

*Rosebud's Child Care
and Learning*

**23 Jennifer Lane
Apalachin, New York**

POOL PLAN

June 2014

Before Going Out To The Pool:

At approximately 9 a.m., the Providers prepare to go out to the pool. A jug of cold water & cups, pool towels, diapers, wipes and hand soap are put out in the pool area in order to limit the number of times needing to go into the house. A cell phone is also brought out in case of an emergency. One at a time, the Providers get on their suit. All children get their bathing suits and water shoes on, have sunscreen applied (with prior permission from the parent), and go to the bathroom and wash hands. Children in diapers are changed into Little Swimmers. The parents provide all water shoes, bathing suits, sunscreen, pool towels and Little Swimmers.

How We Get Out To The Pool:

Each child is fitted with a certified life jacket supplied by Rosebud's Child Care and Learning. The life jackets and water shoes are worn at all times while the children are in the pool area whether they are swimming or not. Older school-aged children who demonstrate confident swimming skills do not need to wear a life jacket. There are no substitute life jackets allowed. The life jackets provided have weight limits. Life jackets are fitted according to each child's weight. The life jackets have two or three straps across the chest that close with buckles and one strap that goes between the legs that attaches to the life jacket with a buckle.

While one provider is attending to the life jackets, the other provider brings the infants out and places them in the enclosed area previously set up for them. Once the children have on their life jackets, they can proceed to the pool. Children are not forced to swim. They can play on the grassy area if they choose. The Providers can see all the children at all times. All infants are situated in the fenced area whether it is to walk and play or to sit in an exersaucer or infant seat. Providers occasionally go into the pool. Providers are never in the pool at the same time. Sometimes one sits on the steps with the children and holds an infant in her lap, allowing the infant to get a little wet.

Provider Responsibilities:

All Providers are Infant & Child CPR Certified by the American Red Cross and also have their First Aid Certification. All main Providers are able to swim.

Supervision:

One provider sits by the pool steps and the other provider is between the pool and the fenced area. The yard is small. Both Providers can supervise all children, in the pool or out of the pool, at all times. (See attached pool yard diagram)

If anyone needs to use the bathroom while we are by the pool, all the children must get out of the pool and sit by the fenced area. Children needing to go to the bathroom quickly dry off and are escorted into the house with one provider. The other provider sits with the children waiting to go back into the pool.

Pool Activities:

In the pool, the children swim, play with noodles and balls. There is also a poolside basketball net. Children who choose to play in the sprinkler have buckets, shovels and watering cans to play with. Infants in the fenced area have riding toys as well as other toys, and sometimes a water table. There is a small awning and umbrella for children and infants to sit under to get out of the sun as well as a table with an umbrella. Children are able to stay in or get out of the pool as they choose. Children are not forced to be in the pool for long periods of time or when he/she is tired, sick or taking any medication that would interfere with balance or attentiveness. No child will be allowed to attempt a move or activity that is beyond their ability or skill level. Each child's physical limitations are respected. Children are not allowed to swim if tired or short of breath. There are no slides or diving boards at this location. Water is served as requested. Usually when one child wants some water, all of them

do. Manufacturers warnings and guidelines are strictly adhered to at all times.

Pool Rules for Injury Prevention:

- All children are to stay on the patio side of the pool yard.
- There is no running allowed on the pool pavement.
- No child will be allowed to attempt dives, jumps, back flips, somersaults or twisting somersaults into the pool.
- There is no purposeful splashing in the face.
- There is no hitting with toys or noodles.
- There are no electrical devices allowed in the pool area.
- There are no toys allowed in the pool area other than those provided.
- Life Jackets and water shoes are to be worn at all times while in the pool area.
- No swimming for sick or tired children

All the children are instructed of these rules on a weekly basis during the pool season and a copy is sent home for the parents to review with their child.

By following the above Pool Rules, we hope to prevent injuries.

Reacting to Emergencies, Injuries and Other Incidents

A cell phone is brought out to the pool. It will be used to call 911 in the case of an emergency. If any injuries or other incidents occur, depending on the severity, 911 will be called. If any injuries or other incidents occur, all the children will get out of the pool and sit on their towel. One provider will sit with them while the other provider attends to the injured child. Once the injured child is taken care of and first aid is applied, whether it be cleaning a wound and applying a band aid or applying ice to a bump, all the children will be brought back into the home as explained below. The parent of the injured child will be called and an incident report will be completed.

Serious incidents will be reported to the Bureau of Early Childhood Services Regional Office as per Regulation 416.15 (a) (14).

How We Go Back Into The House:

Everyone gets out of the pool and dries off with their towel. The life jackets and water shoes are removed. Life jackets are hung up to air dry. Water shoes air dry on the ground in the sun. We all go inside and get changed back into our clothing. Wet bathing suits are hung up on the fence to dry.

Pool Maintenance:

The swimming pool re-circulation and disinfection equipment is operated continuously. A chlorination system is used. Every Sunday night and Wednesday night, three large scoops of chlorine are added to the pool to maintain an appropriate chlorine level.

The automatic pool vacuum cleaner is connected as needed. It is removed before the children go into the pool. There is a safety float line at the slope breakpoint. Main drain gates are secured in place at all times. Water levels in the swimming pool are maintained to provide adequate skimming of the entire pool surface at all times. Skimming is 6 hours on, 6 hours off throughout each 24-hour period. Skimmer weirs are maintained in working order and the skimmer covers are secure. Skimmer baskets are cleaned daily. A BioGuard Multi-Test 1200V colorimetric test kit is used to determine free disinfectant residual, pH of the pool water, and total alkalinity of the water. The kit used is appropriate for this 18' by 36', 22,000 gallon, in-ground pool. This test kit can accurately measure levels of pH, disinfectant residual and alkalinity in this size pool. On days when the pool is used for day care purposes, the pH level is checked once a day before entry, and maintained in a range of 7.2 to 7.8. On days when the pool is used for day care purposes, the alkalinity level is also checked once a day at the same time and maintained in a range of 125 – 150 ppm. On days when the pool is used for

day care purposes, chlorine levels are checked once a day at the same time and maintained in the range of 0.6 and 5.0. A complete daily operations record for pool use is maintained. This record includes the date, name of person supervising the pool, total number of bathers and their names, disinfection test results, pH level test results, alkalinity test results and any special remarks.

Pool Schedule:

Swimming is available from mid June (after pool plan is approved) thru September 1st. Rosebud's Child Care and Learning is closed the two weeks of each summer. Pool time is from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with breaks for reapplying sunscreen and lunch. Occasionally, school-age children may swim from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., while younger children are sleeping. One Provider remains in the home with the sleeping children and one Provider is out with the children by the pool. There are never more than 6 children over the age of 5 in the pool with one provider. Children may not swim in inclement weather including, but not limited to, rain, storms, thunder or lightening.

Pool Approval:

The in-ground pool located at 23 Jennifer Lane, Apalachin, New York, has been inspected by the Town Code Officer and meets all requirements set forth by the State of New York and the Town of Owego. The Building Permit Number is 5743. The fencing around the pool is in compliance with Local Standards.