

## **2012 Cub 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); Aquatics Supervisor, BSA (BSA Camp School Trained); BSA Lifeguard; certified lifeguard; swimming instructor; or swim coach. When the unit goes to camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the Camp Aquatics Director.
2. A copy of the instructor's certification card must be attached to the Unit Swim Classification Test Record.
3. Complete the classification test after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 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 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 Scouts 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 six months prior to 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.

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 Unit Swim Classification Test Record.

### **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: sidestroke, breaststroke, 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 any time, 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