

The safety and well-being of our campers is always our highest priority, especially during water activities. All swimming opportunities are supervised by trained staff and certified lifeguards, and campers are grouped according to their swim ability level.

Pool & Water Access at Camp

Campers in grades K–5 will participate in supervised water play days designed to keep our youngest campers cool, active, and engaged in a fun and age-appropriate setting. They will not have access to the Miss Porter's School pool.

Campers in grades 6–10 will have access to the pool during designated swim times if they are identified as a Beginner or Intermediate/Advanced swimmer through our swim assessment process.

General Pool Rules & Expectations

- No running on the pool deck.
- Campers may only swim in designated areas based on their swim level and bracelet color.
- Counselors are expected to be in the pool with campers during open swim periods.
- One person at a time on ladders and stairs.
- No diving unless specifically permitted by pool staff.
- No roughhousing, dunking, shoving, or unsafe play.
- Campers may not hang or climb on staff members or other campers.
- Pool equipment should only be used with staff permission.
- Food, gum, and glass containers are not permitted in the pool area.
- Campers should follow all instructions from lifeguards immediately.
- The pool area must remain secure and supervised at all times.

Please review these rules with your campers. The pool staff will also review these rules with the campers when they arrive at the pool. The pool will always be staffed by at least two certified lifeguards.

Swim Levels & Bracelet System

All campers participating in open swim will complete a swim assessment administered by the aquatics staff. Campers will receive a colored bracelet indicating where they are permitted to swim.

Red Bracelet — Non-Swimmer

Campers are not permitted to participate in open swim. Alternative supervised activities will be provided during swim periods.

Orange Bracelet — Beginner

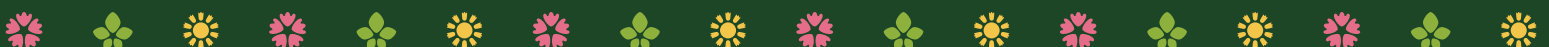
Campers with orange bracelets must remain in the shallow end of the pool. Campers are able to:

- tread water for 30 seconds,
- safely swim in the shallow area of the pool (approximately 4–5 feet deep).

Green Bracelet — Intermediate/Advanced

Campers with green bracelets may swim in all designated areas of the pool, including the deep end. Campers are able to:

- swim two full lengths of the pool while demonstrating control and comfort in the water, and
- tread water for 60 seconds in the deep end of the pool (approximately 6–9 feet deep).



Swim Test Procedures

Each camper group will enter the pool area together and receive a review of:

- pool rules and expectations,
- swim test procedures, and
- bracelet levels and swim boundaries.

Swim tests will be completed in small groups of approximately 5–6 campers at a time with lifeguards positioned both in the water and around the pool deck.

To demonstrate readiness for deep water access, campers must:

- Jump into the pool and swim to the opposite end and back using any stroke or swimming style that demonstrates control, comfort, and safety in the water. Swimming underwater, dog paddle, freestyle, or other comfortable strokes are acceptable if the swimmer demonstrates confidence and control.
- Tread water for one minute while talking or singing.

Swim tests will be administered by a designated Lead Lifeguard or Head Lifeguard who:

- has been trained on the swim test rubric and expectations,
- administers tests consistently,
- and keeps the swim rubric accessible on a clipboard during testing.

Bracelet Procedures

Miss Porter's Summer Programs uses a bracelet system to quickly identify camper swim permissions. Weekly group rosters printed from CampBrain will indicate each camper's swim bracelet designation.

Red Bracelet = Non-swimmer

Orange Bracelet = Shallow end only

Green Bracelet = Cleared for deep end

At the conclusion of each swim period:

- counselors will collect bracelets from campers,
- bracelets will be stored and redistributed at the next swim session to reduce loss,
- and swim test results will also be documented in CampBrain.

Safety Procedures

Certified lifeguards are responsible for monitoring all swimmers and enforcing pool safety expectations. Staff and campers are expected to cooperate fully with all emergency or safety procedures.

Additional emergency procedures, including weather protocols and lost swimmer procedures, will be reviewed with staff during training and maintained by the aquatics team.

