

## 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

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Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<ul><li>Safety Topic</li><li>Recognizing the lifeguards</li></ul>	Safety Topic <ul> <li>Staying safe around water</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Safety Topic</li> <li>Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Safety Topic</li><li>Too Much Sun Is No Fun</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Opening Activity/ Review Skills</li> <li>Kick legs to make it "rain" on the instructor while seated on the edge of the pool</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Opening Activity/ Review Skills</li> <li>Ease-in, wiggle and splash then blow bubbles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Opening Activity/ Review Skills</li> <li>Ring Around the Rosie— back float</li> <li>Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged object</li> <li>Front glide and recover</li> <li>Alternating leg action on front</li> <li>Simultaneous leg action on front</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Opening Activity/ Review Skills</li> <li>Follow the Leader</li> <li>Recover from a back float to a vertical position</li> <li>Back glide</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>New Skills</li> <li>Enter and exit water safely using ladder, steps or side</li> <li>Blow bubbles through mouth and nose</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New Skills</li> <li>Open eyes under water and retrieve a submerged object</li> <li>Front glide</li> <li>Recover from a front glide to a vertical position</li> <li>Alternating leg action on front</li> <li>Simultaneous leg action on front</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New Skills</li> <li>Recover from a back float to a vertical position</li> <li>Back glide</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New Skills</li> <li>Alternating leg action on back</li> <li>Simultaneous leg action on back</li> <li>Alternating arm action on front</li> <li>Simultaneous arm action on front</li> </ul>
Game/Song Blow the Cork	Game/Song <ul> <li>Treasure Hunt</li> </ul>	Game/Song <ul> <li>"London Bridge"</li> </ul>	Game/Song <ul> <li>Simon Says</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Swim Lessons Achievement Booklets, as needed</li> <li>Preschool Aquatics Level 1 newsletters</li> <li>Ping-Pong or ball-pit balls</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Submersible water toys</li> <li>Swim bar floats</li> <li>Foam noodles</li> <li>Kickboards</li> </ul>	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
<ul><li>Safety Topic</li><li>Staying safe around water (review)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Safety Topic</li><li>Recognizing an emergency</li></ul>	<ul><li>Safety Topic</li><li>How to call for help</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Safety Topic</li> <li>Too Much Sun Is No Fun (review)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Opening Activity/ Review Skills</li> <li>Teeter Totter—blow (bubbles) in (the water), breathe out (of the water)</li> <li>Alternating arm action on front</li> <li>Simultaneous arm action on front</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Opening Activity/ Review Skills</li> <li>Teeter Totter</li> <li>Alternating arm action on back</li> <li>Simultaneous arm action on back</li> <li>Combined arm and leg actions on back</li> </ul>	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
<ul> <li>New Skills</li> <li>Combined arm and leg actions on front</li> <li>Alternating arm action on back</li> <li>Simultaneous arm action on back</li> <li>Combined arm and leg actions on back</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New Skills</li> <li>Roll from front to back</li> <li>Roll from back to front</li> <li>Treading water (arm and hand actions)</li> </ul>	New Skills <ul> <li>No new skills</li> </ul>	New Skills • Exit skills assessment
Game/Song <ul> <li>Sharks and Minnows</li> </ul>	Game/Song <ul> <li>Follow the Leader</li> </ul>	Game/Song <ul> <li>Water Tag</li> </ul>	Game/Song <ul> <li>Big Bad Wolf Race</li> </ul>
Equipment <ul> <li>Kickboards</li> <li>Swim bar floats</li> </ul>	Equipment • Swim bar floats • Foam noodles • Kickboards • Beach ball	<ul><li>Equipment</li><li>Water toys</li><li>Toy or nonworking telephone</li></ul>	Equipment • Kickboards • Swim bar floats • Ping-Pong balls • Completion cards • Rewards for participants • Too Much Sun Is No Fun poster

## SAMPLE LESSON PLANS



## Preschool Aquatics Level 1

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

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

#### Day 1 (Continued)

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

Equipment <ul> <li>Submersible water toys</li> <li>Swim bar floats</li> <li>Foam noodles</li> <li>Kickboards</li> </ul>	3	Aquatics Images, Gam	nild Aquatics and Preschool es, Songs and Rhymes" s, Drills and Games" on
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping	T	Γ	1
2 minutes	<ul><li>Attendance</li><li>Review last lesson</li></ul>		
Safety Topic			
5 minutes	<ul> <li>Staying safe around water</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"What areas are safe?"</li> </ul>	Circle, on desk
<b>Opening Activity/Review</b>	Skills		
2 minutes	• Ease-in, wiggle and splash for the count of 10 then blow bubbles for the count of 5	<ul> <li>"Pretend that you are a balloon that has been popped and wiggle and splash"</li> </ul>	• Line
New Skills			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Open eyes underwater and retrieve submerged object</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Open your eyes"</li><li> "Look for the toy"</li></ul>	• Line
5 minutes	Front glide	• "Fly like Superman"	• Line
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Recover from a front glide to a vertical position</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Feet down"</li><li> "Stand up"</li></ul>	• Line
4 minutes	Alternating leg action     on front	<ul> <li>"Soft kick, long legs"</li> </ul>	• Line
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Simultaneous leg action on front</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Kick like a frog"</li><li> "Kick like a dolphin"</li></ul>	• Line
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Treasure Hunt		
Closing			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Thank participants for their attention and participation</li> <li>Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well</li> <li>Review lesson</li> <li>Announcements for next lesson</li> </ul>		• Circle

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

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

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

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

<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Water toys</li> <li>Toy or nonworking tele</li> </ul>	phone	<ul><li>any participant who may</li><li>Review "Parent and Chil</li></ul>	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	T	I	r
2 minutes	<ul><li>Attendance</li><li>Review last lesson</li></ul>		
Safety Topic		1	1
4 minutes	How to call for help	• "9-1-1, phone"	Circle
<b>Opening Activity/Review</b>	v Skills	1	1
5 minutes	Treasure Hunt		Wave
3 minutes	<ul> <li>Front glide</li> <li>Front glide with kick</li> <li>Combined arm and leg actions on front</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Stretch long arms together"</li> <li>"Hum and kick, kick, kick"</li> <li>"Reach and pull and kick"</li> </ul>	Line, stagger
3 minutes	<ul> <li>Back glide</li> <li>Back glide with kick</li> <li>Combined arm and leg actions on back</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Stretch long"</li> <li>"Ears in the water"</li> <li>"Tummy up and kick"</li> <li>"Reach, pull and kick"</li> </ul>	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Roll from front to back	<ul> <li>"Tuck the arms and flip"</li> <li>"Tummy up"</li> </ul>	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Roll from back to front	<ul><li> "Look for the sky"</li><li> "Look at the fish"</li></ul>	Line, stagger
3 minutes	Treading water (arm and hand actions)	• "Direct the orchestra"	Line, stagger
Game/Song			I
2 minutes	Water Tag		
Closing			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Thank participants for their attention and participation</li> <li>Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well</li> <li>Review lesson</li> <li>Announcements for next lesson</li> </ul>		• Circle

<ul> <li>Equipment <ul> <li>Kickboards</li> <li>Swim bar floats</li> <li>Ping-Pong balls</li> <li>Completion cards</li> <li>Rewards for participants</li> <li>Too Much Sun Is No Fun poster</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Reminders</li> <li>Complete completion cards for presentation at the end of the lesson.</li> <li>Ask participants for their achievement booklets for you to complete and sign.</li> <li>Test participants for badges or award badges. (Some participants may have completed badge requirements and do not require a formal test.)</li> <li>Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" and "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner.</li> </ul>	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping       2 minutes	<ul><li>Attendance</li><li>Review last lesson</li></ul>		
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Too Much Sun Is No Fun (review)</li> </ul>	• "Ouch"	Circle
<b>Opening Activity/Review</b>	Skills		
5 minutes	Follow the Leader		Line
7 minutes	Review all skills		Line, stagger
New Skills			
8 minutes	<ul> <li>Exit skills assessment:         <ul> <li>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")</li> <li>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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Line, stagger
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Big Bad Wolf Race		2 lines

#### Day 8 (Continued)

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