

**YIPPEE!**

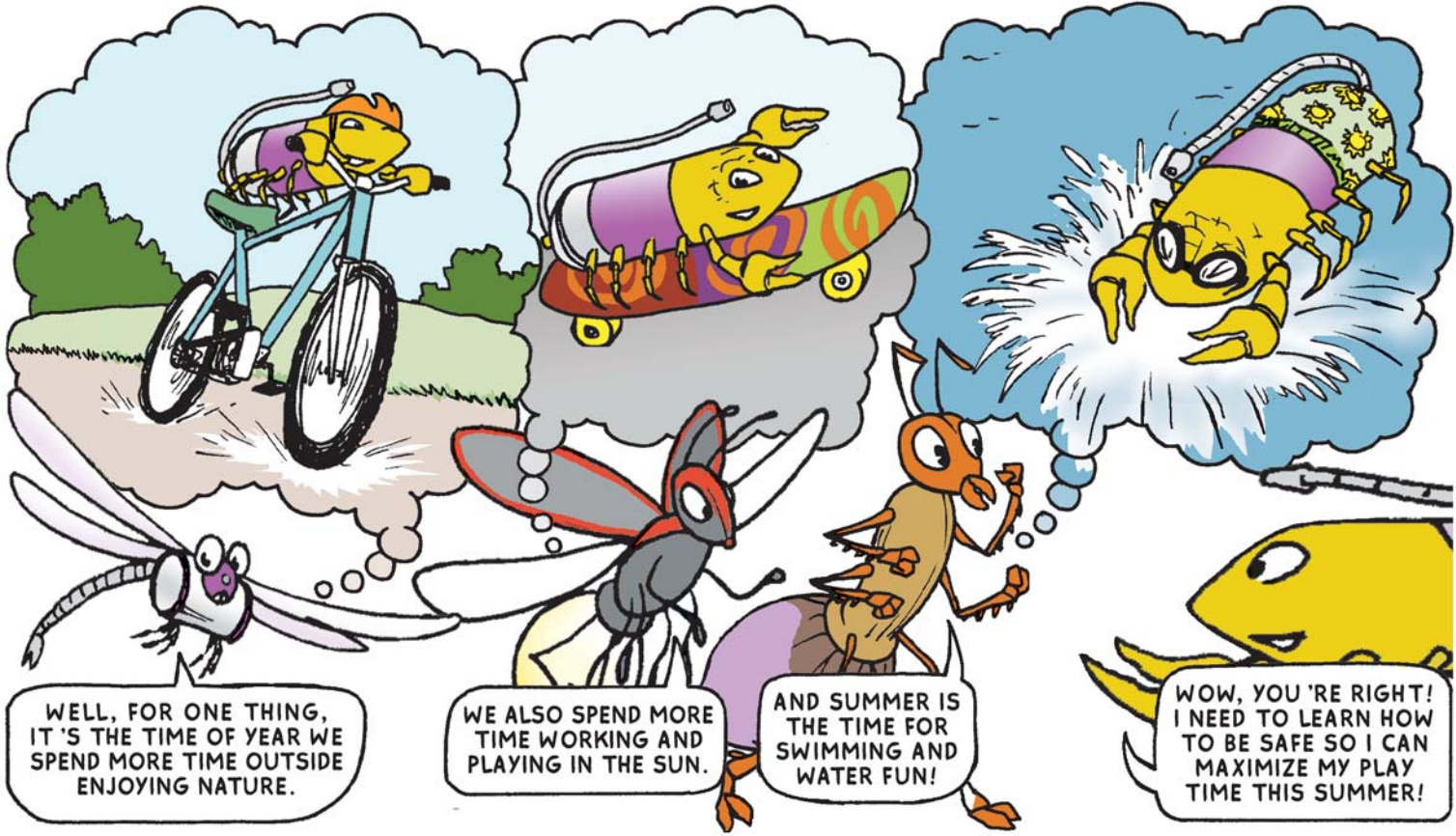
**SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE WHOLE SUMMER!! LET THE FUN BEGIN!!**

**HOLD ON, SCORPY I KNOW YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR LONG SUMMER VACATION, BUT WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE DURING ALL OF OUR SUMMER FUN.**

**ANTE'S RIGHT, SCORPY. STAYING SAFE IS IMPORTANT!**

**PLUS IT WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAN ENJOY SUMMER ALL SEASON LONG.**

**WHAT MAKES SUMMER SAFETY DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER TIME?**



**WELL, FOR ONE THING, IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR WE SPEND MORE TIME OUTSIDE ENJOYING NATURE.**

**WE ALSO SPEND MORE TIME WORKING AND PLAYING IN THE SUN.**

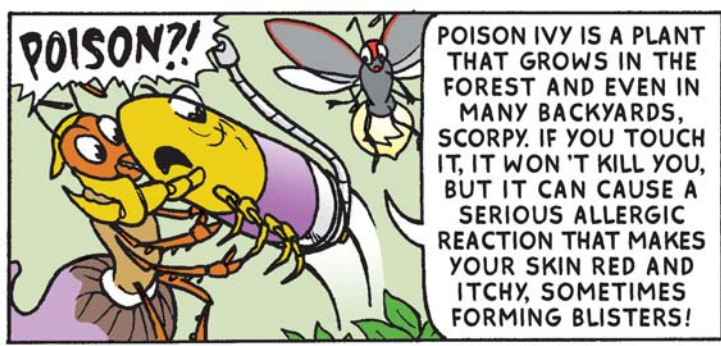
**AND SUMMER IS THE TIME FOR SWIMMING AND WATER FUN!**

**WOW, YOU'RE RIGHT! I NEED TO LEARN HOW TO BE SAFE SO I CAN MAXIMIZE MY PLAY TIME THIS SUMMER!**



COME ON, YOU GUYS!

WATCH OUT, SCORPY! YOU ARE ABOUT TO STEP IN POISON IVY!



POISON?!

POISON IVY IS A PLANT THAT GROWS IN THE FOREST AND EVEN IN MANY BACKYARDS, SCORPY. IF YOU TOUCH IT, IT WON'T KILL YOU, BUT IT CAN CAUSE A SERIOUS ALLERGIC REACTION THAT MAKES YOUR SKIN RED AND ITCHY, SOMETIMES FORMING BLISTERS!



POISON IVY

POISON OAK

POISON SUMAC

**POISON IVY, POISON OAK, AND POISON SUMAC** GIVE OFF OIL THAT CAN GENERATE A NASTY ALLERGIC REACTION. IF YOU TOUCH THESE PLANTS, YOU MAY GET A RASH. IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THESE PLANTS AND STAY AWAY FROM THEM. REMEMBER, IF A PLANT HAS LEAVES OF THREE, LET IT BE!



IF YOU DO COME IN TO CONTACT WITH THESE PLANTS, MAKE SURE YOU **IMMEDIATELY WASH** THE AREA OF YOUR BODY THAT HAS TOUCHED IT VERY THOROUGHLY WITH CLEAN, RUNNING WATER AND SOAP.



TAKING A SHOWER TO RINSE THE OIL AWAY IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT A BATH MAY SPREAD THE RASH TO OTHER PARTS OF YOUR BODY.



**NEVER TOUCH YOUR EYES** UNTIL YOU HAVE WASHED COMPLETELY!



KEEPING THESE SAFETY TIPS IN MIND WILL MAKE SURE WE ALL CAN ENJOY LOTS OF SUMMER OUTDOOR FUN!



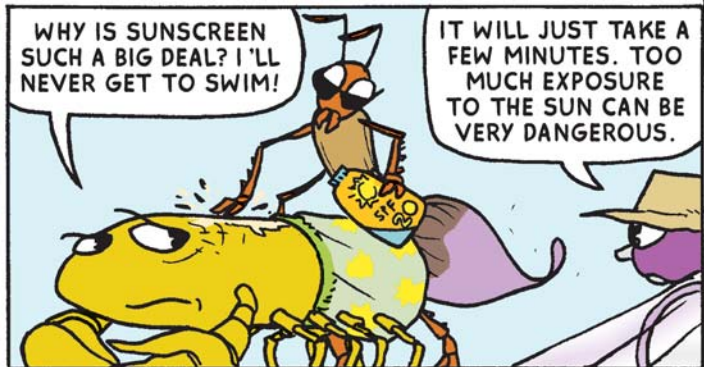
THANKS FOR TELLING ME ABOUT POISONOUS PLANTS. I WAS ITCHING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM!



TIME FOR MY FIRST SPLASHDOWN OF THE SUMMER!

HOLD ON, SCORPY! YOU HAVE NOT APPLIED ANY SUNSCREEN YET.

THAT'S RIGHT, GET BACK UP HERE!



WHY IS SUNSCREEN SUCH A BIG DEAL? I'LL NEVER GET TO SWIM!

IT WILL JUST TAKE A FEW MINUTES. TOO MUCH EXPOSURE TO THE SUN CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS.

THE SUN WARMS THE EARTH MAKING FLOWERS AND PLANTS GROW. THE SUN ALSO GIVES US VITAMIN D SO THAT WE CAN ABSORB CALCIUM INTO OUR BODIES. IT SENDS DOWN LIGHT WHICH INCLUDES **ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS (UV RAYS)** THAT PASS THROUGH AIR AND CLOUDS AND PENETRATE THE SKIN.

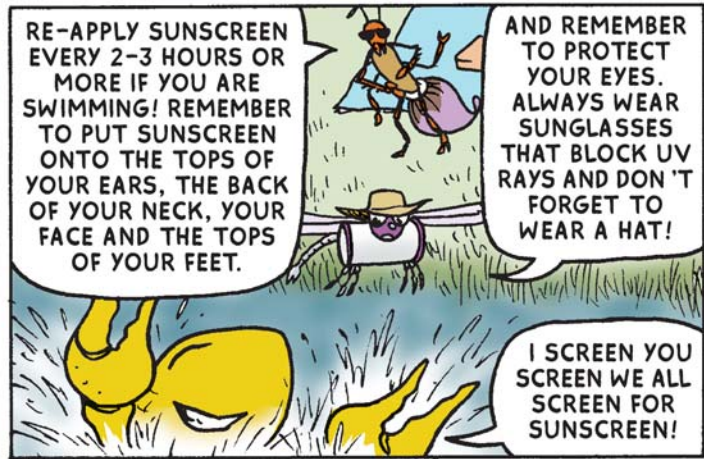


WHEN YOUR SKIN HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO TOO MANY OF THESE RAYS, YOU GET **SUNBURNED**. SUNBURNS ARE VERY PAINFUL. TOO MUCH EXPOSURE TO THE SUN CAN INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF GETTING WRINKLY WHEN YOU GET OLDER AND CAN LEAD TO SKIN CANCER.



OK! OK! I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES! I'M COVERING EVERY INCH OF MYSELF!!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRAP UP LIKE A MUMMY TO PROTECT YOURSELF. JUST WEAR SUNSCREEN OUTSIDE AND TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS FROM THE SUN BY GOING INDOORS OR MOVING INTO THE SHADE. USE A SUNSCREEN WITH AN **SPF (SUNSCREEN PROTECTION FACTOR)** OF 15 OR HIGHER.



RE-APPLY SUNSCREEN EVERY 2-3 HOURS OR MORE IF YOU ARE SWIMMING! REMEMBER TO PUT SUNSCREEN ONTO THE TOPS OF YOUR EARS, THE BACK OF YOUR NECK, YOUR FACE AND THE TOPS OF YOUR FEET.

AND REMEMBER TO PROTECT YOUR EYES. ALWAYS WEAR SUNGLASSES THAT BLOCK UV RAYS AND DON'T FORGET TO WEAR A HAT!

I SCREEN YOU SCREEN WE ALL SCREEN FOR SUNSCREEN!

Heellpp! THERE'S A BEEEEE CHASING MEEEEEE!

STAY CALM SCORPY AND STOP RUNNING. THE BEE IS FRIGHTENED AND THINKS THAT YOU MAY BE TRYING TO HURT IT.

BEEES ARE NOT THE ONLY INSECTS THAT BITE OR STING SCORPY.



WASPS AND HORNETS ALSO STING.

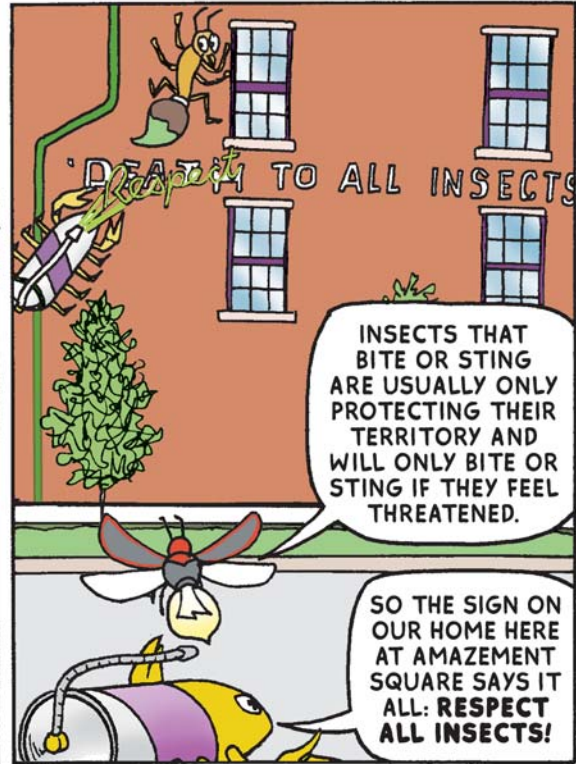
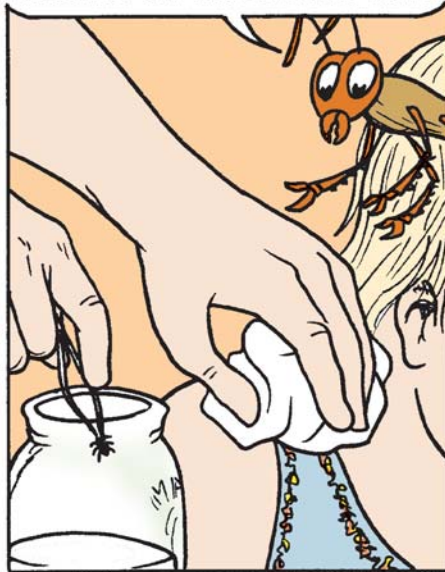
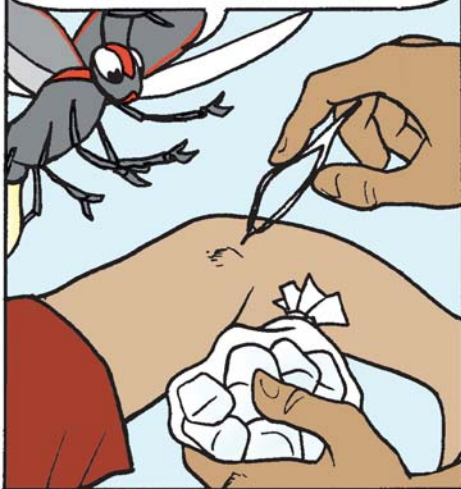
MOSQUITOES AND TICKS SUCK BLOOD IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

TICKS ARE ACTUALLY PARASITES, WHICH MEAN THEY LIVE ON OTHER ANIMALS AND SUCK THEIR BLOOD IN ORDER TO LIVE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I GET BITTEN OR STUNG BY ANY OF THESE INSECTS?

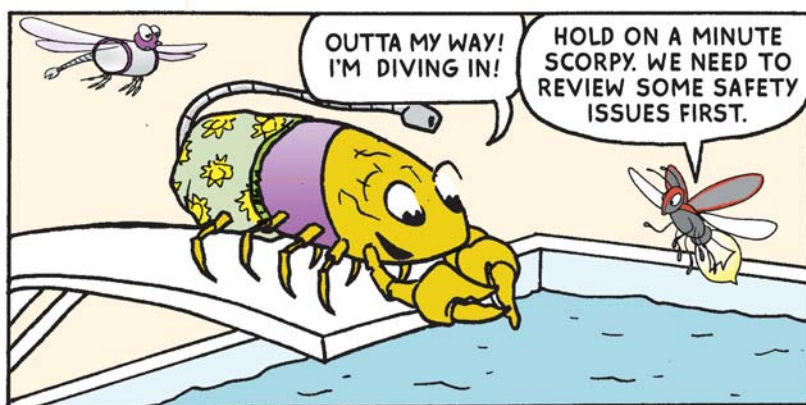
THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD DO IS TELL AN ADULT RIGHT AWAY. DO NOT SCRATCH THE BITTEN AREA ... THAT CAN CAUSE INFECTION. IF YOU ARE STUNG BY A WASP, YELLOW JACKET OR A HORNET, AN ADULT CAN GET THE STINGER OUT. WASH THE AREA WELL WITH SOAP AND WATER AND APPLY ICE FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL HOURS.

IF YOU FIND A TICK, MAKE SURE AN ADULT REMOVES IT USING TWEEZERS. PUT THE TICK IN ALCOHOL AND NEVER CRUSH IT USING YOUR HANDS. AGAIN, WASH THE AREA WITH SOAP AND WATER AND APPLY SOME RUBBING ALCOHOL ON THE AFFECTED AREA.



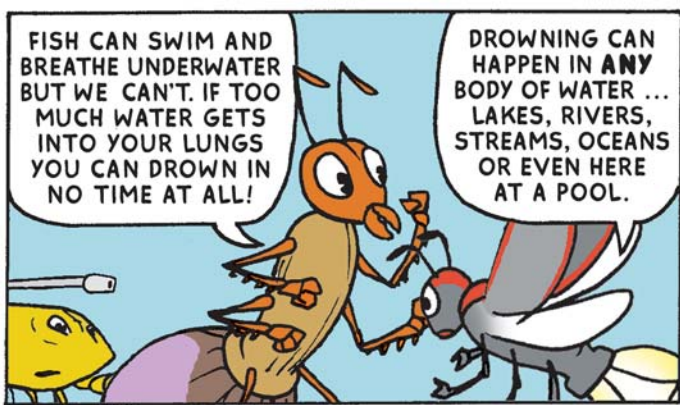
INSECTS THAT BITE OR STING ARE USUALLY ONLY PROTECTING THEIR TERRITORY AND WILL ONLY BITE OR STING IF THEY FEEL THREATENED.

SO THE SIGN ON OUR HOME HERE AT AMAZEMENT SQUARE SAYS IT ALL: **RESPECT ALL INSECTS!**



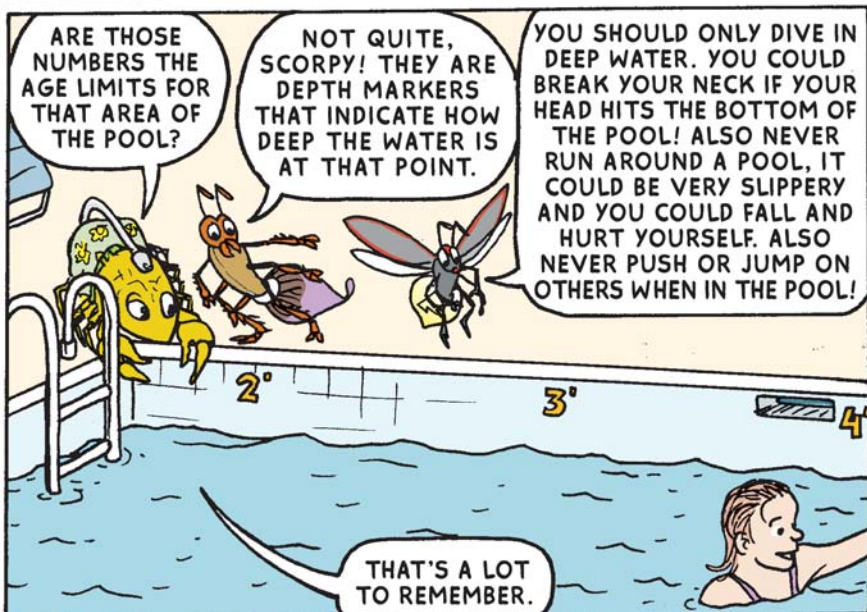
OUTTA MY WAY!  
I'M DIVING IN!

HOLD ON A MINUTE  
SCORPY. WE NEED TO  
REVIEW SOME SAFETY  
ISSUES FIRST.



FISH CAN SWIM AND  
BREATHE UNDERWATER  
BUT WE CAN'T. IF TOO  
MUCH WATER GETS  
INTO YOUR LUNGS  
YOU CAN DROWN IN  
NO TIME AT ALL!

DROWNING CAN  
HAPPEN IN ANY  
BODY OF WATER ...  
LAKES, RIVERS,  
STREAMS, OCEANS  
OR EVEN HERE  
AT A POOL.

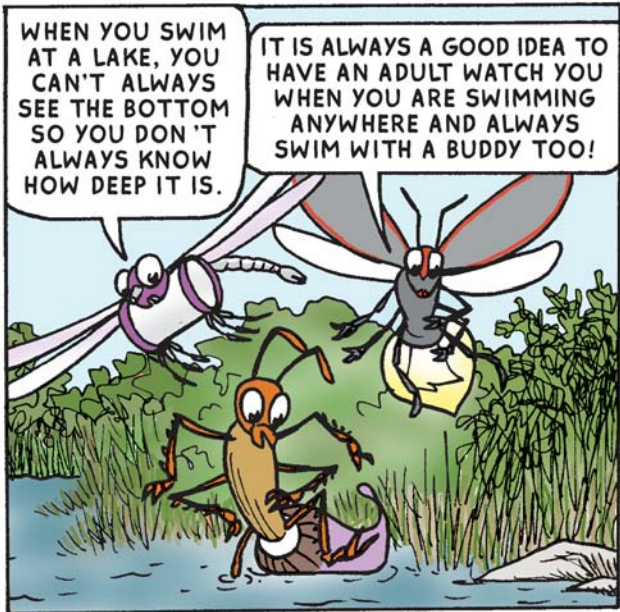


ARE THOSE  
NUMBERS THE  
AGE LIMITS FOR  
THAT AREA OF  
THE POOL?

NOT QUITE,  
SCORPY! THEY ARE  
DEPTH MARKERS  
THAT INDICATE HOW  
DEEP THE WATER IS  
AT THAT POINT.

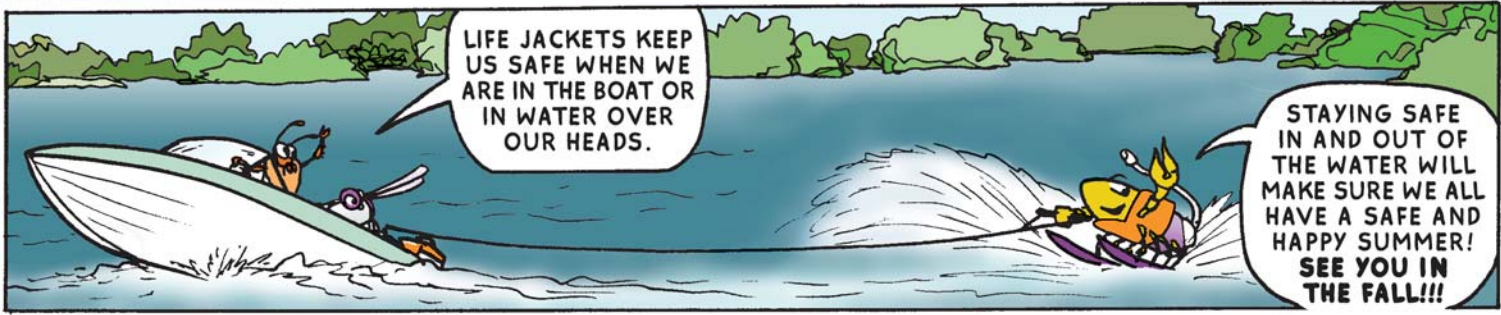
YOU SHOULD ONLY DIVE IN  
DEEP WATER. YOU COULD  
BREAK YOUR NECK IF YOUR  
HEAD HITS THE BOTTOM OF  
THE POOL! ALSO NEVER  
RUN AROUND A POOL, IT  
COULD BE VERY SLIPPERY  
AND YOU COULD FALL AND  
HURT YOURSELF. ALSO  
NEVER PUSH OR JUMP ON  
OTHERS WHEN IN THE POOL!

THAT'S A LOT  
TO REMEMBER.



WHEN YOU SWIM  
AT A LAKE, YOU  
CAN'T ALWAYS  
SEE THE BOTTOM  
SO YOU DON'T  
ALWAYS KNOW  
HOW DEEP IT IS.

IT IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO  
HAVE AN ADULT WATCH YOU  
WHEN YOU ARE SWIMMING  
ANYWHERE AND ALWAYS  
SWIM WITH A BUDDY TOO!



LIFE JACKETS KEEP  
US SAFE WHEN WE  
ARE IN THE BOAT OR  
IN WATER OVER  
OUR HEADS.

STAYING SAFE  
IN AND OUT OF  
THE WATER WILL  
MAKE SURE WE ALL  
HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY SUMMER!  
**SEE YOU IN  
THE FALL!!!**