

SAMPLE BLOCK AND LESSON PLANS

Preschool Aquatics Level 3

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 Staying safe around water 	Safety Topic Recognizing an emergency 	 Safety Topic Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket 	 Safety Topic Too Much Sun Is No Fun
Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Follow the Leader • Level 2 exit skills	 Opening Activity/ Review Skills Bounce across the swim lesson area and back while practicing rhythmic breathing Enter water by jumping from side Bobbing—fully submerge head and hold breath 	 Opening Activity/ Review Skills Ring Around the Rosie Float independently in a face-down position and recover (front, jellyfish and tuck floats) 	 Opening Activity/ Review Skills Simon Says Float independently in a face-down position and recover (front, jellyfish and tuck floats) Combined arm and leg actions on front
 New Skills Enter water by jumping from side Bobbing—fully submerge head and hold breath 	 New Skills Float independently in a face-down position (front, jellyfish and tuck floats) Recover from a front float to vertical position 	 New Skills Combined arm and leg actions on front 	 New Skills Back float and recover Back glide, independently Combined arm and leg actions on back
Game/Song Sharks and Minnows 	Game/Song "London Bridge" 	Game/Song Big Bad Wolf Race 	Game/Song Simon Says
 Equipment Swim Lessons Achievement Booklets, as needed Preschool Aquatics Level 3 newsletters Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats 	 Equipment Submersible water toys Swim bar floats Foam noodles Kickboard 	Equipment • Kickboards • Foam noodles • Swim bar floats • Life jackets • Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket poster	 Equipment Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats Too Much Sun Is No Fun poster

SAMPLE BLOCK PLAN (Continued)

Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Safety TopicHow to call for help	Safety TopicReach or Throw, Don't Go	Safety Topic Look Before You Leap 	Safety TopicThink So You Don't Sink
Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Red Light, Green Light • Back float and recover • Back glide independently • Combined arm and leg actions on back	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Follow the Leader • Float on front and recover independently (front, jellyfish and tuck floats) • Back float and recover • Finning arm action on back • Change direction of travel while swimming on front	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Simon Says • Treading water using arm and leg actions in shoulder-deep water • Combined arm and leg actions on front • Combined arm and leg actions on back	Opening Activity/ Review Skills • Review all skills • Exit skills assessment
 New Skills Finning arm action on back Change direction of travel while swimming on back 	 New Skills Tread—using arm and leg actions 	 New Skills Practice exit skills assessment 	New Skills • No new skills
Game/Song Kickboard Relay 	Game/Song Red Ball, Green Ball 	Game/Song Big Bad Wolf Race 	Game/Song Flip Flop
 Equipment Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats Toy or nonworking telephone 	 Equipment Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats Equipment for reaching assists (reaching pole, rescue tube, kickboard) Reach or Throw, Don't Go poster Different colored balls 	Equipment • Kickboards • Foam noodles • Swim bar floats • Hula-hoops • Ping-Pong balls • Look Before You Leap poster	Equipment • Kickboards • Foam noodles • Swim bar floats • Completion cards • Rewards for participants • Think So You Don't Sink poster

SAMPLE LESSON PLANS



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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

 Equipment Swim Lessons Achievement Booklets Preschool Aquatics Level 3 newsletters Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats 		 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	1		
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			
5 minutes	 Staying safe around water 		Circle, seated on deck
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
5 minutes	Follow the Leader		• Line
6 minutes	Level 2 exit skills	 "Show me what you can do" 	Stagger
New Skills			
2 minutes	Enter water by jumping in from side	 "Be careful" "Jump feet first"	Stagger
2 minutes	 Bobbing—fully submerge 	• "Hum"	Stagger
Game/Song			
4 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

Equipment Submersible water toys Swim bar floats Foam noodles Kickboards 		 Reminders 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	A 1		
2 minutes	AttendanceReview last lesson		
Safety Topic		1	1
4 minutes	Recognizing an emergency	• When in doubt, shout it out"	Circle, on deck
Opening Activity/Revie	ew Skills		
2 minutes	Bounce across the swim lesson area and back while practicing rhythmic breathing	 "Bounce up and down" "Hum" "Breathe" 	• Wave
2 minutes	Enter water by jumping in from side	"Feet first"	Stagger
2 minutes	Bobbing—fully submerge	• "Hum"	Stagger
New Skills			
10 minutes	 Float, independently, in a face-down position Front float Jellyfish float Tuck float 	 "Jellyfish, turtle, Superman" "Superman, turtle, jellyfish, stand" "Pancake, turtle, stand" 	
4 minutes	Recover from a front float to a vertical position	 "Plant your feet" "Stand up"	
Game/Song			
2 minutes	"London Bridge"		2 teams
Closing		1	
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 • Kickboards • Foam noodles • Swim bar floats • Life jackets • Don't Just Pack It, Wea	 Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats Life jackets 		 Reminders 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		l		
2 minutes	AttendanceReview last lesson			
Safety Topic				
4 minutes	• Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket		Circle	
Opening Activity/Review	v Skills			
5 minutes	Ring Around the Rosie Substitute "All float face-up" and "All float face- down" for "All fall down"	 "Go under" "Hum and look around" 	Circle in water	
10 minutes	 Float, independently, in a face-down position and recover Front float Jellyfish float Tuck float 	 "Jellyfish, turtle, superman" "Superman, turtle, jellyfish, stand" "Pancake, turtle, stand" "Relax" 		
New Skills				
5 minutes	• Combined arm and leg actions on front (at least 5 body lengths), independently	 "Reach and pull and kick, kick, kick" 	Wave	
Game/Song				
2 minutes	Big Bad Wolf Race			
Closing			-	
2 minutes	 Thank participants for trying hard Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 		• Circle	

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 Equipment Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats Too Much Sun Is No Formation 	un poster	 qualify for a badge Review "Parent and Ch Aquatics Images, Game 	r participant who is able to ild Aquatics and Preschool es, Songs and Rhymes" and Ils and Games" Instructor's
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	AttendanceReview last lesson		Circle
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	Too Much Sun Is No Fun	• "Ouch"	Circle
Opening Activity/Review	v Skills		
2 minutes	Simon Says	 "Blow bubbles "Open eyes under water" "Swim on front" 	
3 minutes	 Float, independently, in a face-down position and recover Front float Jellyfish float Tuck float 	 "Jellyfish, turtle, Superman" "Superman, turtle, jellyfish, stand" "Pancake, turtle, stand" "Relax" 	• Wave
3 minutes	• Combined arm and leg actions on front (at least 5 body lengths), independently	 Reach and pull and kick, kick, kick, kick" 	• Wave
New Skills			
5 minutes	 Back float and recover (at least 15 seconds), independently 	 "Head back, tummy up" "Relax" "Feet down, stand up" 	
4 minutes	 Back glide (at least 2 body lengths), independently 	 "Stretch long" "Glide"	
5 minutes	• Combined arm and leg actions on back (at least 5 body lengths), independently	 "Gentle rain kicks" "Reach and pull"	Stagger
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Simon Says		Circle in water

Day 4 (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 		• Circle

Equipment		Dominders	
 Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats 		 Reminders Review "Parent and Child Aquatics and Preschool Aquatics Images, Games, Songs and Rhymes" and "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" Instructor's 	
• Toy or nonworking	telephone	Corner.	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
2 minutes	AttendanceReview last lesson		Circle
Safety Topic			
4 minutes	How to call for help	 "Phone" "9-1-1" "Icon" 	Circle, seated on deck
Opening Activity/Re	view Skills		
3 minutes	Red Light, Green Light	• "Stop, go"	Line
2 minutes	Back float and recover (at least 15 seconds), independently	 "Head back, tummy up" "Relax" "Feet down, stand up" 	
2 minutes	Back glide (at least 2 body lengths), independently	 "Stretch long" "Glide"	
2 minutes	• Combined arm and leg actions on back (at least 5 body lengths), independently	 "Gentle rain kicks" "Reach and pull"	Stagger
New Skills			
7 minutes	Finning arm action on back	 "Elbows at sides" "Feel the pressure on your palms" "Flap your wings" 	Stagger
4 minutes	Change direction of travel while swimming on back	 "Turn around and come back" 	
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Kickboard Relay	• "Fast"	
Closing			
2 minutes	 Thank participants for working hard Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well Review lesson Announcements for next lesson 		• Circle

 rescue tube, kickboard Different colored balls Reach or Throw, Don't 	KickboardsFoam noodlesSwim bar floatsEquipment for reaching assists (reaching pole, rescue tube, kickboard)Different colored ballsReach or Throw, Don't Go poster		 Reminders 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	AttendanceReview last lesson		Circle	
Safety Topic				
4 minutes	 Reach or Throw, Don't Go 			
Opening Activity/Review	v Skills			
3 minutes	Follow the Leader		• Line	
3 minutes	 Float on front and recover, independently Front float Jellyfish float Tuck float 	 "Jellyfish, turtle, Superman" "Superman, turtle, jellyfish, stand" "Pancake, turtle, stand" "Relax" 	• Wave	
3 minutes	Back float and recover (at least 15 seconds), independently	 "Head back, tummy up" "Relax" "Feet down, stand up" 		
3 minutes	 Finning arm action on back 	 "Elbows at sides" "Flap your wings" "Feel the pressure on your palms" 	Stagger	
3 minutes	Change direction of travel while swimming on front	 "Turn around and come back" 		
New Skills				
5 minutes	 Treading water using arms and leg actions in shoulder-deep water At least 15 seconds, independently 	 "Ride a wide bike up a big hill" "Soft and easy" 	• Wave	
Game/Song				
2 minutes	Red Ball, Green Ball			

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 		• Circle

Equipment • Kickboards • Foam noodles • Swim bar floats • Hula-hoops • Ping-Pong balls • Look Before You Leap poster		 Reminders Prepare completion cards to the extent possible. Consider who qualifies to test for a badge, especially any participant who may not pass the level. 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	AttendanceReview last lesson		
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	Look Before You Leap		Circle
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
3 minutes	Simon Says	 "Bob" "Submerge" "Swim on front" "Float on back" 	Circle in water
3 minutes	 Treading water using arms and leg actions in shoulder- deep water (at least 15 seconds), independently 	 "Ride a wide bike up a big hill" "Soft and easy" 	• Wave
3 minutes	 Combined arm and leg actions on front (at least 5 body lengths), independently 	• "Reach and pull, kick"	• Wave
3 minutes	 Combined arm and leg actions on back (at least 5 body lengths), independently 	 "Gentle rain kicks" "Reach and pull"	• Stagger

Day 7 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
New Skills			
10 minutes	 Practice exit skills assessment: Step from side into chest-deep water, move into a front float for 5 seconds, roll to back, float for 5 seconds then return to a vertical position Move into a back float for 5 seconds, roll to front then recover to a vertical position Push off and swim using combined arm and leg actions on front for 5 body lengths, roll to back, float for 15 seconds, roll to front then continue swimming for 5 body lengths (you can assist the participant when taking a breath) 		• Stagger
Game/Song			The second second second second
2 minutes	Big Bad Wolf Race		• Teams, lined up at wall
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 Kickboards Foam noodles Swim bar floats Completion cards Rewards for participants Think So You Don't Sink poster 		 Reminders Complete completion cards for presentation at the end of the lesson. Ask participants for their achievement booklets for you to complete and sign. Test participants for badges or award badges. (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
Housekeeping2 minutes	Attendance		
	Review last lesson		
Safety Topic	1		
2 minutes	 Think So You Don't Sink 		Circle
Opening Activity			
5 minutes			
Review Skills			
7 minutes	Review all skills		Line, stagger
8 minutes	 Exit skills assessment: Step from side into chest-deep water, move into a front float for 5 seconds, roll to back, float for 5 seconds then return to a vertical position Move into a back float for 5 seconds, roll to front then recover to a vertical position Push off and swim using combined arm and leg actions on front for 5 body lengths, roll to back, float for 15 seconds, roll to front then continue swimming for 5 body lengths (you can assist the participant when taking a breath) 		Line, stagger
Game/Song			
2 minutes	Flip Flop		

Day 8 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Closing			
4 minutes	 Congratulate participants their on success and progress Distribute completion cards as appropriate Recognize badges Encourage participants and their parents to sign up for Learn-to-Swim Level 3 next time. 	 "Thank you" "Keep practicing what you've learned" 	• Circle