

#### SAMPLE BLOCK AND LESSON PLANS

# Learn-to-Swim Level 6—Personal Water Safety

**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, Swimming and Diving Skills DVD, Teaching Swimming and Water Safety DVD, Longfellow's WHALE Tales K–6 Educational Packet, Instructor's Corner

## **SAMPLE BLOCK PLAN**



## Learn-to-Swim Level 6—Personal Water Safety

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Safety Topic  Reach or Throw, Don't Go—reaching assists	Safety Topic     Think Twice Before Going Near Cold Water or Ice—staying safe around ice	Safety Topic  • Swim as a Pair Near a Lifeguard's Chair	Safety Topic  Think So You Don't Sink
Review Skills  Name game Bobs Exit skills assessment Level 5 Pike surface dive Tuck surface dive Front crawl open turn	Review Skills  Backstroke open turn  Front flip turn	Review Skills Backstroke flip turn Feetfirst surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet	Review Skills  • Pike or tuck surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet
New Skills  Tread water, kicking only Back float Stroke drills	New Skills  Survival float  Feetfirst surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet  Stroke drills	New Skills  Breaststroke turn  Tread water, kicking only  Back float  Pike or tuck surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet  Stroke drills	New Skills  Butterfly turn Sidestroke turn Survival float Survival swimming Swimming while clothed Stroke drills
Game  • Mermaid Croquet	Game Tommy Over the Water	Game - Sharks and Minnows	Game  • Water Polo Crawl
<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Swim Lessons Achievement Booklets, as needed</li> <li>Level 6 newsletters</li> <li>Reaching equipment, such as reaching poles, rescue tubes and shepherd's crooks</li> <li>Reach or Throw, Don't Go poster</li> </ul>	Objects to retrieve     Think Twice Before Going Near Cold Water or Ice poster	Equipment  Kickboards  Beach ball  Objects to retrieve  Swim as a Pair Near a Lifeguard's Chair poster	Objects to retrieve     Long pants (jeans or nylon pants), long-sleeved button-up shirt or nylon zipped jacket and shoes     Soft foam ball     Think So You Don't Sink poster

## **SAMPLE BLOCK PLAN (Continued)**

Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Safety Topic  Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket	Safety Topic  Now About Boating Before You Go Floating	Safety Topic     How to call for help and the importance of knowing first aid and CPR	Safety Topic  • Wave, Tide or Ride, Follow the Guide
Review Skills  HELP position  Huddle position	Review Skills  • Pike or tuck surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet  • Survival swimming  • Tread water, kicking only	Review Skills  Front flip turn  Backstroke flip turn	Review Skills  Survival swimming Breaststroke turn Butterfly turn
New Skills  Survival swimming  Tread water, kicking only Stroke drills	New Skills  Part 2 of exit skills assessment Stroke drills	New Skills  Part 3 of exit skills assessment Stroke drills	New Skills  Part 1 of exit skills assessment
Game - Catch and Tread	Game Ring Relay	Game • H-O-O-P-S	Game • Water Tag
<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Life jackets</li> <li>Soft foam ball</li> <li>Kickboards</li> <li>Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket poster</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Equipment</li><li>Dive rings</li><li>Know About Boating Before You Go Floating poster</li></ul>	<ul><li>Equipment</li><li>Objects to retrieve</li><li>Hula-Hoops</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Completion cards</li> <li>Rewards for participants</li> <li>Wave, Tide or Ride, Follow the Guide poster</li> </ul>

## **SAMPLE LESSON PLANS**



## Learn-to-Swim 6—Personal Water Safety

Instructor:Wilbert E. LongfellowSession Begin Date:June 15Location:Municipal Family Aquatic CenterSession End Date:June 30Total Number of Classes:8Length of Classes:45 minutes

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<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Swim Lessons Achievement Booklets</li> <li>Level 6 newsletters</li> <li>Reaching equipment, such as reaching poles, rescue tubes and shepherd's crooks</li> <li>Reach or Throw, Don't Go poster</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Reminders</li> <li>Distribute one Swim Lessons Achievement Booklet to each participant, as needed.</li> <li>Distribute newsletters to participants.</li> <li>Review "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner.</li> <li>Review Mermaid Croquet for setup and directions.</li> </ul>	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
3 minutes	<ul> <li>Greet participants and parents, introductions</li> <li>Attendance</li> <li>Announcements</li> <li>Policies and procedures</li> </ul>		Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
5 minutes	<ul> <li>Reach or Throw, Don't Go—reaching assists</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Brace yourself and keep your weight low"</li> </ul>	Spread out near gutter in deep water
Opening Activity/Review	Skills		
1 minute	Name game		Circle
2 minutes	• Bobs		Spread out near gutter in deep water
8 minutes	<ul> <li>Exit skills assessment Level 5</li> </ul>		Circle swim
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Pike and tuck surface dives</li> <li>3 strokes for momentum then surface dive</li> <li>3 tuck surface dives</li> <li>3 pike surface dives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Tuck chin"</li> <li>"Exhale air underwater"</li> </ul>	• Wave
4 minutes	Front crawl open turn		Wave, midpool
New Skills			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Tread water kicking only (2 minutes)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Keep hands under armpits"</li> </ul>	
3 minutes	Back float (5 minutes)		

## Day 1 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
New Skills (continued)			
8 minutes	<ul> <li>Front crawl (25 yards)</li> <li>Elementary backstroke (25 yards)</li> <li>Back crawl (25 yards)</li> <li>Breaststroke (25 yards)</li> <li>Sidestroke (25 yards)</li> <li>Butterfly (25 yards)</li> <li>Choice (50 yards)</li> </ul>	• "200 yard swim in this order…"	Circle swim
Game			
4 minutes	Mermaid Croquet		<ul> <li>In water, two teams line up at one end, third team as "wickets"</li> </ul>
Closing			
1 minute	<ul> <li>Thank participants for working hard</li> <li>Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well</li> <li>Review lesson</li> </ul>	• "Good job"	Circle, seated on deck

<ul><li>Equipment</li><li>Objects to retrieve</li><li>Think Twice Before Goi or Ice poster</li></ul>	ects to retrieve  Review Tommy C  Twice Before Going Near Cold Water  Review Tommy C  directions.		Over the Water for setup and	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization	
Housekeeping				
2 minutes	<ul><li>Attendance</li><li>Announcements</li></ul>		Circle, seated on deck	
Safety Topic				
5 minutes	Think Twice Before     Going Near Cold     Water or Ice—staying     safe around ice			
Review Skills				
4 minutes	Backstroke open turn	"Streamline"	Wave, midpool	
4 minutes	Front flip turn	"Push off strong and streamline"	Wave, midpool	
New Skills				
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Survival float (5 minutes)</li> </ul>	"Relax, exhale"	In deep water	
5 minutes	<ul> <li>Feetfirst surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Legs together"</li><li> "Exhale"</li><li> "Look down, push up"</li></ul>	In deep water, wave	
15 minutes	<ul> <li>Front crawl (50 yards) with front flip turn</li> <li>Elementary backstroke (50 yards)</li> <li>Back crawl (25 yards)</li> <li>Breaststroke (25 yards)</li> <li>Sidestroke (25 yards)</li> <li>Butterfly (25 yards)</li> <li>Choice (50 yards)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"250 yard swim"</li> <li>"Stay steady"</li> <li>"Think about stroke technique"</li> </ul>	Circle swim	
Game				
4 minutes	Tommy Over the Water		In deep water	
Closing				
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Thank participants for good effort</li> <li>Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well</li> <li>Review lesson</li> </ul>	• "Good job"	Circle, seated on deck	

#### **Equipment**

- Kickboards
- Beach ball
- Objects to retrieve
- Swim As a Pair Near a Lifeguard's Chair poster

#### Reminders

- Remind participants to bring items to next class for swimming with clothes: long pants (jeans or nylon wind pants), long-sleeved buttoned shirt or nylon zipped jacket and shoes.
- Review "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner.
- Review Sharks and Minnows for setup and directions.

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Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
1 minute	Attendance		Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Swim As a Pair Near a Lifeguard's Chair</li> </ul>		Circle, seated on deck
Review Skills			
4 minutes	Backstroke flip turn	"Streamline, off the wall"	Wave, midpool
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Feetfirst surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Exhale"</li><li> "Legs together"</li><li> "Push water up, clap your hands"</li></ul>	In deep water, wave
New Skills			
4 minutes	Breaststroke turn	<ul> <li>"Pull to thighs and glide, recover arms to streamlined as feet recover to kick, kick and glide to surface and swim"</li> </ul>	• Line, stagger
2 minutes	Tread water, kicking only (2 minutes)	"Keep hands under armpits"	Circle, corner
5 minutes	Back float (5 minutes)	"Keep head back and relax"	Circle, corner
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Pike or tuck surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Exhale"</li><li> "Look for object"</li></ul>	In deep water, wave
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Front crawl, 4 × 25 yards, rest 10 seconds between 25s</li> <li>25 six kicks on one side, 1½ strokes and roll, repeat</li> <li>25 pants pocket, fingertip drag and reach</li> <li>25 alternate breathing</li> <li>25 front crawl</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Front crawl drills"</li> <li>"Good body roll"</li> <li>"High elbows"</li> <li>"Long arms"</li> <li>"Breathe left, breathe right"</li> </ul>	Circle swim

## Day 3 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
New Skills (continued)			
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Back crawl, 4 × 25 yards, rest 10 seconds between 25s</li> <li>25 six kicks on one side, 1½ strokes and roll, repeat</li> <li>25 one-arm swim</li> <li>25 other arm swim</li> <li>25 back crawl</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Back crawl drills"</li> <li>"Good body rolls"</li> <li>"Left arm"</li> <li>"Right arm"</li> <li>"Swim"</li> </ul>	Circle swim
3 minutes	<ul> <li>Breaststroke, 3 × 25 yards, rest 10 seconds between 25s</li> <li>25 kick with kickboard</li> <li>25 pull with flutter kick</li> <li>25 four kicks and one pull</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Breaststroke drills"</li> <li>"Kick"</li> <li>"Pull"</li> <li>"Kick, kick, kick, kick, pull, glide"</li> </ul>	Circle swim
3 minutes	<ul> <li>Butterfly, 3 × 25 yards, rest 10 seconds between 25s</li> <li>25 kick</li> <li>25 Tarzan drill (4 stokes one arm, 4 strokes other arm, 4 strokes both arms)</li> <li>25 butterfly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Butterfly drills"</li> <li>"4 strokes left"</li> <li>"4 strokes right"</li> <li>"4 arm strokes"</li> </ul>	Circle swim
Game			
4 minutes	Sharks and Minnows		
Closing			
1 minute	<ul> <li>Thank participants for their attention and participation</li> <li>Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well</li> <li>Review lesson</li> </ul>	• "Good job"	Circle, seated on deck

Objects to retrieve     Long pants (jeans or nylon pants), long-sleeved, buttoned shirt or nylon zipped jacket, and shoes     Soft foam ball     Think So You Don't Sink poster		<ul> <li>Reminders</li> <li>Keep an eye out for any participant who is able to qualify for a badge.</li> <li>Review "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner.</li> <li>Review Water Polo Crawl for setup and directions.</li> </ul>	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
1 minute	Attendance		Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
3 minutes	Think So You     Don't Sink		
Review Skills			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Pike or tuck surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Exhale underwater"</li><li> "Get object"</li></ul>	
New Skills			
4 minutes	Butterfly turn	<ul><li> "Stretch to the wall"</li><li> "Stay low"</li><li> "Streamline off the wall"</li></ul>	Wave, midpool
4 minutes	Sidestroke turn	"Stay on side"	Wave, midpool
5 minutes	Survival float     (5 minutes)	"Relax, exhale"	Circle
5 minutes	Survival swimming (10 minutes)	"Relax, exhale"	• Line
5 minutes	Swimming while clothed	"Be efficient"	
10 minutes	<ul> <li>Front crawl (75 yards)</li> <li>Elementary backstroke (75 yards)</li> <li>Breaststroke (50 yards)</li> <li>Back crawl (50 yards)</li> <li>Sidestroke (50 yards)</li> <li>Butterfly (50 yards)</li> <li>Choice (75 yards)</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "475 yard swim"</li><li> "Stay steady"</li><li> "Think about stroke technique"</li></ul>	Circle swim
Game			
4 minutes	Water Polo Crawl		
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> </ul>	• "Good job"	Circle, seated on deck

<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Life jackets</li> <li>Soft foam ball</li> <li>Kickboards</li> <li>Don't Just Pack It, Wea</li> </ul>	ır Your Jacket poster	Instructor's Corner.	vities, Drills and Games" on ad for setup and directions.
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
1 minute	Attendance		Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	Don't Just Pack It,     Wear Your Jacket		Circle, seated on deck
Review Skills			
3 minutes	HELP position     (2 minutes)	"Signals you need help"	In deep water
3 minutes	<ul> <li>HELP position (2 minutes)</li> </ul>	"Stay together"	In deep water
New Skills			
10 minutes	<ul> <li>Survival swimming (10 minutes)</li> </ul>	"Relax, exhale"	Line, in deep water
3 minutes	Tread water kicking only (2 minutes)	<ul><li> "Keep hands under armpits"</li><li> "Easy"</li></ul>	Semi-circle
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Front crawl with flip turns, 2 × 50 yards, rest 10 seconds between 50s</li> <li>50 pants pocket, fingertip drag and reach</li> <li>50 alternate breathing</li> </ul>	<ul><li> "Strong flip turns"</li><li> "Left arm"</li><li> "Right arm"</li><li> "Swim"</li></ul>	Circle swim
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Back crawl with flip turns, 2 × 50 yards, rest 10 seconds between 50s</li> <li>25 one-arm swim</li> <li>25 one-arm swim (other arm)</li> <li>50 back crawl</li> </ul>		Circle swim
4 minutes	<ul> <li>Breaststroke, 4 × 25 yards, rest 10 seconds between 25s</li> <li>25 kick with kickboard</li> <li>25 pull with flutter kick</li> <li>25 four kicks and pull</li> <li>25 breaststroke</li> </ul>	<ul><li>"Strong kick"</li><li>"Glide"</li></ul>	Circle swim

## Day 5 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
New Skills (continued)	Activity	Ney Words/Fillases	Class Olyanization
3 minutes	<ul> <li>Butterfly, 4 × 25 yards, rest 10 seconds between 25s</li> <li>25 kick</li> <li>25 four kicks, one full stroke</li> <li>25 one arm butterfly, change arms at midpool</li> <li>25 butterfly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Continuous kick"</li> <li>"Kick, kick, kick, kick, stroke"</li> <li>"Left arm, right arm"</li> <li>"Swim"</li> </ul>	Circle swim
Game			
5 minutes	Catch and Tread		
Closing			
3 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> </ul>	• "Good job"	Circle, seated on deck

<ul><li>Equipment</li><li>Dive rings</li><li>Learn About Boating Beneficiating poster</li></ul>	efore You Go	Reminders  Review "Teaching Active on Instructor's Corner.  Review Ring Relay for several controls.	rities, Drills and Games" setup and directions.
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
1 minute	Attendance		Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
5 minutes	<ul> <li>Learn About Boating Before You Go Floating</li> </ul>		Circle, seated on deck
Review Skills			
3 minutes	Pike or tuck surface dive and retrieve an object from a depth of 7 to 10 feet	<ul><li> "Exhale underwater"</li><li> "Get object"</li></ul>	
6 minutes	Survival swimming (5 minutes)	"Relax, exhale"	
3 minutes	Tread water kicking only (2 minutes)	<ul><li> "Keep hands under armpits"</li><li> "Easy"</li></ul>	
New Skills			
11 minutes	Part 2 of exit skills     assessment: Jump into     deep water, perform     a survival float for     5 minutes, roll onto     back and perform a     back float for     5 minutes.		• Wave
10 minutes	<ul> <li>Front crawl (100 yards) with flip turns</li> <li>Elementary backstroke (100 yards)</li> <li>Breaststroke (50 yards) with turns</li> <li>Back crawl (50 yards) with flip turns</li> <li>Sidestroke (50 yards)</li> <li>Butterfly (50 yards) with turns</li> <li>Choice (100 yards)</li> </ul>	• "500 yard swim"	Circle swim
Game			
4 minutes	Ring Relay		Two lines

## Day 6 (Continued)

Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
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> </ul>	• "Good job"	Circle, seated on deck

Equipment  Objects to retrieve Hula-hoops		<ul> <li>Reminders</li> <li>Prepare completion cards to the extent possible.</li> <li>Consider who qualifies to test for a badge, especially for any participants who may not pass the level.</li> <li>Review "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner.</li> <li>Review H-O-O-P-S for setup and directions.</li> </ul>	
Time	Activity	Key Words/Phrases	Class Organization
Housekeeping			
1 minute	Attendance		Circle, seated on deck
Safety Topic			
2 minutes	How to call for help and the importance of knowing first aid and CPR		Circle, seated on deck
Review Skills			
4 minutes	Front flip turn	"Push off strong"	Wave, midpool
4 minutes	Backstroke flip turn	"Stay straight"	Wave, midpool
New Skills			
7 minutes	Part 3 of exit skills assessment: Perform a feetfirst surface dive, retrieve an object from the bottom of the pool at a depth of 7 to 10 feet, return to surface and return to starting point		
20 minutes	<ul> <li>500 yards broken swim</li> <li>250 yards, rest</li> <li>15 seconds;</li> <li>150 yards, rest</li> <li>15 seconds;</li> <li>100 yards</li> <li>Using any</li> <li>3 strokes of your choice, swim at least 50 yards for each stroke</li> </ul>		Circle swim
Game			
5 minutes	• H-O-O-P-S		
Closing			
2 minutes	<ul> <li>Thank participants for making a good effort</li> <li>Offer positive reinforcement of what they did well</li> <li>Review lesson</li> </ul>	• "Good job"	Circle, seated on deck

#### **Equipment** Reminders Completion cards Complete completion cards for presentation at end Rewards for participants of the lesson. Ask participants for their achievement booklets for Wave, Tide or Ride, Follow the Guide poster you to complete and sign. Test participants for badges if they qualify and want to be tested. Review "Teaching Activities, Drills and Games" on Instructor's Corner. **Key Words/Phrases Class Organization Time Activity** Housekeeping 2 minutes Attendance Circle, seated Announcements on deck **Safety Topic** 5 minutes Wave, Tide or Ride, Follow the Guide **Review Skills** 5 minutes Survival swimming Line (5 minutes) Breaststroke turn Wave, midpool 5 minutes "Pull to thighs and glide, recover arms to streamlined as feet recover to kick, kick and glide to surface and swim" 5 minutes Butterfly turn Wave, midpool **New Skills** 15 minutes Part 1 of exit skill Circle swim assessment: Swim 500 yards continuously using any 3 strokes of your choice, swimming at least 50 yards for each stroke Game 5 minutes Water Tag Closing 3 minutes "Good job" Congratulate participants on their success and progress Distribute completion cards as appropriate Recognize badges Encourage participants and their parents to sign up for one of the other Level 6 options for the next session