



SWIM SMART:

Your Guide to Camp Bracelet Levels

The Bracelet system is in place to help lifeguards easily identify campers swim levels and ensure they are staying in the areas of the pool that are safe for them during free swim time.

As a Class A Pool the SJCC is required to "ensure that there is a process in place to ensure a guardian or designated person supervises children under 10 years of age. The process must include a swimming competency test." This process is most important for large groups of children.

Here at the SJCC, we have the benefit of teaching swimming lessons to all the campers everyday. Rather than performing daily swim tests, we evaluate the swimming ability of each child during their swim lessons. As such, we largely relate our bracelet procedures to swim level.

Unfortunately, there will be children who are disappointed with their bracelet colour and some of its limitations. We understand and we sympathize with the parents who are hearing from their distraught child.

Please understand that some of the abilities that your child may have in a backyard pool do not translate well to a large outdoor pool that is full and busy. A child may be able to swim in the deep end at home without a PFD (*personal flotation device*), but when they are swimming with dozens of friends in a full pool, they can easily become tired and not realize it until they are in the middle of the deep end. Endurance is extremely important and develops largely with age.

BRACELET COLOUR GUIDE

ORANGE BRACELET	PURPLE BRACELET
• All children 6 years and under • Typically Preschool levels A, B, C • Shallow end only during free swim • Must wear a PFD unless within arm's reach of a guardian	• Beginner swimmers ages 7–10 • Typically Swimmer 1 • Shallow end only during free swim • PFD not required in the shallow end
PINK BRACELET	GREEN BRACELET
• Intermediate swimmers ages 7–10 • Typically Preschool levels D, E and Swimmer 2 • Full pool access during free swim • Must wear a PFD in the deep end	• All swimmers over 10 years old • Typically Swimmer 3 and up • Full pool access during free swim

Please keep the bracelet on during your child's stay at camp.