

SPR Beach Coverage & Water Safety



One of the questions we are asked most frequently is **how do we handle staff coverage to ensure the safety of campers when a trip involves water and swimming.** This is one of our top priorities in trip planning and staff training, and something we take very seriously given the widely varying swimming abilities of our campers.

The large photo below is a great representation of how we cover our beach trips. We had an alumni summer camp Director capture aerial footage of one of our camp groups at the beach in 2016. This staff member knows from experience how proud we are of our beach coverage and we are so thankful he was able to capture it! You can see in the photo that most of our staff take a position around the group with staff in the water creating a line that cannot be crossed. When the tide is out, additional lines created across the group at multiple water levels give staff a great look at what is happening at the beach. If a staff member is not posted in the perimeter, they are either leading activities in the middle of the grid area with campers or taking groups on walks or to the bathroom.

In addition, a member of the SPR lifeguard team will join our camps to attend field trips to beaches or freshwater swimming locations.



Parent Feedback

“These (photos) are amazing! Thank you to everyone involved in this program for keeping our kids safe and happy all summer!”

“Awesome job on keeping our children safe!!!”

“Love love love how the counselors setup at the beach for safe swimming!!! Classy!”

“My child loved the Kinder Camp program this summer. The variety of field trips and on site programs/themes kept her looking forward to camp each day. As a parent, I felt the staff was super attentive and I was comfortable with procedures and policies that are in place for off site field trips.”

“This was my children’s first Summer with SPR and what an amazing Summer it was! They both enjoyed the variety and frequent field trips as well as a very professional and fun counselor/CIT group! As a parent the check in/out process was organized and consistent making both transitions very quick and the program was very affordable! Most importantly both children made friends, learned new songs and games and had fun being kids all summer! Thank you SPR Summer Camp for a wonderful season!”

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