

HHCSR

Express Check-In

Take advantage of the Express Check In process, it will save your unit time and allow for a smooth and easy check in process.

- 1) **All fees paid in full at the Council Service Center by May 29, 2012.** (Camp and Program Fees)
- 2) **Complete a troop roster of all individuals (youth and adults) attending camp with your unit.** Make sure you including adults that will be staying for only part of the week. Make three copies.
- 3) **Collect in all youth and adult health forms.** Take the time to discuss the camp physicals with each participant. You will be asked when you arrive in camp if you have reviewed the physicals and understand each Scout or leaders current health condition, especially whether there has been any change in their health since their health history was complete or since they had a physical. If this has not been done by the time you arrive in camp, your Scouts will need to complete a medical recheck upon arrival. Make sure the health forms are signed by the physician, guardian and participant if an adult.
- 4) **As a unit, complete a Unit Swim Classification test.** This test must be lead by a qualified adult. Record the results of the Swim Classification test on the form provided. This form is also available on the Howard H Cherry Scout Reservation Camp Leader's Guide CD. Details on the requirements for the Swim Classification test are found listed on the forms. Any Scout not listed on the Unit Swim Classification Test Form will be labeled a non-swimmer until he completes a swim classification test in camp.

Upon arrival in camp we will confirm your unit roster and your unit will be able to proceed to your campsite. You will not need to complete a swim check. Your unit leader will be asked to report to the health officer with all medications and health forms and to take a few minutes to review the health forms.

Unit Swim Classification Test Information

The Boy Scouts have developed guidelines concerning the swim classification testing, which you usually do Sunday afternoon at check-in at summer camp. You are able to complete your units 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 Unit Swim Classification Test Record to camp.

Swim Classification Procedures

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.

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 should be followed as listed below:

Unit Swim Classification Test Record

Unit number _____ Date of swim test _____

BEGINNER'S 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'S 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 back stroke. 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 conducted away from camp or at the point of activity, the Aquatics Director shall at all times reserve the authority to review or retest all participants to assure that standards have been maintained.

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Name of Person conducting test

Print name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
 Unit Leader:

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____