

**Town of Eastham
Recreation & Beach Department
Beach Use Request for Swimming Groups**

1. All groups of eight (8) or more must obtain a group use permit from the Recreation & Beach Department.
2. Town of Eastham Taxpayer/Resident Groups (IE. Day Care, Church Group, Camp) may apply starting April 1; all other groups after May 31. All use permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis, after Town and State programs are complete. Use permits will be ongoing.
3. Applications must be submitted at least ten (10) days prior to first requested date. Please submit to:
Town of Eastham
Recreation & Beach Department
2500 State Highway
Eastham, MA 02642
4. An American Red Cross Certified Waterfront Lifeguard, or equivalent, must accompany a group of eight (8) or more. If group is greater than sixteen (16); two lifeguards must accompany the group. Groups must provide their own rescue tube(s).
5. Copies of Waterfront Lifeguard Certifications and a copy of that individual's ID must accompany application for use permit before the application will be considered.
6. Adult-to-child ratio must meet established Massachusetts regulations for Camps.
105 CMR: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RECREATIONAL CAMPS FOR CHILDREN (STATE SANITARY CODE, CHAPTER IV)
430.101: Required Ratio of Supervisory Staff or Counselors to Campers
Each recreational camp for children shall have the following minimum ratio:
(A) Residential and Day Camps. Residential and day camps shall have at least one supervisory staff person for every ten campers over the age of six. There shall be one supervisory staff person for every five campers age six or under. Junior counselors may be included in meeting up to one half of the camper/staff ratio within each unit, living or general activity group, but only if they have received training and supervision to verify their ability to handle camper groups independently.
(B) Primitive, travel and Trip Camps. Each primitive, travel and trip camp shall have at least one counselor for every ten campers, with a minimum of two counselors.
(C) Special Needs Camps. Each camp serving special needs campers shall have at least: (1) one counselor for every four mildly disabled campers needing occasional assistance in activities; (2) one counselor for every two severely disabled campers needing frequent or constant assistance in activities.
7. Adult(s) will be in the water.

8. State Law: Christian's Law – Massachusetts General Law c. 111, s 127A1/2 – effective October 2012 – If a child is a NON-Swimmer or AT-RISK Swimmer, the group will provide a Coast Guard Approved Life Jacket for all municipal, recreational programs, or licensed camps. User group requesting the permit will submit the following with the application:
 - a. The name of the Water Safety Instructor (WSI), with copy of certification, who has conducted the necessary testing of each child.
 - b. List of all participants and ability of swimmer as reported by WSI.
 - c. Will provide a red wrist band for NON and AT-RISK Swimmers and a yellow wrist band for Swimmers.
 - d. Permit holder is responsible for ensuring proper fit of Personal Flotation Devices the entire time they are at a Town of Eastham waterfront. The Town will not provide any PFD's to any use permit holder.

The group responsible for the children is also responsible for the ensuring of Christian's Law.

9. All Beach Rules & Regulations will be adhered to (see attached list of rules).
10. No group will attain entrance to a waterfront without a beach use permit. Groups will show use permit to Lifeguards on duty and/or Eastham Beach Staff.
11. All parking permit requirements will be strictly enforced.
12. No fee will be charged for the use permit but vehicles must pay appropriate parking fee.
13. Buses will not be allowed to park or idle in beach parking lots.
14. Approved dates will not be rescheduled due to weather.
15. The Town does not guarantee lifeguards or toilet services.

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Name of Group: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate #: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate #: _____

Email Address: _____

On-Site Supervisor Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate #: _____

I have read the attached list of requirements and I fully understand my responsibility.

Signature _____ Date _____

***Please submit ALL required paperwork with this completed application for a use permit.

Site Requested	Date and Time	Total Number of Participants	Total Number of Minors

***If more space is needed, please attach a separate page.

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The following to be completed by Town of Eastham Recreation & Beach Department

Date Received: _____

Approved by: _____

Date: _____