ADULT LEARN-TO-SWIM
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USMS ALTS Certification Program

Course Objective
Teaches and certifies adults how to teach adults:

• To swim
• Become water safer
• Be less fearful of the water
• Enjoy swimming as a life long activity
USMS ALTS Certification Program

Curriculum

• One day course
• Classroom and in-water instruction
• Specific to adults
• Innovative
USMS ALTS Certification Program

Who should attend the certification course?

• Current and future professional swim instructors
• Swim coaches
• Aquatic fitness instructors
• Aquatic directors
• USMS ALTS volunteers
Where to find candidates for the certification course?

- Public aquatic facilities
- Private health clubs
- Retirement communities
- Universities and colleges
- Resorts
- USMS clubs and workout groups
Benefits of becoming a certified ALTS instructor:

- Education
- Lesson plan
- Credibility
- Recruitment of students
- Recognition on USMS.org
Benefits to the novice swimmer:

• Standardized curriculum
• Specialized instructors
• Instructor locator services
• Confidence, support and encouragement
USMS ALTS Certification Program

Benefits to the aquatic facility:

• Marketing
• Revenue
• Enhanced adult programming
• Increased membership
• Community service
• Grants, sponsorships and fundraising
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Prerequisites for certification:

- Current USMS membership
- Completion of the USMS scheduled one-day course
- Water competency skills
  1. Step or jump into water over your head
  2. Return to the surface and float/tread water for one min.
  3. Turn around in a full circle and find an exit
  4. Swim 25 yards to the exit
  5. Exit the water. If in a pool, without the use of a ladder
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2015 ALTS Instructor Certification Class Schedule

January 3, 2015 Indianapolis, Ind. Register online
January 17, 2015 Great Barrington, Mass. Register online
February 7, 2015 Orlando, Fla.
March 17, 2015 Denver, Colo.
March 21, 2015 Los Angeles, Calif.
March 22, 2015 Mountain View, Calif.
March 27, 2015 Atlanta, Ga.
March 28, 2015 Dallas, Texas
September 30, 2015 Kansas City, Kan. (at USAS convention)
Seattle, WA – Date TBD
Washington, DC – Date TBD
Chicago, Il – Date TBD
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A New Paradigm for Volunteerism

A Presentation by Bill Meier
Chairman – New England LMSC
Adult swim lessons are much more than just teaching swimming!
A Brief History
Free Kids Community Lessons

Swim America
The Simon’s Rock PaceMakers

ADULT SWIM LESSONS OFFERED HERE

SWIMMING SAVES LIVES FOUNDATION
US MASTERS SWIMMING
Happy Masters,
Very Happy Participants
SUCCESS BREEDS IDEAS!

The New England – LMSC Project
I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SWIM

I’d like to teach the world to swim,
   Like fish below the sea,
   Jump through the waves
   And down the lanes,
   With fly, back, breast and free.

I’d like to teach the world to float,
   With fearless bravery,
   Stroke endlessly
   In the pool and sea,
   With inner tranquility.

   It’s the skill we need.
   The world swims today.
   It’s our common goal.
The Proclamations

State of Maine

Proclamation

WHEREAS, U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is headquartered in Sarasota, Florida, and;

WHEREAS, USMS represents 60,000 USMS adult members who swim with its more than 1,000 local adult swim programs across the country; and;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37% of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads. With the inability to swim affecting people’s lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on America’s quality of life; and;

WHEREAS, adult drowning is a problem we can solve – teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of USMS; and;

WHEREAS, the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation has provided grant resources to New England adult swimming programs so they may teach potentially thousands of adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity especially in Maine; and;

WHEREAS, the grants to the adult swimming programs for the Adult Learn to Swim program is privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of 60,000 USMS members and supporters; and;

WHEREAS, April is the ideal month for this designation as indoor pools have the greatest availability for such programs before the summer season; and;

WHEREAS, nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPADE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize April, 2014 as

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

IN TESTAMENT WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this Twentieth day of February Two-Thousand Fourteen.

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Secretary of State

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH

In Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this day of March, A.D. 2014

Peter Shumlin
Governor
A Week of Trainings
8 New England Teams

- The Simon’s Rock PaceMakers – 12
- The Pittsfield YMCA Polar Bears – 13
  - The Swim Hole, Stowe, VT – 4
  - Johnson State College WG – 5
  - Worcester Area Masters – 11
- Martha’s Vineyard Masters – 6
  - Cambridge Masters – 53
- The Edge Fitness Center – 12

116 NE Masters Volunteers
Why Should Your Team Do This?
Benefits – Masters Volunteers

- To teach is to learn
- A shared mission creates lasting friendships
- Community leadership
- Learned empathy
- Volunteering is the greatest gift we can give
Benefits – Masters Teams and W.G.

- Team building
- The team becomes a community resource
- Camaraderie is the glue that holds a team together
Benefits – US Masters Swimming

- Giving back generates giving
- The focus broadens
“I thought it was too late for me to learn to swim.”

Bonita, age 75
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