



JENSEN BEACH, FL 34957

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## **SAFETY / EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

### **CAMP ATTIRE**

All campers and counselors are required to wear the Camp-supplied rash guard at all times while at camp. This is a mandatory safety feature highlighting for the Cowabunga Surf Camp staff those children who are current campers and for our campers the staff members whom they can seek out for questions, issues, or emergency management.

### **CERTIFICATIONS & BACKGROUND CHECKS**

All Cowabunga Surf Camp staff is required to be CPR and First Aid trained. Additionally, the Camp Director and several of the key staff are Lifeguard Certified for the current camp year.

All Cowabunga Surf Camp staff have undergone a criminal background check, have been fingerprinted, and have been personally interviewed by Camp administration.

### **COUNSELOR ATTENDANCE**

Our Camper-to-Counselor ratio is never above 5:1 and is usually 3:1, or less when younger campers are in the water.

Campers are never in the water alone, but are placed in small groups according to age and are consistently and competently attended by counselors who have been fully trained and instructed in camper awareness and safety. Additionally, campers are instructed/reminded daily to remain with a counselor at all times and in all situations.

## **BEACHFRONT / WATERFRONT EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

When an emergency arises on the beach or in the water, the counselor closest to the effected camper raises their hand to attract the attention of the Camp Director, who is standing stationed at a strategic location on the beach where he is able to see all campers and activities.

While counselors guide other campers safely out of the water and to a location away from the emergency, the Camp Director attends to the injured camper. Another counselor is sent to alert the professional lifeguards, never more than a few hundred feet away, of the emergency. It is their decision whether to treat the camper on premises or to call the paramedics.

In the meantime, the Camp Administrator is notified and the camper's parents are called with details and the status. Additionally, an Accident/Incident report is completed and filed. At this point, if the child is not transported to the hospital, it is up to the parents to decide whether their child will stay on premises for the duration of the camp day or will be picked up before the day concludes. A staff member remains with the camper until the emergency is completely resolved.

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