

FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS

for NYS Children’s Camp Staff

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Subpart 7-2 of the State Sanitary Code requires the health director, other staff specified in section 7-2.8, and certain camp trip and activity leaders¹ to possess valid certification in first aid. The courses listed below have been accepted by the Department as being equivalent to or exceeding first aid course standards specified in Section 7-2.2(m). Acceptable certifications for camp CPR staff are listed on the Fact Sheet titled Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification for NYS Children’s Camps and NYS Bathing Facilities. First Aid certifications are valid for the time period specified by the provider, but may not exceed three years from the date of course completion.

Some medical personnel may possess training and experience that is equivalent to or exceeds this certification requirement. A résumé or list of qualifications should be submitted to the local permit-issuing official for evaluation.

Accepted Courses	
Provider	Certification Title
American Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Medical Response • Emergency Response² • Responding to Emergencies • Wilderness First Aid Basics • Wilderness and Remote First Aid
American Safety & Health Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Wilderness First Aid • Wilderness First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT
Canadian Red Cross Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard First Aid
Emergency Care and Safety Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced First Aid • Emergency Medical Responder • First Responder² • Wilderness First Aid BSA (16 hours) (course title – Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid) • Wilderness First Aid Basic • Wilderness First Aid Standard • Wilderness First Aid Advanced Level
National Safety Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSC Emergency Medical Response • NSC Advanced First Aid (Course title – NSC Advanced First Aid, CPR & AED) • First Aid Taking Action² • First Responder²
National Ski Patrol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Emergency Care Technician
New York State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) • Certified First Responder
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Camp First Aid for Camp Counselors and Camp Directors
SOLO Wilderness Emergency Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT

St. John Ambulance Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Medical First Responder - Level 1 • Advanced Medical First Responder - Level 2 • Advanced First Aid – Level 1² • Advanced First Aid – Level 2² • Standard First Aid
Wilderness Medical Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness Advanced First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT • Wilderness First Aid 16 Hours (Wilderness First Aid option B – 16 Hours is not acceptable)
Wilderness Medicine Institute of the National Outdoor Leadership School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness Advanced First Aid • Wilderness First Responder • Wilderness EMT

¹A trip leader of a camp trip that includes an activity where emergency medical care is not readily available or an activity such as wilderness hiking, rock climbing, camping, horseback riding, bicycling, swimming and/or boating shall possess or be accompanied by staff who possess certifications in one of the above acceptable courses; For camp trip swimming activities where emergency medical care is readily available, the certifications listed below may be substituted.

An activity leader of an activity on the camp property where other staff certified in first aid in accordance with Section 7-2.8 of Subpart is not readily available, shall possess or be accompanied by staff who possess certifications in one of the above acceptable courses.

²The first aid course is no longer offered. Existing certifications are valid for a maximum of three years from the date of certification.

At a SUMMER DAY CAMP, when the camp's program does not include equestrian, bicycling, challenge course, rock climbing, boating, riflery, archery, motorized recreational vehicles, wilderness hiking/activities, and similar activities; and emergency medical care is available within 10 minutes, the following certifications may be substituted for the above courses.	
Provider	Certification Title
American Lifeguard Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First Aid and Safety Instructor-Led Course* • Lifeguard Training – Community First Aid and Safety Instructor-Led Course* <p>*Certificates must include words Instructor-Led Course</p>
American Heart Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heartsaver First Aid • Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, AED • Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid
American Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid/CPR/AED
American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic First Aid* • Pediatric CPR, AED, and First Aid* <p>*Certification must be accompanied by a Recognition of Participation in the corresponding ASHI training program approved by the New York State Department of Health</p>
EMS Safety Services Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic First Aid • Basic First Aid & CPR

Emergency Care and Safety Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid for NY Day Camps, Basic Level
Medic First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PediatricPlus CPR, AED, and First Aid - Certification must be accompanied by a Recognition of Participation in Medic First Aid training program approved by the New York State Department of Health
National Safety Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSC First Aid • NSC First Aid, CPR & AED

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