



Isabelle Marone

11yr old Group

### My Favorite Instructor

My name is Isabelle Marone and I am on the 11 year old group for Junior Lifeguarding. One reason I love the program is because every Sunday I always see Barney. Barney is my favorite instructor and I have learned so much from him. Every week when we do paddle boarding, he teaches us how to stand up on the board and keeps telling me I'll be able to do it by the end of the program. When we run on the beach, he teaches us to run on the wet sand so it's easier for us.

On the day of the Junior Lifeguarding Competition, I told Barney that I wasn't a strong runner so when I agreed to do the run; he was cheering me and everyone else on. Hearing him cheering for me and knowing he was watching made me try that much harder. On Sundays, while we stretch in the morning, Barney high fives everyone and gets them pumped for the day. On most Sundays, we swim out about 50 feet and he teaches us to put our heads in the water so we don't get tired of keeping our head up.

I'm so upset that the program is almost over. I wish it could be every day in the summer or every Sunday for the year. After every practice, I stay after at the beach with a few of the other kids on the team and I work on what we did that day. I even practice running with high knees and porpoising.

Barney is such an amazing and inspiring lifeguard and when I grow up, I want to be a great lifeguard just like him and thanks to him.