

Orleans Recreation Swim Program

Skills Level Assessments

Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills:

Skills Covered:

- * Enter water using a ramp, steps or side
- * Exit water using ladder, steps or side
- * Blow bubbles for 3 seconds
- Bobbing, 5 times
- Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects
- * Front glide and recover to a vertical position
- * Back glide and recover to a vertical position
- * Back float for 5 seconds
- Roll from front to back and back to front
- * Treading water arm and hand actions
- Alternating and simultaneous leg and arm actions on front
- * Alternating and simultaneous leg and arm actions on back
- * Combined arm and leg actions on front
- * Combined arm and leg actions on back

Exit Assessment (Must be able to do to move onto Level 2)

- * Enter independently, travel at least 5 yards
- * Bob 5 times, then safely exit the water.
- * Glide on front at least 2 body lengths, roll to a back float for 5 seconds,



Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills:

Skills Covered:

- * Fully submerge and hold breath
- Bobbing, 10 times
- * Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects
- Rotary breathing
- * Front, jellyfish and tuck floats for 10 seconds
- * Front glide and recover to a vertical position
- * Back glide and recover to a vertical position
- * Back float for 15 seconds
- * Roll from front to back and back to front
- * Tread water for 15 seconds
- * Change direction of travel while swimming on front or back
- * Combined arm and leg actions on front
- * Combined arm and leg actions on back

Exit Assessment (Must be able to do to move onto Level 3)

- Step from side into chest-deep water, push off the bottom, move into a treading or floating position for at least 15 seconds, swim on front and/or back for 5 body lengths, then exit the water.
- * Move into a back float for 15 seconds, roll to front, then recover to a vertical position.
- 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 at least 5 body lengths.



Level 3: Stroke Development

Skills Covered:

- * Jump into deep water , submerge, return to the surface then to the side
- * Bobbing while moving to safety
- Rotary breathing
- * Survival float for 30 seconds
- * Back float for 1 minute
- * Tread water for 1 minute
- * Change from vertical to horizontal position on front and back
- * Swim front crawl for 15 yards
- * Swim elementary backstroke for 15 yards
- * Flutter, scissors, breaststroke, and dolphin kicks

Exit Assessment (Must be able to do to move onto Level 4)

- Jump into deep water , recover to the surface, maintain position by treading or floating for 1 minute, rotate one full turn, then turn as necessary to orient to the exit point, level off, swim front crawl and/or elementary backstroke for 25 yards, then exit the water.
- Push off in a streamlined position, then swim front crawl for 15 yards, change position and direction as necessary, swim elementary backstroke 15 yards, then exit the water.



Level 4: Stroke Improvement

Skills Covered:

- * surface dive
- Swim underwater
- * Tread water, using 2 different kicks
- * Survival swimming for 1 minute
- * Front crawl for 25 yards
- * Elementary backstroke for 25 yards
- * Breaststroke for 15 yards
- * Back crawl for 15 yards
- * Butterfly for 15 yards
- * Sidestroke for 15 yards
- * Flutter and dolphin kicks on back

Exit Assessment (Must be able to do to move onto Level 5)

- Perform entry into deep water, swim front crawl for 25 yards, change direction and position as necessary, and swim elementary backstroke for 25 yards.
- Swim breaststroke for 15 yards, change direction and position as necessary, and swim back crawl for 15 yards.
- Submerge and swim a distance of 3 to 5 body lengths underwater without hyperventilating, return



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Level 5: Stroke Refinement

Skills Covered:

- * Shallow-angle dive into deep water
- * Tuck surface dive
- * Pike surface dive
- Tread water for 5 minutes
- * Tread water, using legs only, for 2 minutes
- * Sculling for 30 seconds
- * Front crawl for 50 yards
- * Elementary backstroke for 50 yards
- * Breaststroke for 25 yards
- * Back crawl for 25 yards
- Butterfly for 25 yards
- * Sidestroke for 25 yards
- * Front flip turn
- * Backstroke flip turn

Exit Assessment (Must be able to do to move onto Level 6)

- Perform a shallow-angle dive into deep water, swim front crawl for 50 yards, then swim elementary backstroke for 50 yards, using appropriate and efficient turning styles throughout.
- Swim breaststroke for 25 yards, change direction and position of travel as necessary, and swim back crawl for 25 yards, using appropriate and efficient turning styles throughout



Level 6 : Endurance

Skills Covered:

- * Front crawl for 100 yards
- * Elementary backstroke for 100 yards
- * Breaststroke for 50 yards
- Back crawl for 50 yards
- Butterfly for 50 yards
- Sidestroke for 50 yards

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