## **Swimmer II**

Complete the Red Cross Swim Level II—Primary Skills or the following:

- **1.** Complete and receive the Swimmer I Award.
- **2.** Hold your breath and fully submerge your head for three seconds.
- **3.** Submerge and retrieve objects in chest-deep water.
- **4.** Explore deep water with support.
- **5.** Prone float or glide unsupported for five seconds and recover to standing.
- **6.** Supine float or glide unsupported for five seconds and recover to standing.
- **7.** Demonstrate leveling off from a vertical position.
- **8.** Rhythmic breathing with or without support (bob ten times).
- **9.** Step from side into chest-deep water and recover to a vertical position.
- **10.** Get out at side of the pool.
- 11. Flutter kick on front and back.
- **12.** Demonstrate finning on back.
- **13.** Demonstrate back crawl arm action.
- **14.** Perform combined stroke on front, using kick and alternating arm action, for five yards.
- **15.** Perform combined stroke on back, using kick and choice of arm action, for five yards.
- **16.** Demonstrate turning over front to back and back to front.
- **17.** Put on life jacket in shallow water and float for one minute with face-up position.
- **18.** Demonstrate reaching and extension assist from deck.
- **19.** Demonstrate assisting nonswimmer to feet.
- **20.** Become familiar with rescue breathing.

## Helps

- 1. Encourage the children to complete both Swimmer Awards so they will be ready to go on to Beginner's Swimming using the American Red Cross instruction or its equivalent.
- 2. Impress upon the children that safety is very important: no jumping into water without knowing it is safe and free from rocks and sticks, etc.; no swimming during a storm; no swimming unless an adult is present; no depending on flotation devices for safety.
- 3. Work with the children so they may each float without fear.
- 4. Have them practice holding their breath and floating face down, then come up for air and keep floating.
- **5.** Place two stones without sharp edges in water just over their heads. Have each child dive down to pick them up.
- 6. Play a ball game in the water so the children will have a good time while they are learning to be less afraid of water.
- 7. Other than yourself or normal water safety gear, three things you could do to help a person that is drowning include: running for help, reaching a stick out for him/her to grab onto, throw a rope out to him/her.
- **8.** Teach proper kicking and arm and hand strokes. Become enthusiastic about the Adventurers' willingness to achieve.
- 9. Text resource: the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor's Manual or contact the Canadian Red Cross and the Life-Saving Society for equivalent requirements.



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