

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL SUMMER CAMPS

PRE-CAMP SWIM CLASSIFICATION RECORD

This form indicates the individual's swim classification as of the date listed below. The date the swim test was conducted must be within 12 months of the starting date of your unit's week at summer camp.

Please use additional forms, as needed. Do not continue on additional paper.

Troop / Crew Number: _____ **Camp Attending** (circle one) Bert Adams or Woodruff

Date of Swim Test: _____ **Week Attending Camp:** _____

The following troop or crew members (including adults) have all passed the test indicated on the next page and are classified as either: a "Swimmer", "Beginner" or "Learner". (See definitions on the next page.)

Full Name (Print)	Youth or Adult	Classification
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Name of Person Conducting Test (Print) _____

Signature of Person Conducting Test _____

Qualification of Person Conducting Test: (Attach a copy of the certification)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics Instructor, BSA | <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Aquatics Supervisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Lifeguard | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Lifeguard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim Coach |

Unit Leader Name (Print) _____

Unit Leader Signature _____

**This Record is to be presented at check-in at the camp.
It must be filled out and signed at the time of the swim classification testing.**

Swim Classification Procedures

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America aquatic activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat plans. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season. Traditionally, swim classification tests have only been conducted upon arrival at a summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this is the only place the test can be conducted. The pre-camp swim test can be conducted in a recreational swimming pool or a lake with a dock. All Safe Swim Defense rules should be followed.

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 Swimmers Test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed.

As indicated in the Safety Afloat Plan and the Summer Camp Leader's Guide, all persons participating in off-camp rafting activities are required to be "swimmers".

This swim classification test can be done at the unit level by one of the following resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; Cub Scout Aquatics Supervisor; BSA Lifeguard; certified (Red Cross, YMCA or other similar certification) lifeguard; swimming instructor; or swim coach.

NOTE: You MUST attach a copy of the certifier's certification (i.e., Aquatics Instructor card, BSA Lifeguard card, etc.) to this form in order for the pre-camp swim test to be accepted. The Aquatics Director at camp may review or re-test any Scout or adult whose skills appear to be inconsistent with his classification.

ALL units must be prepared to take a swimming test when they arrive at the waterfront, whether they have gone through a pre-camp check or not. Safety is the number one priority in the aquatics program.

SWIMMER CLASSIFICATION

- 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 completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn.
- After completing the swim, rest by floating.

BEGINNER CLASSIFICATION

- 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
- Return to starting place.

LEARNER CLASSIFICATION

- No test is required, but all are encouraged to get in the water.