

ARC class updates

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Two questions I am asked all the time concerning the American Red Cross (ARC):

When will I be teaching the new ARC Lifeguarding class and are you having trouble turning in course record sheets and printing out ARC Certifications?

Well to address the first question, I have been told the new lifeguarding class info will be out mid Jan. 2012. So I am waiting patiently along with the other 60 million people. Yes the new class might impact (60 million meaning lifeguards, swim instructors, swim teams, swim lesson participants, recreational swim participants, and agencies and so on). As soon as I know more I will post updates.

The second question is a sore topic for me. **Have I had a difficult time turning in Corse record sheets and printing out certifications - YES!** From what I have been hearing I am not alone. In my eyes the ARC has lost it partnership relations with the back bone of the ARC system.....the everyday instructors that help make the world a little safer. In my mind, the ARC is now viewing instructors holding a license. What used to enhance the ARC services was the individual that separated them self from the pact and boldly state, "I am an ARC volunteer here to help you and teach and now the instructors are simply being classified as license holder teaching a class. Sadly for me the last few experiences with the ARC have been very depressing. I have worked out a few of the problems and for all my fellow ARC instructors here are a few tips I have found very helpful.

- ❖ Keep track when the course record sheets (CRS) are turned in and note the date of the invoice you receive from the ARC. The date on the invoice is the date you need (interesting in eyes---should it be when the class is taught or when ARC receive payment....I think that outlines what is important to the ARC).

- ❖ You will receive another email stating your ARC CRS have been approved and the ARC CRS # is _____. This # is vital too.
- ❖ You will need the two items above to print out CRS. The invoice date and the ARC CRS number that the ARC has assigned to the class.
- ❖ Challenge course only cost \$19.00 for certification. So if it's a challenge course under the definition of a challenge course set by the ARC it is wise to state that on the CRS.

I hope the above has answered the questions I have received.