



Procedure for Pre-Camp Swim Checks

A unit may choose to conduct or engage in swim tests prior to coming to summer camp, using qualified personnel. The following steps must be adhered to for the swim test to be accepted as valid by the camps Aquatics Director.

1) **Supervision** – The certified adult conducting the tests must have at least one of the following certifications:

- BSA Aquatics Instructor/Director
- American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI)

2) **Personnel** – Individuals administering the individual tests to scouts must be at least 17 years old and hold one of the following certifications:

- BSA Aquatics Instructor/Director
- American Red Cross WSI
- BSA Lifeguard
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3) **Safe Swim Defense Plan** – The qualified personnel must review the Safe Swim Defense Plan to the entire unit prior to the tests. All points of the Safe Swim Defense Plan must be adhered to during the test.

4) **Personal Health History** – Every scout taking a test must have a personal health history on file with their unit prior to taking a test. This can be waived if the scout has a parent present at the pool during his test.

5) **Test Administration** – Each test must be administered with a 1:1 ratio of guard to swimmer. (Guard referring to an approved administrator from section 2). Specifications of each test are outlined on Unit Swim Classification Record.

6) **Aquatic Merit Badges & Treks** – If a Scout is taking an Aquatic Merit Badge or going on a Trek while at camp, they must take a swim test at camp, no exceptions.

7) **Record Keeping** – Careful records should be kept that include:

- Scout's Name
- Classification
- Test Administrator's signature next to each tested scout's name
- Swim Test Administration Date
- Swim Test Supervisor
- Supervisor's Certification

8) Copies of these records must be provided to the Aquatics Director prior to or upon arrival at camp. Scouts not taking the swim test prior to or at camp must be listed as non-swimmers so that the unit's full roster is accounted for at the waterfront. All scouts are still required to check in at the Water-front on arrival day.

Unit Swim Classification Record for Unit/Community _____ / _____

Date Test(s) Administered: _____ Location: _____

Non-Swimmer: No Test Necessary

Beginners Test: Jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming and return to starting place.

Swimmers Test: Jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using any one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yard swim must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

***Special Note:** Although swim test may be given prior to summer camp, the Aquatics Director is expected to review or retest any Scout or Scouter whose skills appear inconsistent with his or her classification. Additionally, the Aquatics Director is authorized to retest any scout or group of scouts when they have reasonable belief that the swim tests were not properly administered.

Scout Name/s	Swim Classification			Signature of Test Administrator
	Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer	
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I affirm by my signature that the above _____ individuals successfully completed the test requirements.
quantity

I have also attached a copy of my current certification to this form.

 Qualified Supervisors Signature (see page 1)

 Printed Name

 Unit Leader Signature

This form is invalid without attached
 COPY of Certification Card