

NOTICE TO MAINE YOUTH CAMPS
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All youth camps licensed by the Maine Department of Health & Human Services are required to have a permit in order to put in swim lines or establish a swim area on the inland waters of the State under a new law passed last year. Anyone else who wants to put in swim lines or establish a swim area also needs a license under the new law.

Permits will be issued by the Boating Facilities Division, Bureau of Parks & Land, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Permits will be issued for 5 years.

In order to obtain an interim permit send a request to: Thomas Linscott, Director, Boating Facilities Division, Bureau of Parks & Lands, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0022 or email your request to thomas.linscott@maine.gov.

Your request needs to include the following information:

1. Name of your youth camp as licensed by DHHS,
2. Your DHHS license number,
3. Your mailing address, and e-mail if available,
4. Your telephone number,
5. The name of the waterbody on which the swim area will be located, and
6. The name of the town where the swim area will be located.

The permit is good only for swim areas in the Water Safety Zone which is the area within 200' of the shore line. Swim areas are not permitted beyond this Zone.

There is no fee required to obtain a permit. The permit is good for 5 years from issue date.

Link to Navigation System Rules which set the standards for size and color of marker buoys such as those used to mark a swim area:

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/water_activities/boating/navigational_aids.shtml

This information is being sent to you by the Maine Youth Camping Foundation (MYCF) on behalf of the Boating Facilities Division, Bureau of Parks & Lands. If you have questions concerning the permits you should contact Thomas Linscott at 207-287-6830. If you have questions concerning the law or the rules process you should contact Ron Hall at Maine Summer Camps at 207-518-9557.