songs • "Hokey Pokey" • "Ring Around the Rosie"	Games/Songs • "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" • Birthday Party
EquipmentWater toysFoam noodlesSwim bar floats	EquipmentWater toysFoam noodlesSwim bar floatsLife jackets	EquipmentWater toysFoam noodlesSwim bar floats	 Equipment Water toys Foam noodles Swim bar floats Completion cards Rewards for participants

SAMPLE LESSON PLANS





Instructor: Wilbert E. Longfellow Session Begin Date: June 15 Municipal Family Aquatic Center Location: **Session End Date:** June 30 **Total Number of Classes:** 8 **Length of Classes:** 30 minutes

 Equipment Water toys Foam noodles Swim bar floats Parent and Child Aquatics Level 1 newsletters 		 Reminders Distribute newsletters to parents. Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" on Instructor's Corner. 	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
5 minutes	 Greeting and welcome Attendance Parent orientation Explain preparing your child for action 		Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
5 minutes	Facility safety information	"Safe and unsafe"	Circle, seated on deck
New Skills			
2 minutes	Out-of-water exploration—walk around pool, show and explain limitations	 "Showers, ladders, steps" "Hold your child's hand"	
2 minutes	Water adjustment Kicking (flutter and breaststroke) sitting on the side of the pool Splash water Sprinkle water from can	 "Loose and floppy ankles and knees" "Start slow and faster and faster" 	Line, sitting on deck
2 minutes	Enter and exit the water lifting in— parents roll over and slide in and lift child in using the shoulder support	"Maintain contact with your child"	Stagger

Day 1 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
New Skills (continued)		
1 minute	In-water exploration— hip straddle or shoulder support	 "Just like you were carrying or holding your child on land for the hip straddle" "Watch for drinking or lapping up water for the shoulder support" 	
3 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Kick your legs" "Blow some bubbles" 	Circle
2 minutes	Front float—shoulder support	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Move back just enough for the legs to float up" 	Circle or line
2 minutes	Front glide—shoulder support	"Keep your shoulders low"	Line, stagger
2 minutes	Leg action on front— hug position	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Hands under the knees, thumbs on the calves" 	Line, stagger
Games/Songs			
2 minutes	 "Humpty Dumpty" "It's Raining, It's Pouring"	 "Fall off the wall" "Mom and dad, you get wet, too"	
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 	 "Great class!" "What was the most fun for you?" 	• Circle

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	Attendance		
Safety Topic			
4 minutes	 How to call for help and the importance of knowing first aid and CPR 	"What would you do?"	Circle, on deck
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
1 minute	Water adjustment Kicking (flutter and breaststroke) sitting on the side of the pool Splash water Sprinkle water from can	 "Loose and floppy ankles and knees" "Start slow and faster and faster" 	Line, sitting on deck
2 minutes	Enter and exit the water lifting in	"Maintain contact with your child"	Stagger
3 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Kick your legs"	Circle
2 minutes	Front float—shoulder support	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Move back just enough for the legs to float up" 	Circle or line
2 minutes	 Front glide—shoulder support 	"Keep your shoulders low"	• Line, stagger
New Skills			
3 minutes	Back float—cuddle	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Rest your child's head on your shoulder" 	Circle or line
4 minutes	Back glide—cuddle	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Rest your child's head on your shoulder" 	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Leg action on back— cuddle	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Rest your child's head on your shoulder" 	Line, stagger

Day 2 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Retrieve the Balls	• "Reach"	
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

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping	T	T	
2 minutes	Attendance		
Safety Topic	T	T	
4 minutes	Basic water safety rules	"Around the home and all water"	Circle
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
3 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Kick your legs" "Blow some bubbles" 	Circle
2 minutes	Leg action on front—hug	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Hands under the knees, thumbs on the calves" 	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Back float—cuddle	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Rest your child's head on your shoulder" 	Circle or line
3 minutes	Back glide—cuddle position	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Rest your child's head on your shoulder" 	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Leg action on back—cuddle	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Rest your child's head on your shoulder" 	Line, stagger
New Skills	,	,	
2 minutes	Enter and exit the water walking in— parent holds the child using the hip straddle and enters the pool using steps or a ramp	"Hold on and focus"	Stagger
2 minutes	Submerge mouth and nose—parent cues the child and dips down to the mouth, then dips down to the mouth and nose	"Close your mouth"	• Stagger
2 minutes	Blow bubbles—with mouth and nose submerged	"Make humming noises like me"	

Day 3 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Games/Songs			
2 minutes	 "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" "London Bridge"	"Hold on and focus"	 Stagger
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 	"Sing songs and play in your tub or pool at home"	• Circle

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping	I		I
2 minutes	Attendance		Circle
Safety Topic			
4 minutes	General water safety around the home	 "Barriers" "Hazards"	Circle
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
2 minutes	Enter and exit the water walking in	"Hold on and focus"	Stagger
2 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Blow some bubbles" "Kick your legs" 	Circle
2 minutes	Submerge mouth and nose	"Ready? Close your mouth."	Stagger
2 minutes	Blow bubbles—with mouth and nose submerged	"Hum like a motor"	
2 minutes	Underwater exploration	"Pick up the toys"	
2 minutes	Leg action on front—hug	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Hands under the knees, thumbs on the calves" 	Line, stagger
New Skills			
4 minutes	Front glide with support from parent	"Hold you child horizontal. Ready? 1, 2, 3, go."	
4 minutes	 Back glide with support from parent 	"Head back, tummy up"	
Games/Songs			
2 minutes	"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"Motorboat	 "Look up at the stars" "Blow those bubbles"	
Closing		·	
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 	"So glad you came to swim with me today"	• Circle

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	 Attendance 		Circle
Safety Topic			
4 minutes	Recreational water illnesses (RWIs)	 "Diaper changing" "Diarrhea" "Not feeling well"	Circle, seated on deck
Review Skills			
1 minute	 Enter and exit the water walking in 	"Hold on and focus"	Stagger
3 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Blow some bubbles" "Kick your legs" "Cover your nose (submerge to nose)" 	• Circle
2 minutes	 Underwater exploration 	"Pick up the toys"	
2 minutes	Leg action on front—hug	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Hands under the knees, thumbs on the calves" 	Line, stagger
4 minutes	 Front glide with support from parent 		
4 minutes	 Back glide with support from parent 	"Head back, tummy up"	
New Skills			
4 minutes	 Passing from instructor to parent— shoulder support 	 "Stand so that you can see the child's face" 	Line, stagger
Games/Songs			
2 minutes	Little Frog"Wheels on the Bus"	"Feel the water"	
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 	 "Effort" "Good job" "Safe"	• Circle

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	Attendance		Circle
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	The importance of wearing a life jacket	 "Where?" "Why?" "When?" "Heads up jacket"	Circle, seated on deck
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
3 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Blow some bubbles" "Kick your legs" "Cover your nose (submerge to nose)" 	Circle
2 minutes	 Underwater exploration 	"Pick up the toys"	
2 minutes	Leg action on front—hug	 "Keep your shoulders low" "Hands under the knees, thumbs on the calves" 	Line, stagger
2 minutes	Front glide with support from parent	• "Ready? 1, 2, 3, go"	
2 minutes	 Passing from instructor to parent— shoulder support 	 "Stand so that you can see the child's face" 	Line, stagger
New Skills			
5 minutes	 Putting on life jackets 	 "Correct sizes" "Fasten all snaps and ties"	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Roll from front to back wearing life jackets	"Roll over"	Line, stagger
3 minutes	 Roll from back to front wearing life jackets 	"Ready? 1, 2, 3, blow your bubbles"	Line, stagger
Games/Songs			
2 minutes	"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star""Old MacDonald"	"Look at the sky, see the stars""What color are the fish in the water?"	

Day 6 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 	"What did we learn about life jackets?"	Circle

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization	
Housekeeping				
2 minutes	 Attendance 			
Safety Topic				
4 minutes	 Sun safety 	 "Rub it in and reapply" 	Circle, seated on deck	
Opening Activity/Review Skills				
3 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Blow some bubbles" "Kick your legs" "Cover your nose (submerge to nose)" "Pick up a toy" 	Circle	
2 minutes	 Back glide with support 	• "Tummy up"	• Line	
2 minutes	 Leg action on back—cuddle 	"Kick, kick"	• Line	
3 minutes	 Passing from instructor to parent— shoulder support 	 "Stand so that you can see the child's face" 	Line, stagger	
3 minutes	Roll from front to back	"Look down, look up"	Line, stagger	
3 minutes	Roll from back to front	 "Look back at my eyes, look down and see the fish" 	Line, stagger	
New Skills				
	No new skills			
Games/Songs				
2 minutes	 "Hokey Pokey" "Ring Around the Rosie"			
Closing				
2 minutes	 Thank participants for their attention and participation Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 	• "Why do we reapply sunscreen?"	• Circle	

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization		
Housekeeping		I			
2 minutes	Attendance				
Safety Topic					
2 minutes	Review of general water safety rules	 "In the home" "In the yard" "At the pool"	Circle, seated on deck		
Review Skills					
3 minutes	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	 "Clap your hands" "Splash the water" "Wash your hair" "Blow some bubbles" "Kick your legs" "Cover your nose (submerge to nose)" "Pick up a toy" 	Circle		
2 minutes	 Passing from instructor to parent— shoulder support 	"Stand so that you can see the child's face"	Line, stagger		
4 minutes	Roll from front to back	"Blow bubbles at the fish, smile at the birds"	Line, stagger		
4 minutes	Roll from back to front	 "Smile at the birds, blow bubbles at the fish" 	Line, stagger		
4 minutes	Front glide with support	• "Ready? 1, 2, 3, go"			
4 minutes	Back glide with support	"Head back, tummy up"			
Games/Songs					
2 minutes	 "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" Birthday Party	"Reach and pull""Blow out the candles"			
Closing					
2 minutes	 Congratulate participants on their progress Inform parents about what to enroll in for the next session 	"Let's stay safe around the water and keep learning our skills"	Circle		