Parent & Tot At-a-glance

The Lifesaving Society Parent & Tot program structures in-water interaction between parent and child to stress the importance of play in developing water-positive attitudes and skills. Activities and progressions are based on child development, so parents register in the level appropriate for their child's age. Targeted Water Smart[®] drowning prevention messages are an integral part of the Swim for Life[®] program. These messages are delivered in all Parent & Tot levels.



Parent & Tot 1 (4–12 months)	Parent & Tot 2 (12–24 months)	Parent & Tot 3 (2–3 years)
Entries and Exits		
 Enter and exit the water safely with tot 	 Entry from sitting position (assisted) Exit the water (assisted) 	 Jump entry (assisted) Entry and submerge from sitting position (assisted) Exit the water (unassisted)
Underwater Skills		
2. Readiness for submersion	 Blow bubbles on and in water Face wet and in water Attempt to recover object below surface 	 Hold breath underwater (assisted) Attempt to open eyes underwater Attempt to recover object from bottom
Swim to Survive® Skills		
	6. Entry from sitting position wearing PFD and return (assisted)	 Standing jump entry, return to edge (assisted) Jump entry and float wearing PFD (assisted)
Movement / Swimming Skills		
 Hold tot on front, eye contact Hold tot on back, head and back support Front float (face out) – assisted Back float (assisted) Float wearing PFD (assisted) Arms: splashing, reaching, paddling, on front and back Legs: tickling, splashing, kicking, on front and back 	 Front float (face in) – assisted Back float (assisted) Kicking on front and back (assisted) Surface passes with continuous contact 	 Front and back "starfish" floats (assisted) Front and back "pencil" floats (assisted) Kicking on front and back (assisted) Underwater passes
Water Smart [®] Education		
 Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket; Swim to Survive 	11. Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket; Swim to Survive	 Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket; Swim to Survive

Preschool At-a-glance

The Lifesaving Society Preschool program gives children a head start on learning to swim. Preschool programs develop an appreciation and healthy respect for the water before these kids get in too deep. In our five basic aquatic progressions we work to ensure 3 to 5-year-olds become comfortable in the water and have fun developing a foundation of water skills. Targeted Water Smart[®] drowning prevention messages are an integral part of the Swim for Life[®] program. These messages are delivered in all Preschool levels.



Preschool 1	Preschool 2	Preschool 3
Entries and Exits		
 Enter and exit shallow water (assisted) Jump into chest-deep water (assisted) 	 Enter and exit shallow water wearing PFD Jump into chest-deep water 	 Jump into deep water wearing PFD, return and exit Sideways entry wearing PFD
Underwater Skills		
 Face in water Blow bubbles in water 	 Submerge Submerge and exhale 3 times 	 Hold breath underwater 3 sec. Submerge and exhale 5 times Recover object from bottom in waist- deep water
Swim to Survive® Skills		
		6. Back float; roll to front; swim 3 m
Movement / Swimming Skills		
 Float on front and back (3 sec. each) assisted Safe movement in shallow water wearing PFD Glide on front and back (3 m each) assisted 	 Float on front and back (3 sec. each) wearing PFD or with buoyant aid Roll laterally front to back and back to front, wearing PFD Glide on front and back (3 m each) wearing PFD or with buoyant aid Flutter kick on back with buoyant aid 5 m 	 Float on front and back 5 sec. each Roll laterally front to back and back to front Glide on front and back 3 m each Flutter kick on back 5 m Flutter kick on front 5 m
Water Smart [®] Education		
8. Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket	9. Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket	12. Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket

Preschool 4	Preschool 5
Entries and Exits	
 Jump into deep water, return and exit Sideways entry 	1. Forward roll entry wearing PFD
Surface Support	
3. Tread water 10 sec. wearing PFD	2. Tread water 10 sec.
Underwater Skills	
 Open eyes underwater Recover object from bottom in chest- deep water 	 Submerge and hold breath 5 sec. Recover object from bottom in chest-deep water
Swim to Survive® Skills	
 Wearing a PFD, sideways entry into deep water; tread 15 sec.; swim / kick 5 m Front float; roll to back; swim 5 m 	5. Wearing PFD, sideways entry into deep water; tread 20 sec.; swim / kick 10 m
Movement / Swimming Skills	
 8. Glide on side 3 m 9. Flutter kick: on front 7 m; on back 7 m; on side 5 m 10. Front crawl 5 m wearing PFD 	 Whip kick in vertical position 20 sec. with a PFD or buoyant aid Front crawl 5 m Back crawl 5 m
Fitness	
	9. Interval training: 4 x 5 m flutter kick on back with 30 sec. rests
Water Smart [®] Education	
11. Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket	10. Water Smart messages: Within Arms' Reach; Wear a Lifejacket

Swimmer At-a-glance

The Lifesaving Society Swimmer program makes sure children learn how to swim before they get in too deep. Progressions accommodate 5 to 12-year-olds including beginners and swimmers who want to build on the basics. Lots of in-water practice develops solid swimming strokes and skills. Targeted Water Smart[®] drowning prevention messages are an integral part of the Swim for Life[®] program. These messages are delivered in all Swimmer levels.



Swimmer 1	Swimmer 2	Swimmer 3
Entries and Exits		
 Enter and exit shallow water Jump into chest-deep water Jump into deep water wearing PFD 	 Jump into deep water, return and exit Sideways entry wearing PFD 	 Kneeling dive into deep water Forward roll entry into deep water
Surface Support		
4. Tread water 30 sec. wearing PFD	3. Tread water 15 sec.	3. Tread water 30 sec.
Underwater Skills		
 Hold breath underwater 5 sec. Submerge and exhale 5 times Open eyes underwater 	 Recover object from bottom in chest-deep water 	 Handstand in shallow water Front somersault (in water)
Swim to Survive [®] Skills		
	 Wearing PFD, jump into deep water, tread 30 sec. and swim / kick 15 m 	6. Jump into deep water, tread 30 sec. and swim / kick 25 m
Movement / Swimming Skills		
 Float on front and back 5 sec. each Roll laterally front to back and back to front Glide on front, back and side 3 m each Flutter kick on front and back 5 m each Front crawl 5 m wearing PFD 	 Flutter kick on front, back and side 10 m each Whip kick in vertical position 30 sec. with aid Front crawl and back crawl 10 m each 	 Flutter kick on back 5 m; reverse direction and flutter kick on front 5 m Flutter kick on front 5 m; reverse direction and flutter kick on back 5 m Whip kick on back 10 m Front crawl and back crawl 15 m each
Fitness		
	9. Interval training: 4 x 5 m flutter kick with 20 sec. rests	11. Interval training: 4 x 15 m flutter kick with 20 sec. rests
Water Smart [®] Education		
 Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive 	10. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive	12. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive

Swimmer 4	Swimmer 5	Swimmer 6
Entries and Exits		
1. Standing dive into deep water	 Shallow dive into deep water Tuck jump (cannonball) into deep water 	 Stride entry into deep water Compact jump into deep water
Surface Support		
2. Tread water 1 min.	 Jump entry into deep water, and tread 2 min. Stationary eggbeater kick 30 sec. 	3. Legs-only surface support 45 sec.
Underwater Skills		
3. Swim underwater 5 m	5. Back somersault (in water)	 Swim underwater 10 m to recover object
Swim to Survive® Skills		
 Canadian Swim to Survive Standard: Roll entry into deep water, tread 1 min. and swim 50 m 	 Roll entry into deep water, tread 90 sec. and swim 75 m 	
Movement / Swimming Skills		
 Whip kick on front 15 m Breaststroke arms drill 15 m Front crawl and back crawl 25 m each 	 Breaststroke 25 m Front crawl and back crawl 50 m each Head-up front crawl 10 m 	 Eggbeater kick on back 15 m Scissor kick 15 m Breaststroke 50 m Front crawl and back crawl 100 m each Head-up swim 25 m
Fitness		
 Interval training: 4 x 25 m front or back crawl with 20 sec. rests Sprint front crawl 25 m 	 Interval training: 4 x 50 m front or back crawl with 30 sec. rests Interval training: 4 x 15 m breaststroke with 30 sec. rests Sprint front crawl and back crawl 25 m each 	 Interval training: 4 x 25 m breaststroke with 30 sec. rests Sprint breaststroke 25 m Workout 300 m: 50 m warm-up (choice of strokes) 4 x 25 m front crawl with 15 sec. rests 4 x 25 m back crawl with 15 sec. rests 50 m cool-down (choice of strokes)
Water Smart [®] Education		
10. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive	13. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive	 Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket: Check the Ice; Swim to Survive

Adult Swimmer At-a-glance

The Adult Swimmer program is for beginners who may be just starting out or swimmers who just want help with their strokes. Within the Adult Swimmer curriculum, participants set their own goals to develop water confidence and smooth recognizable strokes. Targeted Water Smart[®] drowning prevention messages are an integral part of the Swim for Life[®] program. These messages are delivered in all Adult Swimmer levels. Instructors should be prepared to adapt these items and awards to accommodate the needs of adult learners and provide the flexibility for them to select the skills they want to learn to achieve their personal swimming goals.

Adult 1	Adult 2	Adult 3
Entries and Exits		
 Enter and exit shallow water Jump into deep water, return and exit Sideways entry wearing PFD 	 Standing dive into deep water Forward roll entry into deep water with and without PFD Tuck jump (cannonball) into deep water 	 Shallow dive into deep water Stride entry into deep water Compact jump into deep water
Surface Support		
4. Tread water 30 sec. wearing PFD	4. Tread water 1–2 min.	 Legs-only surface support 30–60 sec.
Underwater Skills		
 Hold breath underwater 5–10 sec. Submerge and exhale 5–10 times Open eyes underwater Recover object from bottom in chest- deep water 	 Handstand in shallow water Front somersault (in water) Swim underwater 5–10 m 	 Back somersault (in water) Swim underwater 5–10 m to recover object
Swim to Survive® Skills		
 Wearing PFD, jump into deep water, tread 30 sec. and swim / kick on back 5–10 m 	 Canadian Swim to Survive Standard: Roll entry into deep water, tread 1 min. and swim 50 m 	
Movement / Swimming Skills		
 Float on front and back Roll laterally front to back and back to front Glide on front, back and side 3–5 m each Flutter kick on front, back and side 10–15 m each Whip kick in vertical position with PFD 15–30 sec. Front crawl or back crawl 10–15 m 	 Flutter kick on back 5 m; reverse direction and flutter kick on front 5 m Flutter kick on front 5 m; reverse direction and flutter kick on back 5 m Whip kick on back 10–15 m Whip kick on front 10–15 m Breaststroke arms drill 10–15 m Front crawl and back crawl 25–50 m each 	 Eggbeater kick on back or scissor kick on side 10–15 m Breaststroke 25–50 m Front crawl and back crawl 50–100 m each Head-up front crawl 10–15 m



Adult Swimmer At-a-glance



Adult 1	Adult 2	Adult 3
Fitness		
16. Interval training: 4 x 9–12 m flutter kick with 10–15 sec. rests	 Interval training: 4 x 25 m flutter kick with 15–20 sec. rests Interval training: 4 x 25 m front or back crawl with 15–20 sec. rests Sprint front crawl 25 m 	 Interval training: 4 x 50 m front or back crawl or breaststroke with 30 sec. rests Sprint (25–50 m) front crawl, back crawl, or breaststroke Workout 300 m: 50 m warm-up (choice of strokes) 4 x 25 m front crawl with 15 sec. rests 4 x 25 m back crawl with 15 sec. rests 50 m cool-down (choice of strokes)
Water Smart [®] Education		
17. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive; Within Arms' Reach	18. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive; Within Arms' Reach	14. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive; Within Arms' Reach

Fitness Swimmer

At-a-glance

The Fitness Swimmer program is for swimmers of any age who want to improve their overall physical fitness in the water and be active for life. Fitness Swimmer provides a structured approach to improve physical fitness based on accepted training principles and practices including interval training. Participants set their own goals for everyday active living.

Fitness Swimmer

- Pace clocks and timers 1.
- 2. Stretches for swimmers
- 3. Kicking interval training
- 4. Swimming interval training
- 5. Workout 300 m
- 6. Workout design
- 7. Distance swim
- 8. Sprint swim

Fitness	
1 Pace clocks and timers.	2 Stretches for swimmers.
Purpose	
To develop the ability to use timing devices for pace development and as a training tool.	To introduce basic stretches appropriate for swimmers.
Must See	
 Use of a timer to measure swimming time over a specific distance Use of a timer to measure and control rest time between intervals Use of a timer to measure personal 	 Four stretches for swimmers demonstrated
pulse rate during training	
Timers may include a variety of devices	 Encourage learners to stretch safely.
such as pace clocks, stop watches, swimmer's watches or watches with	Maintain a gentle continuous stretch (15–30 sec.) that creates gentle

 Timing is important to support many training activities.

provides verbal time cues.

stop watch functions, or a coach who

- tension, but no pain.
- Stretches can be performed whenever the swimmer chooses. This may be before, after or during training activities.

