

Unit Swim Classification Record

(changes and/or corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test supervisor.)

Unit Number _____ Date of Swim Test _____

Tester's Signature

Swim Classification
(please check one)

	Scout's Full Name (please print)	Medical Recheck Parts A-B	Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
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The swim classification test performed at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; BSA Lifeguard: BSA Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. Test administrators should utilize chapter 5 of the BSA Aquatics Supervision Guide.

NAME OF PERSON SUPERVISING & FACILITATING THE SWIM TEST:

Print Name

Signature

Type of Authorization/Training

(Attach a copy of certification if required by council procedure)

Expiration Date if applicable

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Swim Classification Procedures

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Scouting America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. These swim classification tests are a key foundational unit of the Aquatics Continuum.

All persons participating in Scouting America 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 individual's circumstances in the water.

Swim Tests for Council Activities

Swim tests for **council activities** are conducted following procedures approved by a council level committee, preferably the Council Aquatics Committee. The council committee should use the guidance contained in the BSA Aquatics Management Guide. SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

REGARDLESS OF WHERE OR WHEN THE SWIM TEST IS GIVEN, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

- **The test is given one-on-one.** The test administrator and the swimmer are buddies during the administration of the test.
- **Each component of the test is important.** The test must not be changed either to assist the Scout or to expedite the process.
- **The test must be completed without aid or support.** Aid includes lifejackets, wetsuits, fins, etc. Swim goggles may be used to avoid eye irritation.
- **Swim tests must be renewed annually,** preferably at the beginning of the outdoor season.

TO THE SWIM TEST ADMINISTRATOR

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: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen or crawl.
- 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, rest by floating

Beginner's Test:

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

Anyone who has not completed the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a **non-swimmer**.

Troop/Crew Swimming at Camp: Troops/crews may conduct their own swimming sessions, but the unit must provide two-deep leadership and their own BSA Lifeguard. Units may sign up for swimming times at the Senior Patrol Leader meetings.