

2010 Cub/Family Camp Swim Classification Test

The Boy Scouts have developed guidelines concerning the swim classification testing. We recommend that you complete your group's swim classification test prior to coming to camp. The following steps must be followed to complete the unit swim classification test prior to camp.

1. The swim classification test must be conducted by one of the following individuals: Aquatics Instructor, BSA (BSA Trained); Aquatic Supervisor, BSA (BSA Camp School Trained); BSA Lifeguard; certified lifeguard; swimming instructor or swim coach. When the unit goes to summer camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the Camp Aquatics Director.
2. A copy of the instructor's certificate card must be attached to the Unit Swim Classification Test Record form.
3. Complete the classification test after January 1st of the summer camp year. Any illness or injury that occurs after the swim test needs to be addressed at camp.
4. Bring the Unit Swim Classification Test Record to camp. Anyone not pre-tested will be classified as a non-swimmer and will be tested at camp or kept in non-swimmer area.

Swim Classification Procedures

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and must be followed as listed on the Test Record.

The Swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scout of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually and no more than 6 months prior to summer camp. Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The Swimmer's Test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer.

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Swimmer Classification matches sections of swimming pool

- Non-Swimmer = shallow end only
- Beginner = shallow and middle sections
- Swimmer = can participate in any area of the pool

Unit Swim Classification Test Record (May use multiple forms – all must be signed)

Unit Number _____

Date of Swim Test _____

BEGINNER TEST

- Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

SWIMMER TEST

- Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming.
- Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl.
- Then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke.
- The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn.
- After completing the swim, float one minute.

SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp or at the point of activity, the Aquatics Director shall at all times, have the authority to review or retest all participants to assure that standards have been maintained.

	Scout Name	Non Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
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Person conducting test: Print name as listed on Certification _____

Type of Training (attach copy)

Signature

Date

Unit Leader:

Print Name

Signature

Date