Practice Teaching #3

Monday 6:30-8:00: Bronze Star with Bernice

Wednesday 6:00-7:30: Junior Lifeguarding with Justin

- 1. Land Spinal (Bronze Star #11)
- 2. Victim Recognition (Bronze Star #12)
- 3. Walk & Spot (Bronze Star #14)
- 4. In-water Search (Bronze Star #15)
- 5. Rescue with a Partner (Bronze Star #16)
- 6. Rescue Non-Breathing (Bronze Star #17)

Steps to Prepare Practice Teaching

- 1. Find the skill in the award guide and read the whole page carefully
- 2. Look up the skill in your CLSM (Bronze Cross text) and see if it has any additional information
- 3. Make sure that you understand the skill well
- 4. Decide how you would introduce and teach the skill in a memorable way
- 5. Make sure that you are thinking of teaching the appropriate age group and swimming level (look in the award guides for this information)
- 6. Come up with an activity that will incorporate the skill
- 7. Look in the back of the award guide and in the instructor notes for ideas (don't be afraid to steal those ideas if you think they will work)
- 8. Think of things that kids might commonly do wrong with the skill (looking at the 'must sees' might help), and be prepared to give feedback
- 9. Re-read the award guide and make sure that you are teaching the skill exactly as it is described
- 10. Make whatever lesson plan you might need to teach with. You don't have to hand this one in.

<u>To Do:</u>

- 1. Come early to the class if possible and introduce yourself to the instructor and what you have planned to teach
- 2. Ask for, and wear, a volunteer t-shirt while interacting with the class
- 3. Listen to the instructors directions on when you should teach your topic and for how long (each session should take about 5-10 minutes depending on the topic)
- 4. Discuss with the instructor what pool space you might need for your teaching session
- 5. Ensure that any materials you might need are ready to go ahead of time
- 6. If there are more than two of you doing a session, it may not be a good idea for you all to hover over the class. Let one person teach, and the others can observe from a distance
- 7. Feel free to stay once your teaching session is done and observe the class for awhile to see how the instructor teaches various topics
- 8. Make sure that you thank the instructor for the opportunity to teach, and ask them for any feedback if they have time
- 9. Write down *three* things that you learned from teaching the 'real' students or watching the 'real' instructor, and hand it in next class.
- 10. Again, make sure that you follow the directions of the instructor. Whatever they say goes.