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Dear Willoway Parent:

We hope that our camper is enjoying this session at Willoway. In order to clarify our swim tag system, we would like you to be aware of the following criteria:

- Yellow Tag – camper may be comfortable in water but needs to gain the proper skills and confidence to enjoy the water safely. We will foster positive attitudes, good swimming habits and safe practices in and around water. With creativity through games and fun your camper will be sure to enjoy the pool safely. Water depth is 2.9 feet
- Red Tag – camper is comfortable in the water and has the beginnings of true locomotion skills. Camper is asked to independently “swim” (feet cannot touch the bottom of the pool) 2 widths (80 feet) of the red water area. Campers who achieve Red Tag will enjoy instructional swim through fun games and creative teaching of Red Cross skills. Water depth is 3.4 feet
- Blue Tag – camper is comfortable and more confident in the water than Red Tag and has the beginnings of basic skills. A Blue Tag swimmer has the skills and maturity (emotionally and physically) to assume some independence in the water. Camper will be asked to show an understanding of the Free Style and/or Breast Stroke (indicating a basic understanding of combining arms and legs) at least 2 lengths (150 feet). Water depth is 3.6-5 feet.
- White Tag – camper is showing stroke proficiency in the Free Style and/or Breast Stroke with proper breathing technique. Camper is asked to demonstrate a “breathing stroke” (Free Style and/or Breast Stroke for 2 lengths of the pool (150 feet) and then will be asked to swim 4 more lengths (300 feet) of a stroke to demonstrate the endurance necessary for deep water swimming. Water depth is 10 feet.
- Black Tag – camper shows stroke proficiency in the Free Style, Breast Stroke, and the Side Stroke (to be learned while with White Tag). Camper will demonstrate the ability to swim these strokes 6 lengths of the pool (450 feet) and then be asked to swim 8 more lengths of their choice (600 feet) with 10 minutes of treading to show the endurance necessary before lake activities can be started
- Black Star – camper will show maximum stroke perfection in the Breast, Free Style, Side and Back strokes and other strokes (to be determined at time of Black Star tryout). Camper will practice swim strokes and underwater swim during rest period and must be at least 9 years old.

BLACK TAG AND BLACK STAR SWIMMERS ARE ALLOWED TO UTILIZE THE LAKE PROGRAM – sailing, knee boarding, wake boarding, torpedoing, tubing, and water skiing. ALL CAMPERS UTILIZE OUR PONTOON BOATS.

Using solar and fossil heat, our pool temperature is maintained at 82 degrees or above.

We hope that this will answer many of your questions. We’re looking forward to a great summer! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us any time at (248)932-2123 or camp@willowaydaycamp.com.

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