

LEDGE POOL GROUP USE INFORMATION

Ledge Pool requires groups to follow a Test, Mark, Protect program to increase safety for your group during your visit(s). The purpose of Test, Mark, Protect is to add an additional layer of protection for group participants by testing the swimming ability of each participant under the height requirement and designating them as a swimmer or non-swimmer. **Non-swimmers will be required to wear a properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard Approved life jacket while in the pool.** By identifying non-swimmers and providing life jackets, the risk of water-related emergencies is reduced. Listed below are the requirements of the program:

1. Please review the group use permit.
2. Make sure there is sufficient supervision for your group prior to leaving your facility. As listed on the Group Use Permit group supervisor/child ratios are as follows:

Toddlers (1-3 years):	1 Supervisor for every 2 Children
Preschool (4-5 years):	1 Supervisor for every 4 Children
School-Aged (6+):	1 Supervisor for every 6 Children

For example, your group has 20 children; 10 five years old and 10 six year olds the supervision needed for the group would be:

10 five year olds=	3 supervisors
<u>10 six year olds=</u>	<u>2 supervisors</u>
Total=	5 supervisors

3. Designate an individual to be your group liaison to Ledge Pool staff prior to arrival. Upon arrival this person will meet with a Ledge Pool staff member who will confirm that there is proper supervision (counting children and supervisors, know how many children of each age group you have) and that supervisors are already in, or brought with them, swimming attire.
4. Swim tests are given upon arrival; the lifeguard will instruct you where to take the children.
5. Once a child successfully passes the swim test they will not need to retake the test during any future visits during the season but will need to meet with a lifeguard upon arrival to receive their wristband and/or life jacket, as necessary.
6. If a child was absent during the initial group visit, they will need to take the swim test on their first visit. If a child was marked a non-swimmer but would like to re-try the test, they are permitted to take the test once per visit.
7. Participants may bring their own U.S. Coast Guard Approved life jacket if they wish as our supply is on a first come first served basis.

We appreciate your support in implementing this program to Ledge Pool. We believe that Test, Mark, Protect will enhance the safety experience for all of our group participants.